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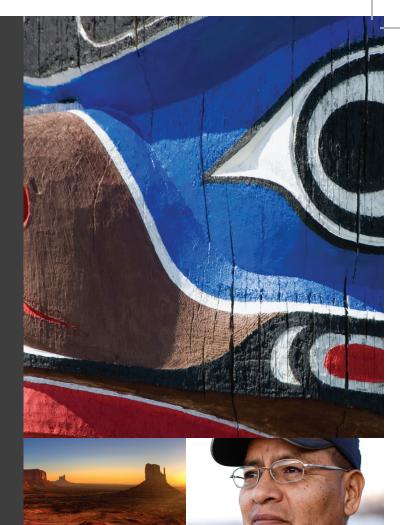
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# What can USDA Rural Development do for you?

How about open a new business? Or bring running water to your community? Or even help you and your family purchase or repair a home? Whatever your need, USDA Rural Development (USDA RD) has a variety of programs and financial support to work with your tribal nation and make a difference in the lives of its members.

With multiple State and local offices, USDA Rural Development is focused on providing specialized attention to meet your needs and the needs of your tribe. Talk to an American Indian/Alaskan Native Coordinator (Al/AN) in your area and let us walk you through the process.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## What kind of assistance does USDA Rural Development provide?

USDA Rural Development programs provide assistance in many ways, including direct or guaranteed loans, grants, technical assistance, research and educational materials. Rural Development often works in partnership with State, local, and tribal governments, as well as with rural businesses, cooperatives, and nonprofit agencies.

#### Who can apply for USDA Rural Development loans and grants?

USDA Rural Development's funding is available to Indian tribes and can be used on reservations and other trust lands. Native American homeowners, homebuyers, business owners, and agricultural producers are also eligible for many Rural Development programs.

### What types of programs does USDA Rural Development offer?

USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America by providing financial support for everything from housing and business to health clinics and telephone service.

USDA Rural Development delivers this support in three key programs areas:

- The Rural Business-Cooperative Service provides help to rural areas that need to develop new job opportunities, allowing businesses and cooperatives to remain viable in a changing economy.
- The Rural Housing Service addresses rural America's need for single- and multifamily housing, as well as health facilities, libraries, fire and police stations, and other community facilities. USDA Rural Development enables rural Americans to buy homes and helps low-income rural tenants rent apartments or other housing.
- The Rural Utilities Service addresses rural America's need for clean running water, sewage and waste disposal, electricity, telecommunications, and broadband.

#### Where are USDA Rural Development programs available?

USDA Rural Development programs are available across the Nation through USDA State, area and local offices, ensuring that our staff is located near your tribal community. See the back page for more information on how you can find your local American Indian/Alaska Native Coordinator.

