

# Kentucky

**USDA**  
**Rural Development**



*Improving the quality of life in rural communities  
across the Commonwealth*



## Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack

“Our goal must go beyond helping those in need through these difficult times. We must forge a course to a future in which all of us are fed and our communities can prosper.”

– April 2009

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## Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager

“I know it’s not always easy and it’s not always glamorous, but creating economic opportunities in some of our nation’s poorest communities is one of the most honorable things you can do.”

– August 2009



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## State Director Thomas Fern

“Throughout Kentucky’s rural towns and communities, Rural Development dollars are making a difference by providing thousands of families with housing, repairing and replacing failing sewer and water systems and investing in local businesses to create jobs and strengthen economic well-being.”



During Fiscal Year 2009, USDA Rural Development  
invested nearly \$510 million in Kentucky

## Housing Programs

**\$388,685,465**

### ■ Single Family

502 Direct/Guaranteed	\$129,761,096
502 Direct/Guaranteed (ARRA)	\$234,284,086
504 (Repair) Loan and Grant	\$2,861,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$366,907,051</b>

### ■ Multi-Family

Section 515 (Direct Rural Rental Housing):	\$1,159,816
Section 538 (Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing):	\$475,000
Section 533 (Housing Preservation Grant):	\$389,464
Section 521 (Rental Assistance):	\$18,140,160
Preservation and Revitalization Demonstration:	\$1,594,378
Voucher Demonstration Program:	\$19,596
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,778,414</b>

## Utilities Programs

**\$67,170,927**

• Water and Waste Loans	\$22,945,000	• ARRA Water and Waste Loans	\$28,827,100
• Water and Waste Grants	\$8,758,127	• ARRA Water and Waste Grants	\$6,640,700

## Community Programs

**\$29,761,966**

• Direct Loans	\$5,307,000	• ARRA Loans	\$30,000
• Grants	\$663,706	• ARRA Grants	\$948,887
• CF Guarantee	\$14,206,000	• Disaster Grants	\$191,098
• EII Grant	\$415,275	• Disaster Loans	\$8,000,000

## Business and Cooperative Programs

**\$24,180,090.75**

• B&I Guaranteed	\$12,266,000	• RBEG	\$1,403,237
• B&I Guaranteed (ARRA)	\$5,000,000	• RBEG (ARRA)	\$765,000
• Intermediary Relending	\$750,000	• ARC	\$400,000
• REDG	\$600,000	• DRA	\$67,500
• REDL	\$1,620,000	• 9007-GTD	\$333,297.50
• RCDG	\$200,000	• 9007-Grant	\$775,056.25

# Business and Cooperative

These programs offer economic and community development opportunities to Kentucky entrepreneurs and small businesses. Programs are available for start-up, acquisition or business expansion; the purchase of land or construction of buildings; to establish community development projects; develop rural cooperatives; advance value-added opportunities; create economic development plans and feasibility studies; fund renewable energy projects and much more.



*The Rural Energy for America Program helped a farmer upgrade this grain dryer to a more energy-efficient system.*



*McKechnie Vehicle Components in Nicholasville, Ky., received a Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan that helped its new owners purchase and stabilize the struggling company.*



*The city of Lancaster began a water systems improvement project with funding from Kentucky Rural Development*



# Utilities

These programs provide assistance for building, repairing or improving rural water and wastewater systems, as well as technical assistance and training to solid waste facilities. Programs also exist for telecommunications, healthcare facilities and broadband.



*RUS Program Director Vernon Brown, left, helped break ground on a water project Breathitt County.*

# Housing

## ◆ Single and Multi-Family

Rural Development offers single and multi-family housing options to meet a variety of housing needs for rural Kentuckians. Low and very-low income families can achieve the American dream of home ownership by utilizing the Single Family Housing program. This program also offers financial assistance for the repair and rehabilitation of homes, or the construction of a new one.

The Multi-Family Housing program partners with private and non-profit developers to provide affordable rental housing, as well as subsidized rental option for low and very-low income families and the elderly.



**Single Family**



*Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack visited Kentucky in May 2009.*



*Before and after photos of a home improvement project made possible with RD's home repair program.*



**Multi-Family**



*Kentucky Rural Development's Community Facilities program helped the Middlefork Fire Department buy a new pumper truck; assisted the Kentucky Blood Center with the purchase of a new bloodmobile; and worked with the Benham Police Department so they could buy a new police cruiser.*



## ◆ Community Programs

These projects assist community facilities and utilities in rural areas. Through the Community Facilities program, assistance is available to libraries, schools and first responders (ambulance, hospital, fire departments, police, etc.) using a variety of programs to assist with construction, operating costs, repairs and equipment purchase.

