

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE RECOVERY ACT: WORKING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES



A rural landscape featuring a green field in the foreground, a stone wall, and a large black truck in the background. The truck has the number '151' and the word 'Rustole' visible on its side. The background shows a line of trees and a hazy sky.

“The USDA Rural Development Mission: To increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans.”

Why Rural Investment Matters: A Message from Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack

When the Department of Agriculture was established in 1862, Abraham Lincoln nicknamed it “The People’s Department.” In order to be consistent with that legacy, we strive every day to serve the people who call rural America home. When I took office in January 2009, the Nation was working to pull itself out of the worst recession since the Great Depression. Rural Americans, especially, were facing high unemployment and struggling to make ends meet. In an effort to jumpstart our national economy and create much-needed jobs, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was signed into law on February 17th by President Barack Obama.

With funding provided by the Recovery Act, USDA has taken steps to put Americans back to work and to renew and rebuild the foundation for future economic growth that our country needs. If America is going to compete in the global economy, our rural economy must be sustainable and attractive for new businesses and ongoing investment. Our objective at USDA is to turn rural areas into employment zones and centers for innovation.

With over \$21 billion in Recovery Act funding, USDA Rural Development (RD) made unparalleled investments in critical rural infrastructure and economic development. All told, these investments promoted job creation in our rural communities in the short term and helped to set rural America back on a path toward sustainable economic growth into the future.

I am proud to serve this Nation alongside the over 6,000 committed public servants in RD, working in 470 field offices and National headquarters, and across USDA, and I am thrilled with the work we have done, made possible by the Recovery Act, to build a brighter future for rural Americans. USDA will continue to build on these rural economic development efforts to ensure that we earn our nickname “The People’s Department” every day and in every way.

Sincerely,
Tom Vilsack



Secretary U.S. Department of Agriculture





Rural Development under the Recovery Act: A Message from Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager

I am honored to serve as Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development (RD), an agency that truly builds rural communities from the ground up. The Department's goal, to ensure that rural areas are creating wealth, self-sustaining, repopulating, and thriving economically, is especially critical in the aftermath of the economic downturn.

Recovery Act funding has leveraged our RD programs, allowing our agency to make unprecedented and lasting investments in rural America to pave the way for increased economic growth and productivity over the long term. Here are some highlights of our programs and their impact under the Recovery Act:

We provided affordable housing. RD's Rural Housing Service (RHS) works to eliminate substandard housing from rural America by helping rural people buy, build, or rent affordable housing. In a typical year, RHS enables 40,000 to 50,000 rural Americans to buy homes and assist 450,000 low-income rural people rent apartments or other housing. Through the Recovery Act, RHS's Single Family Housing program provided more than \$1.4 billion in low-interest direct home loans and over \$10 billion for home loan guarantees. This funding enabled an additional 92,884 rural families to realize the American dream of homeownership by providing 100 percent financing for home purchases.

We built vital community facilities. With more than \$1.39 billion in Recovery Act funding, the RHS Community Facilities program helped to build or improve those essential facilities that anchor our rural communities, such as schools, libraries, child care centers, hospitals, medical clinics, police, fire and rescue stations, and public buildings. These construction and restoration projects enhanced public safety and improved access to health care and educational opportunities for rural communities across the country.

We revitalized critical rural infrastructure. RD's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) works to build and enhance rural infrastructure systems to deliver affordable and high-quality electric, water, wastewater and telecommunications services, including broadband, to rural Americans. RUS's Water and Waste Disposal program invested more than \$3.27 billion in Recovery Act funding to replace aging, and oftentimes unsafe, water pipes and tanks, and provided improved access to clean drinking water and sanitary waste treatment facilities to more than 1.7 million rural residents. RUS's Broadband Initiatives Program invested \$3.5 billion in Recovery Act funding to expand access to high-speed broadband service in rural communities, strengthening competition and linking rural businesses to national and global markets.

We provided jobs and access to capital. Our Rural Business Cooperative Service (RBS) has over 80 years' experience working with the cooperative sector. RBS's Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program provided \$1.6 billion in Recovery Act funding to ensure that rural businesses could contribute to local economies by expanding operations and creating jobs. The Recovery Act allowed the Rural Business Enterprise Grant program to invest \$19.4 million in rural business creation and assistance. RBS also financed renewable energy initiatives, such as biofuels and solar power projects, which ensure that our rural communities are pushing forward and in more energy-efficient cost-effective ways.

With Rural Development's loans, grants, and loan-grant combination financing for new and existing programs, we have leveraged our Recovery Act funds to ensure the greatest bang for the taxpayer's buck. Our Rural Development employees across the country have gone above and beyond their regular scope of duties to deploy these Federal dollars expeditiously and responsibly. I am proud of what we have accomplished over the last 2 years towards building livable, innovative, and sustainable rural communities.

Sincerely,
Dallas Tonsager



Under Secretary for Rural Development
U.S. Department of Agriculture



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

When President Obama took office in January 2009, the economic challenges facing our Nation were among the greatest in our history. But as immense as the immediate challenges were, our country's economic problems were also deeper and more long-standing.








In an effort to lay a new foundation for economic growth, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009. It was an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create and save millions of jobs, and put a downpayment on

addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century.

The Recovery Act included measures to modernize our Nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

Of the \$40.7 billion in program-level Recovery Act funding obligated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development obligated more than \$21.2 billion in program-level funding¹ to administer through seven USDA programs.

Rural Development Recovery Funding Obligations

	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program (B&I): \$1,601,007,139
	Broadband Initiatives Loan and Grant Program (BIP): \$3,529,090,888
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG): \$19,398,942
	Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program (CF): \$1,389,529,796
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program (SFHD): \$1,395,291,645
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program (SFHG): \$10,056,306,317
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program (WWD): \$3,271,300,435

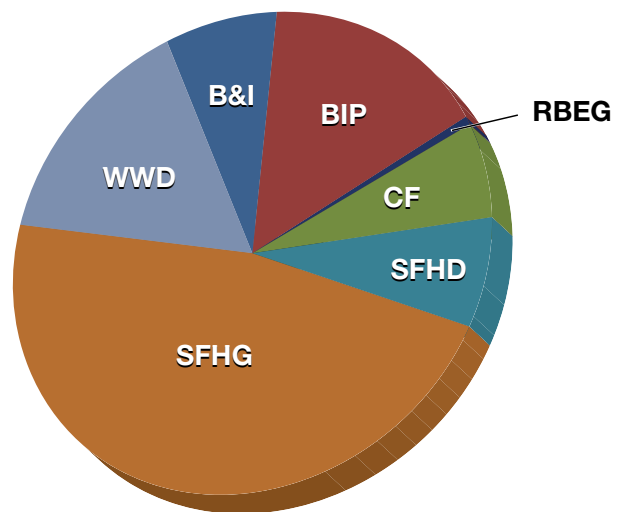
Rural Development moved quickly to stimulate rural economic development with investments in community infrastructure, businesses, and homes. This record level of Federal investment leveraged additional private investment in communities across the country, demonstrating the positive impact that public-private partnerships can have on rural communities and economies. Together, these targeted investments fueled fresh economic activity and created or saved more than 300,000 jobs² for rural residents.

Note: All numbers in this report reflect data as of September 30, 2010.

¹A total of \$21.4 billion in program-level funding was made available through the Recovery Act, and of that, USDA Rural Development obligated \$21.2 billion.

²Job estimates represent the number of jobs created or saved directly as a result of ARRA funding and are derived from recipient reported data or program-based economic models.

³Persistent poverty counties, as defined by USDA's Economic Research Service, are counties in which 20 percent or more of the population were living in poverty over the last 30 years (<http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/aib710/aib710l.htm>)



The next section of this report highlights some of Rural Development's efforts under the Recovery Act to modernize, renew, and rebuild rural communities across the country. More detailed information on how RD funds were disbursed, including our focus on counties with persistent poverty³, and how RD will ensure a sustained and effective commitment to these Recovery Act projects, can be found on pages 30-34.



Recovery Funds Expansion of 21st Century Broadband Networks to Rural Residents

The Internet has revolutionized how we live. Most Americans go online daily to: read the news; connect with friends and family; access employment, housing, and health information; and to further their education. For many families, broadband has become a utility -- like water and electric service. Yet, too many rural communities across the country still lack access to broadband, which puts them at an economic disadvantage. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, RD's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) deployed high-speed broadband networks to the hardest-to-reach rural areas of the country. Working with partners at the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), RUS created a brand new program to disburse this broadband funding. In total, RUS invested more than \$3.5 billion in funding for 297 broadband infrastructure projects, 4 satellite awards, and 19 technical assistance grants to extend the benefits of broadband to rural communities and Native American lands in 45 States and 1 U.S. Territory. Following are some highlights of our efforts.



First-Rate Broadband for Underserved South Texas Communities

In the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, hurricanes are known to ravage the coastline, temperatures regularly hit the triple digits, and a trip to town can put over 200 miles on the odometer. Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (VTCI) provides telecommunications services to this rural, culturally diverse population. Since 1999, VTCI has provided its customer base with world-class broadband connectivity, but neighboring communities outside its service area languished without access to any broadband services. Over \$78 million in funding through the Recovery Act Broadband Initiatives Program will enable VTCI to bring first-rate broadband connectivity to those under-served communities via a fiber-based and fixed wireless infrastructure.



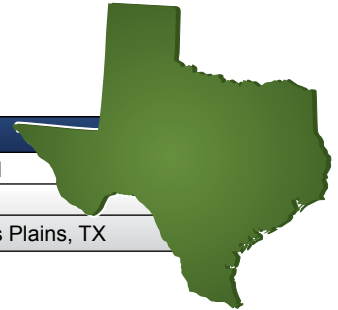
The VTCI project will use equipment similar to what is shown above.

Through its subsidiary VTX Telecom, VTCI will provide advanced broadband services to

11 underserved communities in the South Texas Plains region, offering access to over 19,000 homes, 778 businesses and 196 key community anchor institutions, such as schools, libraries, and public safety institutions. Services within city limits will be provided using fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) technology, while areas outside city limits will be served using wireless broadband technology. This infrastructure will not only enable broadband, but it will facilitate video service and telephone provision as well.

Of the rural communities to be served by this project, almost all are weighted down by high unemployment and persistent

Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$78,614,021
Jobs Saved/Created	160
Location	South Texas Plains, TX



poverty. In the rural town of Raymondville, Texas, more than one-third of its residents live below the poverty line, and the majority of Raymondville residents have not completed high school.

Just south of Raymondville lies the rural colonia of Sebastian. Colonias are low-income, rural communities along the U.S.-Mexico border that are characterized by poor housing infrastructure and a lack of quality water and wastewater systems. Like Raymondville, Sebastian is characterized by high levels of poverty and low levels of education.

Improved access to advanced broadband services will offer rural residents, like those of Raymondville and Sebastian, an opportunity to pursue higher education online, to search for employment, or to connect their small or home-based businesses to the national and global markets. Beyond the many benefits that broadband access delivers, VTCI estimates that the construction of this project will create or save roughly 160 jobs, which will have a more immediate positive economic impact on the South Texas Plains region. Utilizing Recovery Act funding, this VTCI project will provide these communities a foundation on which they can grow a stronger workforce and a more vibrant economy.

Wisconsin Utility Commission to Offer Reliable Broadband to Three Counties

Today, too few rural citizens are able to take advantage of the opportunities broadband provides. With broadband becoming increasingly critical for economic growth and information accessibility needs, rural counties and cities are beginning to take the initiative to develop local and regional broadband networks on their own.

Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$5,239,168
Other Funds	\$2,303,357
Jobs Saved/Created	42
Location	Reedsburg, Sauk County, WI



One such initiative was ignited in Reedsburg, Wis., by the Reedsburg Utilities Commission. This rural area of southwestern Wisconsin is deficient in broadband services due to the hilly terrain and numerous valleys which severely limit wireless and satellite service coverage. Through the Recovery Act Broadband Initiatives Program, Reedsburg saw an opportunity to bring reliable broadband services to its residents.

The project will extend an existing municipal FTTP network operated by the City of Reedsburg, acting through Reedsburg Utility Commission, to the surrounding rural area to provide affordable advanced broadband service to residents and businesses that are currently confined to traditional dial-up and costly satellite services.

“The City of Reedsburg has stepped up to ensure that residents in the area have broadband service that is second to none. This investment will lay the foundation for economic development in the area for years to come,” said RUS Administrator Jonathan Adelstein at an event to announce the grant funding.

“It’s something we can really be proud of,” Dave Mikonowicz, Reedsburg Utility Commission General Manager, said. “Broadband is great for the whole area.”



RUS Administrator presents Certificate of Achievement to Reedsburg Utility Commission.

In addition to the USDA funds, more than \$2.3 million in private investment was provided.

“It’s something we can really be proud of,” Dave Mikonowicz, Reedsburg Utility Commission General Manager, said. “Broadband is great for the whole area.” Mikonowicz anticipates that an additional 310 businesses and more than 2,400 homes will be able to access the utility’s services, and about 42 new jobs will be generated. “Ultimately, this investment has economic development written all over it,” he said.

New Mexico Co-op Pioneers “Smart” Broadband Technology

In recent years, rural electric cooperatives have led the way in deploying smart grid technology, which allows consumers to monitor their monthly energy use and enables greater grid efficiency. Some electric cooperatives are progressing one step further by offering their members access to broadband technology.

Kit Carson Rural Electric Cooperative, which has served northern New Mexico residents since 1944, is one such example. The co-op is exploring the frontier where the cutting edge of electric power meets the cutting edge of broadband. Using a \$63 million loan-grant combination made available by the RUS Broadband Initiatives Program, the cooperative will build an open-access, smart grid-enabled, fiber-optic network to bring broadband to unserved and underserved areas in Taos, Colfax, and Rio Arriba counties in Northern New Mexico.

Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$63,768,671
Other Funds	\$600,000
Jobs Saved/Created	333
Location	Taos, Colfax and Rio Arriba Counties, NM

The network will reach 29 communities with roughly 20,500 homes, 3,600 businesses, 183 critical community institutions, and two Native American pueblos. It will bring world-class service to a nearly 3,000-square-mile rural area. Many local schools and college campuses will be provided access, including the University of New Mexico, Northern New Mexico Community College, and New Mexico State University. This advanced technology will be able to facilitate

critical telemedicine and distance learning opportunities for those students and residents.

Building this huge, 2,400-mile network will create or save more than 300 direct jobs, which are urgently needed in the area. Two of the three counties served are persistent poverty counties. Once the network is built, it will provide a platform for the area’s residents and businesses for economic development and job creation for years to come.

By enabling smart grid technologies, this advanced network will allow residential, commercial, and government users to monitor and manage their real-time energy consumption. By 2015, Kit Carson intends to generate up to 20 percent of the grid’s energy using solar photovoltaic (PV) or solar thermal systems.

Further, the project also helps local public safety agencies. As part of the plan, the network will include a state-of-the-art facility to house all emergency services, such as E-911, Forest



Residents around the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge, located in Taos County, will be offered broadband service.

Fire Command, and all Homeland Security initiatives.


This Recovery Act broadband project illustrates exactly the kind of public-private partnership that can propel rural communities forward by leveling the technology playing field, creating jobs, and promoting energy efficiency.

Wireless Service to Reach Remote Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma

While the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma is rich in cultural pride, identity and history, its remote location in the rugged terrain of Southeast Oklahoma has severely limited the tribe’s economic development efforts. But a \$9 million Broadband Initiatives Program grant, made available through the Recovery Act, will enable Pine Telephone Company (PTC) to use wireless technology to deliver affordable broadband service to portions of this rural, remote region of Southeast Oklahoma.

During World War II, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma provided an invaluable service to the United States by pioneering the use of Code Talking, using the native Choctaw language, to prevent enemy forces from intercepting the transmission of Army secrets. And in 2008, the Choctaw Nation was awarded the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the highest recognition of support of employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve. So while the Choctaw Nation has shown outstanding compassion for the Nation and its tribal members, the local economies of Choctaw communities have suffered tremendously. All of the 5 counties on tribal lands that will be served by PTC are plagued with unemployment rates that soar above the State average and a substantial portion of residents live below the poverty line.

PTC spent years testing broadband technologies that would offer reliable Internet service to residents of this remote region, and they determined that advanced 3G technology presents the



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$9,482,316
Other Funds	\$4,579,023
Jobs Saved/Created	159
Location	McCurtain, LeFlore, Pushmataha, Latimer, Atoka Counties, OK

most feasible solution. The system is designed to be scalable and to cost-effectively accommodate technology upgrades, so that it will remain viable for years to come.

PTC’s system will offer service to nearly 5,000 households, 10 school districts, and 12 volunteer fire departments and ambulance services. With reliable, high-speed wireless access, the region will be able to overcome its geographic isolation and stimulate the sustainable economic growth that it needs. Offering Internet access to key community institutions, such as schools and public safety institutions, will mean better educational opportunities and enhanced health care and public safety for residents of this region.

In addition to the many benefits to be realized by residents of Southeast Oklahoma, this Recovery Act project will also create more than 150 direct jobs over the multi-year construction period.



RD Improves Access to Quality Health Care and Education in Rural Communities

Every day, Rural Development works to build thriving rural communities. By developing critical community facilities like schools, libraries, hospitals, and healthcare centers, USDA is helping to create a brighter and healthier future for rural families. But too often, rural health facilities and schools lag behind their urban counterparts. Many lack funding to purchase modern equipment and to attract high-quality educators and medical specialists. With funding made available by the Recovery Act, however, Rural Development was able to finance significant upgrades and improvements to health and education facilities in rural communities across the country.

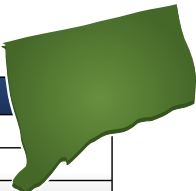


Family Health Center Expansion Benefits Low-Income Connecticut Residents

Since 1984, the Generations Family Health Center (Generations), a federally-qualified health center, has operated community healthcare centers in three eastern Connecticut towns. Located in a county with unemployment and poverty rates higher than the State average, the Center offers a broad range of affordable medical and dental services for its low-income patients.

Generations currently leases about 16,000-square-feet of space in Willimantic, Conn. It has occupied this space since 1994 and has completed several renovations to accommodate the needs of the largely medically underserved population. When the landlord placed the property on the market for development as a shopping center, Generation's continued occupancy was not an option.

Working with Rural Development's Community Facilities program staff, Generations secured \$7 million in funding through the Recovery Act to finance the construction of a new



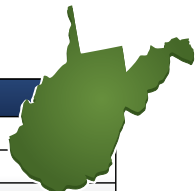
Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$7,000,000
Other Funds	\$3,617,000
Jobs Saved/Created	123
Location	Willimantic, Windham County, CT

32,000-square-foot facility which will include four additional medical examining rooms, five more dental areas, and six clinical interview rooms for behavioral health services. The new Generations building was designed to accommodate future growth. In addition, the expanded facility will use energy-efficient measures, such as increased insulation and geothermal energy, to heat and cool the building. Not only is this "greener" facility better for the environment, but it will allow Generations to target more of its funds for improved medical and dental services instead of paying utility bills.

New Bookmobile For Children and Senior Citizens in Remote West Virginia



There is no better investment in a rural community than an investment in the education of its future leaders. A Community Facilities grant to the Raleigh County Public Library in Beckley, WV, means children and adults of the rural Appalachian community will have improved access to books offered by a new "bookmobile."



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$27,000
Other Funds	\$27,000
Jobs Saved/Created	2
Location	Beckley, Raleigh County, WV

The library bookmobile serves the rural areas of Raleigh County that are only accessible by mountainous two-lane roads. Many of the residents in these areas are not able to journey to Beckley to use the library.

As part of the President's commitment to ensure public funds are expended responsibly and in a transparent manner, Rural Development recruited volunteer student reporters to report on Rural Development projects. Mikhaila Missimer, 13, was the first reporter recruited by Rural Development in West Virginia. For her outstanding reporting on the Raleigh County Public Library project, she was awarded a certificate of appreciation

from USDA. Mikhaila interviewed Gary Knapp, Bookmobile Driver and Librarian, and reports:

Student Reporter

“The bookmobiles go to every elementary school in Raleigh County every 3 weeks. They also go to day-care schools, private schools, senior citizen homes, the Moose Lodge, apartment housing, and private neighborhood stops. As Knapp stressed, the first traveling bookmobile in this area started in 1936.

When I asked Knapp about the benefits of this bookmobile when it comes to children reading more, he said: ‘The bookmobile will improve the kids’ reading because they will have access to 3,500 books on a wide range of subjects.’”

– Mikhaila Missimer, student reporter



Mikhaila Missimer is awarded a certificate of appreciation from Rural Development West Virginia state office staff.

The bookmobiles operate year round to serve almost 100,000 children, seniors, and disabled individuals.

New Hospital to Serve over 22,000 North Dakota Residents

Rural communities face unique challenges in providing residents with timely and high quality health care, often relying on aging facilities and outdated technology. This was certainly the case for residents of Jamestown, North Dakota and the surrounding area, but thanks to \$31 million in the Rural Development Recovery Act funding, a brand new 25-bed critical access hospital is being constructed on a 55-acre campus.

Jamestown area residents are currently served by a hospital that was designed in 1927. Over the years, the facility has dealt with issues of poor air quality, privacy, and security. When it was designed, the focus was on caring for in-patients, but with improved procedures and advanced technology, seventy percent of today’s care is designed for out-patients. At the groundbreaking for the new facility, Rural Development Under Secretary Dallas Tonsager stated, “The current facility does not meet the demands of today’s health care.” And he added that at the time it was opened in 1935, “few people in the U.S. knew about x-rays or that one day there would be CT scans, nuclear medicine, ultrasound, digital mammography, or any of the other commonly used diagnostic tools of today.”

Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$31,000,000
Other Funds	\$21,460,000
Jobs Saved/Created	734
Location	Jamestown, Stutsman County, ND

Technology has changed the way health care is delivered, many aspects of hospital design and departmental layouts have changed as well. Health care today calls for a healing environment with single rooms that offer privacy, safety, and space for family visits. And as new departments, like Radiology and Wellness, have emerged, they lack sufficient space, and their technology is limited by the ceiling height, space, and adjacencies of the older facilities. For example, the current facility’s Maternal Health Care area is 5 floors from surgery, which means that nurses can walk over 5 miles a day between their stations, patients’ rooms, and surgery.

Upon completion, the 117,000-square-foot medical-care facility will benefit more than the 14,000 residents of Jamestown. The Jamestown Regional Medical Center will also function as a

healthcare hub that will serve a radius of up to 60 miles, which encompasses the nine surrounding counties with more than 54,000 residents. The project will create or save more than 700 jobs for workers in this east central region of North Dakota.

According to Under Secretary Tonsager, “The future of healthcare delivery in the Jamestown community depends on the success of this project. What is clear is that if we do not prepare now for the next 50 years, the problems will be insurmountable.”

This modern medical facility is the largest hospital project ever financed by USDA in North Dakota and one of the largest projects of its kind nationwide. This investment by the City of Jamestown in the future of its residents will not only improve the quality of health care, but it will also improve the overall quality of life. The new hospital, scheduled to open in 2011,



is consistent with President Obama’s vision of building a more vibrant rural America and ensuring top-quality health care is delivered to its residents.

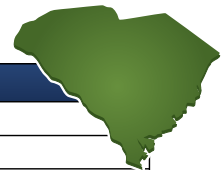


Jamestown Regional Medical Center under construction.

South Carolina Schools to be Replaced and Repaired Thanks to Recovery

Like many rural communities, Dillon County in eastern South Carolina struggles with high unemployment and aging community infrastructure. Two of Dillon’s school facilities are in such disrepair that they earned an “F” grade in their last facilities report, due to structural deterioration and health and safety hazards.

In this low-income rural county, many students drop out of high school, and most do not pursue a university degree. While it may take some time to turn around those statistical realities, Dillon County is working to improve the quality of education provided to students by leveraging Recovery Act funds from Rural Development’s Community Facilities



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$39,820,000
Other Funds	\$28,167,800
Jobs Saved/Created	930
Location	Lake View, Dillon and Latta Cities, Dillon County, SC

program. With \$39.8 million in Recovery Act loans and grants, the Dillon County School Facilities Corporation will construct two new school facilities and expand and renovate two existing schools.

The new schools include a 74,800-square-foot building to serve grades pre-kindergarten through second grade, and a 118,200-square-foot building to serve 850 students in grades six through eight. Funds will also be used to renovate a 7,000-square-foot kitchen, dining room, and restrooms and to construct an addition to alleviate overcrowding in the classrooms. A middle school facility will also be renovated, and a 19,000-square-foot addition will be built with 7 new

classrooms, a science room, a computer lab, a media center, a principal's office, an administration room, and restrooms.

“Access to a high-quality, 21st century primary and secondary school education is vital for the success of our young people and our nation,” stated Tammye Trevino, RHS Administrator. “Thanks to the Recovery Act, tens of thousands of Dillon County students will now enjoy access to state-of-the-art educational facilities for decades to come, opening doors that many once thought to be sealed shut.”



This project will create significant economic opportunities for Dillon County residents, including several hundred new jobs during the multi-year construction period. It will provide a much-needed boost to the regional economy now and will transform the learning environments for the economically challenged, largely minority, students of Dillon County in the future. Without distractions caused by overcrowding, decaying structures, and other safety hazards, these students can better focus on their education and benefit from the advantages of a modern school facility.

Darryl Rosser, CEO of the Chicago furniture company that supplied new furniture for the J.V. Martin Junior High School, Dillon County school board chairman Richard Schafer and Ty'Sheoma Bethea unveil plans for the new school funded by USDA Rural Development.



Investments Promote Renewable Energy and Protect the Rural Environment

A changing global climate has raised uncertainties about the effect of weather patterns on agricultural production and natural resources. These global weather changes put a premium on improving energy efficiency and producing a renewable energy supply at home. The development of renewable energy and the preservation of our natural environment have been top priorities of USDA's efforts to rebuild and revitalize rural America. With Recovery Act funding, Rural Development is helping rural communities create new renewable energy opportunities.



Transforming Trash into Cash in Rural Louisiana

Every year, millions of used tires pile up in landfill sites. But in recent years, a global market has emerged that converts those waste tires into high-value products that can be used for fuel, erosion control, landscaping mulch, or playground surfacing.

In central Louisiana's Avoyelles Parish, the tire-recycling industry is not only protecting the environment, but it is also generating jobs for the local economy. Through USDA's



From left to right: Louisiana State Director Clarence Hawkins, CleanTech President Lloyd Ward, Sr., Louisiana Business and Cooperative Programs Director John Broussard, and CleanTech General Manager Lloyd Ward, Jr.

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program, CleanTech Solutions Worldwide LLC, a local, minority-owned business, is building a tire-recycling plant in rural Cottonport, La.

This tire-recycling plant, made possible by the Recovery Act, is designed to process 3 million tires per year. Using thermal-conversion technology, the plant will convert 33,000 tons of

Project Highlights

ARRA Funds	\$5,200,000
Jobs Saved/Created	40
Location	Cottonport, Avoyelles Parish, LA



raw tires into oil, methane gas, carbon, steel, and steam energy. To make the process even more efficient, the reclaimed gas will fuel the thermal-conversion burners.

This project has created dozens of jobs for local residents and prevented even more jobs from being eliminated, which is critically important to a persistent poverty community like Cottonport. Few residents here complete their high school education, and more than 40 percent of Cottonport residents, many of them children, live below the poverty line.

Not only is this plant providing much-needed jobs and contributing to the local economy's tax base, but it is also making an environmental contribution which will help the town create a brighter, cleaner future for its younger generations.



Renewable Energy to Power Maryland Education Facility

On a 380-acre farm in Garrett County, Maryland, a faith-based nonprofit organization Maryland Salem Children's Trust provides a home, family, counseling, and education to children who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned. Thanks to Recovery Act funds provided through the Community Facilities program, the Salem school is the first school in Maryland to use the combination of wind and solar energy to power its facility.

Project Highlights

ARRA Funds	\$27,400
Other Funds	\$22,580
Location	Frostburg, Garrett County, MD



There are over 7,000 children in foster care in Maryland, with about 500,000 children in foster care nationwide. In its 30 years of operation, Maryland Salem Children's Trust has

served over 400 children between the ages of 6 and 18 who have experienced repeated trauma. The staff at Salem turn heartbreaking tragedies into heart-lifting success stories by providing a loving, supportive atmosphere that values education, nature, and health.

In addition, the organization has committed time and resources into making its buildings as energy independent as possible. The school was designed with sky lights overlapping instructional areas to decrease the need for artificial lighting. In 2006, a geothermal heating system was installed to use the ground’s temperature to help heat and cool the building.

Rural Development’s Recovery Act funds have enabled the organization to purchase and install solar panels and a wind turbine to further reduce dependence on outside energy sources.

According to Rural Development Maryland State Director Jack Tarburton, “Not only is this project supporting manufacturing jobs, education, and health care, but it is also supporting



New solar panels and a wind turbine help Salem Children’s Trust conserve energy and cut costs.

renewable energy and conservation.”

These improvements will substantially decrease the school’s everyday operational expenses, and the resulting cost savings will increase the ability to serve the children in their care.

Sanitary Sewer System Brings Hope to Arizona Colonia Community

Recovery Act funding from Rural Development’s Water and Waste Disposal Program is a breath of fresh air for Avenue B & C Colonia residents in Yuma County, Az. The funds will bring an end to the persistent sewage problems that have plagued the community.

Colonias are low-income, rural communities along the U.S.-Mexico border that are characterized by poor housing infrastructure and a lack of quality water and wastewater systems. Located just outside of Yuma, Avenue B & C Colonia is a community of about 1,000 homes, consisting of mostly trailers and modest houses. A stable neighborhood since the early 1900s, the colonia has a core of longtime residents for whom it is not only home, but also a beloved community. One of those people is Gayle Castricone.

Castricone spent several years gathering neighbors’ signatures to petition to get help in fixing the chronic sewage problems that plagued the colonia. The problems stemmed from both failing septic systems and the attempts of residents to solve the problem by digging homemade cesspools.

“There were times when sewage would bubble right out of the ground,” says Castricone. “I raised my children in this colonia. Now I want my grandchildren to be able to play in

Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$18,308,448
Other Funds	\$4,701,000
Jobs Saved/Created	297
Location	Yuma County, AZ



the neighborhood without having to worry about what health hazards they may encounter playing in the yard.”

Rural Development worked with Yuma County to bring together various funding partnerships that made the \$23 million project a reality. More than \$16 million in Recovery Act grant funds and \$2 million in loans were committed to this project. Funding partners include the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the North American Development Bank. Together, they provided the additional \$5 million in funding required to complete the project.

This project will connect all residents to a nearby municipal

treatment system. The community will abandon individual septic systems and cesspools, reduce contamination of the groundwater table from failing septic systems, improve public health and safety, and improve the environment because of proximity to the Colorado River.

“By bringing in a variety of funding sources, this neighborhood - where many struggle just to eke out a living - will be able to get improvements that will give them sanitary sewage disposal and new pride and hope for their community,” said Alan Stephens, Arizona State Director for USDA Rural Development. “For the 1,000 households in Avenue B & C colonia, this project is a dramatic change for the good.”

South Dakota County Redefines Itself through Energy Efficiency

Miner County, in southeastern South Dakota, has historically been agriculturally dependent, but is looking for ways to expand its economy. In the past 70 years, the county has seen a 40 percent decline in farms and businesses and has recently begun diversifying through non-agricultural industries. As a strategy to reduce costs and create more business opportunity, the community is trying to develop a niche in the development of renewable energy and a mindset of “green energy” among its citizens. This advanced thinking has resulted in wind turbines dotting the skyline across the county, as well as other “green” projects.

Miner County is building a new conference and training center that is LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment Design) certified. LEED certification, established by the United States Green Building Council, is based on a point system that measures the following elements of building design: sustainable sites and practices; eco-friendly materials and resources; water and energy efficiency; green energy generation; and green roofs and cultivation gardens.

The new hotel and convention center complex will include 24 hotel rooms, a community kitchen, a restaurant, and a dining room, providing 14 jobs in this rural community. The total cost of this project is projected to be about \$6.5 million, of which RD has provided a \$3.2 million guaranteed loan through Recovery Act funds.

Paying dividends to the community and continuing its strategy for energy efficiency, Miner County Development Corporation will lease the conference and training portion of the facility to the Rural Learning Center (RLC) to educate the public about green energy. The facility will house green-energy training programs that bring communities, high school and adult

Project Highlights

ARRA Funds	\$3,200,000
Other Funds	\$3,260,923
Jobs Saved/Created	14
Location	Howard, Miner County, SD

students, technical institute programs, and the renewable energy industry together in support of environmentally responsible technology.

“It will be a learning facility for businesses, industries, and individuals, so that they can find out what it means to be green,” said Randy Parry, RLC President, indicating that he expects the RLC to draw from the surrounding area.

Other funding involved with this project includes an economic development loan from Heartland Consumer’s Power District. This money was awarded through a USDA Rural Economic Development Loan of \$740,000 and a grant of \$300,000. The Federal funding was leveraged with \$100,000 from Grow South Dakota’s revolving loan fund, \$150,000 from Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation, equity from the Rural Learning Center, and other investors.

Heartland General Manager Mike McDowell said, “We are especially proud of our partnership role. We will install and operate the best solar technology and work with smart grid technology. Nobody told us we had to do this. We set out to do this on our own. The Rural Learning Center and Heartland hope to create a model for South Dakota to show what determined leaders can do.”



RD Helps Rural Residents Realize the American Dream of Homeownership

Rural Development recognizes the vital role homeownership plays in improving lives, creating jobs and economic opportunities, and strengthening America's neighborhoods. For 75 years, Rural Development's Rural Housing Service (RHS) has been supporting rural homeowners by financing critical home repairs and by helping income-eligible Americans achieve their housing goals. With funding made available by the Recovery Act through its Single Family Housing program, RHS enabled more than 92,000 rural residents to become homeowners. Following are a few examples of families who have a new place to call home.



Missouri Mom Attains Home Ownership Through Recovery Funds

Amy Beery wanted to provide a decent, stable environment to raise her two small children, but she was unable to obtain financing through conventional means. After several months of trying to get financing from various lenders, a friend recommended that Beery contact the local Rural Development office in St. Joseph, Mo.

Rural Development staff helped her find an appealing low-maintenance townhome, and they walked her through the process, from helping her with submitting her application for financing to closing on her first home loan through Rural Development's Single Family Housing Direct Loan program, with funding made available by the Recovery Act.

"Thank-you to the USDA, I couldn't have done this without them."— Amy Beery

Beery and her family now have a comfortable place to call home. They have a source of stability and a place to create memories. Their townhome does not require outside maintenance, which simplifies their already busy lifestyle. She is excited about the opportunity to raise her children in a wonderful community with highly rated schools and family support (her parents live up the street).



Project Highlights

Location	Platte City, Platte County, MO
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"Thank-you to the USDA, I couldn't have done this without them."—Amy Beery

Through funding provided by the Recovery Act, Rural Development's Single Family Housing program has made 3,219 direct and guaranteed home loans in Missouri.



The Beery family with RHS Administrator Trevino and MO State Director Janie Dunning.

For Three Nebraska Families, a Place to Call Home

In recent years, Gering, Neb., has seen increased demand for additional, single-family dwellings in this rural community of nearly 8,000 residents. Many area families are in the market for a home of their own, but they often find themselves limited by the economy and a lack of available homes in their price range. Similarly, a local business, Magnolia Homes, was feeling the effects of a sluggish economy as fewer and fewer orders were made for its manufactured homes.

Realizing both the need for housing and the need for manufacturing orders for local businesses, Twin Cities Development (TCD) purchased 13 vacant lots in Gering and sold 6 of those lots to Magnolia Homes. On those sites, Magnolia planned to erect new homes to sell as affordable, turn-key single family units. Three of the homes



Project Highlights

Location	Gering, Scotts Bluff County, NE
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were purchased with funding provided by 2 local lending institutions that used Recovery Act-funded loan guarantees from USDA Rural Development's Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan program. Another home was sold to a family that qualified for a loan from Rural Development's Single Family Housing Direct program.

Through this partnership, the City of Gering, developers, manufacturers, local lenders, and Rural Development worked towards a common goal of providing new, affordable housing

for local families. The community of Gering has benefited from the increase in tax revenue, and -- by keeping Magnolia workers employed -- these projects have had a positive effect on the local economy over the past few years. Perhaps most important, four Gering families have a new home to call their own and are enjoying their new neighborhoods.

Through funding provided by the Recovery Act, Rural Development's Single Family Housing program has made 763 direct and guaranteed home loans in Nebraska.



Pastor Mendez and family in front of their new home in Gering.

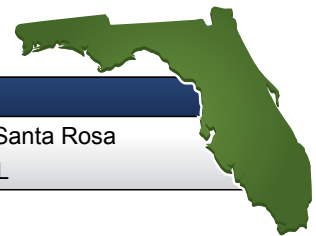
Florida Mom Achieves Dream of Homeownership

As a hard-working, single mother of two boys, Maria Lugo De Jesus has her hands full. After being raised in a military family that moved around from Puerto Rico to Alaska and then to Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, De Jesus wanted to give her family stability and roots in a community. With a dependable job on the Eglin Air Force Base and good benefits, she was finally in the position to purchase her first home.



Maria Lugo De Jesus and family in front of their new home in Navarre.

Working with her local Rural Development office, she applied for a direct single family loan to purchase a home in Navarre,



Project Highlights

Location	Navarre, Santa Rosa County, FL
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Fla., in Santa Rosa County. Navarre is in the Florida panhandle, about 25 miles east of Pensacola.

On April 29, 2009, De Jesus closed on her home loan and has enjoyed her first year as a homeowner. De Jesus is now able to provide her family the security, stability, comfort, and sense of community that homeownership affords. According to Maria, "It has been a dream come true to be able to purchase a home of my own ... without these Rural Development programs, I could not have reached this milestone!"

Through Recovery Act funding, Rural Development's Single Family Housing program has made 3,367 direct and guaranteed home loans in Florida.



RD Invests in Critical Rural Systems

In an effort to enhance the livability, health, and safety of rural communities, Rural Development's programs finance the repair and reconstruction of important community facilities to ensure that rural residents have affordable and clean water, adequate systems for handling waste, key community structures, and reliable public safety services. In the Recovery Act, Congress and the White House acknowledged a great need to rebuild and modernize this critical community infrastructure, so Recovery Act funding was used to leverage USDA's longstanding development programs. Following are a few highlights of our efforts.




Arkansans Gain Access to Safe Water

For many communities in rural northwest Arkansas, lack of water is a regular concern. These communities, in Newton, Searcy, and Boone Counties, face a limited supply of safe and reliable water due to a lack of new equipment and excessive levels of radium in the water supply. Through a partnership with Rural Development, the Ozark Mountain Regional Public Water Authority will use \$55.7 million in Recovery Act grant and loan funds to build a dependable regional water supply for those counties.

This project represents the largest USDA Recovery Act investment in rural water systems, both in scope and in community impact. These funds will be used to construct an intake structure and water treatment plant on Bull Shoals Lake, as well as five water storage tanks and over 100 miles of transmission line, extending from northern Boone County to Newton and Searcy Counties. The new water system will provide a dependable supply to approximately 22,000 local residents, some of whom had previously relied on well water that was deemed “unsafe for human consumption” by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Beyond gaining a new and reliable source of clean water, these Arkansas communities will also realize many economic



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$55,728,000
Other Funds	\$7,272,000
Jobs Saved/Created	1,000
Location	Newton, Searcy and Boone Counties, AR

benefits. Studies have shown that communities lacking adequate water service face severe challenges that restrict capacity for economic growth. Newton and Searcy Counties have been plagued by persistent poverty. This water project will open new opportunities for low-income communities to grow their economies by creating jobs for their citizens. This Recovery Act project alone will create or save up to 1,000 jobs for residents in northwest Arkansas.

Overall, this Recovery Act-funded Water and Waste Disposal program project will have an enormously positive impact on the regional economy. No longer will residents in these rural communities need to worry about the quantity or quality of their water, which marks a significant improvement in their quality of life.


New Fire Station Reduces Response Time

In a matter of minutes, a fire can destroy an entire structure and claim lives, so timing is crucial for the firefighters who respond to urgent calls. In Linn County, Kansas, firefighters can now respond faster to fires because of a new fire station, funded in part by a \$90,000 Recovery Act Community Facilities grant.



The old Linn County fire station

For years, Linn County Fire District 1 firefighters relied on equipment housed at two separate locations when responding to emergency calls. Volunteer firefighters had to get their



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$90,000
Other Funds	\$203,255
Jobs Saved/Created	1
Location	Prescott, Linn County, KS

fire truck from a rented garage or other equipment from the overcrowded fire station before responding to a call, increasing the response time.

The spacious new station opened in Spring 2010 and has made it possible for all apparatus and gear to be located in a central location. This project was critical to improving response times of the firefighters to emergency situations, and it has significantly enhanced the safety of the 900 residents of rural Linn County, Kans.

County Fire Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator Doug Barlet said, “The new fire station is up and running and

fully functional. The design and construction of the facility have been great and have resulted in improved response time. The new facility has provided a great benefit to the morale of all the firefighters. The firefighters are pleased with the new facility. Just a good situation all the way around. If it were not for USDA Rural Development and the \$90,000 Recovery Act grant, this project would not have happened.”

One of the added benefits of the new station is a multi-functional training room, which the old facility lacked. “Being able to hold ongoing training for methods and equipment will be invaluable,” the chief said. Although the school in Prescott is the primary emergency shelter, the training room provides more space for the district’s residents needing shelter in an emergency.



The new Linn County fire station

Upgrades to Wastewater System Brings Jobs, Cleaner Environment to Maryland Residents

Residents of Berlin, Md., will soon see vast improvements in their town’s wastewater treatment systems with the help of an \$11.8 million Recovery Act loan-grant combination from Rural Development’s Water and Waste Disposal program. For residents like Mike Dale, this project has much greater implications.

Dale operated heavy equipment for nearly 10 years before he was laid off in the summer of 2008, due to the downturn in the economy. He is now back to work full-time as a construction worker with Bearing Construction at Bottle Branch Road in Berlin. Bearing started working on the Recovery Act-funded upgrade and expansion of the wastewater treatment project on June 17, 2009.

Dale was not the only out-of-work construction worker brought back by Bearing Construction. In the summer of 2008, the lack of construction projects available forced Bearing to reduce their workforce from 100 to 38 workers. As a result of the Berlin project, Bearing hired back 65 employees. The project is also helping local subcontractors like Cain Masonry, which currently has 10 employees working at the plant. In addition, the local economy from hardware stores to lunch establishments has benefited from this project.

“The Recovery Act is putting people like Mike Dale back to work, helping them to provide for their children’s education and a home for their family,” said Jacqueline Ponti-Lazaruk, Assistant Administrator, Water and Environmental Programs for USDA Rural Development. “This wastewater treatment

Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$11,816,217
Other Funds	\$4,197,000
Jobs Saved/Created	65
Location	Berlin, Worcester County, MD



project in Berlin is an example of how the Recovery Act is not only creating jobs, but is also protecting the environment and providing much-needed infrastructure improvements for the



Mike Dale operates construction equipment for the new wastewater treatment plant.

residents for years to come.”

The upgrades and expansion to the Berlin wastewater treatment system are necessary to comply with more stringent environmental regulations and to prepare the town for expected growth and development. The project is part of a wider strategic effort by Berlin to encourage residents, businesses, and local

government entities to build towards a greener and more sustainable future. Rural Development is proud to support this project which stands as an investment in the town’s critical infrastructure, as well as an investment in a cleaner and brighter future for Berlin residents.




Secretary Vilsack and Dale activate new wastewater treatment plant

New Water Tower to Provide Fire Protection for Montana Town

When a fire broke out in the community of Fort Smith, Mont., in August of 2006, it dealt what could have been a knockout blow to the town. The 122 residents of this tiny sport fishing destination on the Crow Indian Reservation play host to thousands of visitors every year. Visitors come in droves to enjoy the nearby Yellowtail Dam and its recreational opportunities, as well as the blue-ribbon trout fishing in the Bighorn River.



The fire not only destroyed the lone grocery store and gas station, a fishing shop, and part of a fishing lodge, but it also claimed the lives of three visitors staying in the lodge. Despite the efforts of Fort Smith volunteer firefighters and other area responders, the lack of fire hydrants and sufficient water pressure hindered the ability of the firefighters to battle the blaze.



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$3,477,000
Other Funds	\$903,000
Jobs Saved/Created	67
Location	Fort Smith, Big Horn County, MT

The funds provided by the Recovery Act and Rural Development will be used to replace and upgrade water delivery systems throughout the town. Funds will also be used to install water meters, a new water tower for sufficient pressure, a chlorination system, and fire hydrants.

Water District Board Member Dennis Fischer said there was no way these critical infrastructure upgrades would have happened without the support of Montana’s Congressional delegation and the funding provided by Rural Development through the Recovery Act. “[Without this support] the community would probably have not seen those improvements for 8 to 12 years down the road.”

While it’s impossible to say that a fire would never happen again, the investment in Fort Smith’s water system by Rural Development and others gives this community the resources necessary to effectively fight it if it does.

“[Without this support] the community would probably have not seen those improvements for 8 to 12 years down the road.”—
Dennis Fischer, Water District Board Member



Recovery Investments Revive Rural Economies by Creating Jobs and Helping Rural Businesses

USDA is keenly aware of the business environment and how sensitive lenders are to risk mitigation. During the economic downturn, the cost of capital for businesses increased while the availability of private sector credit decreased. In accordance with the goals of the Recovery Act to jumpstart the economy and create and save jobs, Rural Development worked with small and emerging private businesses to get capital flowing to improve the rural economic climate. The funds made available by the Recovery Act allowed RD to maximize its investment in rural businesses and communities through existing business and community programs. The longstanding effects of these programs will continue to support the economy and increase the number of available jobs into the future. Below are stories that highlight USDA’s rural economic development efforts under the Recovery Act.



Displaced Worker Leverages Recovery Funds to Re-open Plywood Mill

In November 2007, economic pressures forced a plywood mill in the rural harbor town of Port Angeles, Wash., to close its doors after 66 years in operation. The closure of the mill left 132 employees without jobs and had a devastating emotional and financial impact on the community. But in a feat that truly reflects the spirit of the Recovery Act, one of the mill's former employees led an effort to purchase the vacant mill and revive the plywood company.

As one of the hundreds of employees laid off in November 2007, Josh Renshaw was distressed at the economic consequences the mill's closure had on his community. While many former employees left Port Angeles in search of employment opportunities, Renshaw had something else in mind: Buy back and reopen the mill for production. Nicknamed



Josh "Bulldog" Renshaw speaking at PenPly's reopening.

"Bulldog" by his friends and colleagues, Renshaw doggedly pursued this goal and, with the help of several other former employees and key local investors, successfully secured Recovery Act funds in the form of two loan guarantees totaling \$1.89 million from RD's Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program that would allow him to revive the company.

In March 2010, Renshaw, now president of the company, celebrated the reopening of the town's plywood mill, named Peninsula Plywood (or PenPly, for short) -- also the mill's original name when it opened in 1941. The Rural Development loan guarantees that were provided to the Peninsula Plywood Group, LLC are providing working capital and funds for inventory purchases and equipment repairs and maintenance.



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$1,899,270
Other Funds	\$2,835,000
Jobs Saved/Created	147
Location	Port Angeles, Clallam County, WA

"This is exactly what President Obama and Congress had in mind for the use of Recovery Act funding," said Mario Villanueva, USDA Rural Development Washington State Director. "Helping to get this mill back up and running and helping the unemployed workforce in Clallam County get great family-wage jobs is in the spirit of why the Act was passed in the first place."

To date, 147 employees have been hired and production is ramping up. These family-wage jobs average \$15.50 per hour (214 percent of the Federal minimum wage) and, in total, represent a significant reduction in the percentage of unemployed workers in Port Angeles.

The company already has a customer base for its cedar siding that outpaces its historical market trend. At capacity, this plant can manufacture 5 million board-feet of plywood products per month and can employ up to 197 people.

The revival of this company will also add to the local economy's tax base and allow for further economic development, especially for tourism. Located on the Olympic Peninsula, this community used to be a popular sport fishing destination, and with expected sustainable growth in the local economy, the town hopes to rebuild its tourism industry. Port Angeles residents are looking forward to continued growth and development, due in large part to Rural Development's investment in PenPly's restoration. This Recovery Act project is creating jobs now, and jobs into the future for this rural harbor town.

"I feel pretty good about what we are doing here," said Renshaw. "And our employees really are the best."

Recovery Act Funding Enables Iowa Family Business to Thrive


In 1973, a small repair business called GMT opened its doors in Waverly, Iowa. Since then, this family-owned business has expanded to become the major employer in the communities of Waverly and Nashua in northeast Iowa.

During the past decade, the company, which focuses on production machining and fabrication services, has worked to increase its capabilities for large, complex machining. In 2005, it developed a steel service center to provide steel processing and painting services for the fabrication division. The fabrication unit has seen significant growth year after year.

However, during the last 2 years, the company has experienced large decreases in revenue due to general market conditions from the recession, particularly in the construction machinery market. As a consequence of the loss of income, the company was forced to reduce its 240-person workforce and move to a shorter workweek.

Through Recovery Act funds provided by Rural Development's Business and Industry program, GMT Corporation received a \$10 million loan guarantee which allowed this well-established, family-owned company to refinance debt and to purchase new equipment. The refinancing alone will save the company nearly \$3 million in the first year.

These Recovery Act funds will also save jobs for GMT employees. Without the guaranteed loan, more positions would have been eliminated, putting at risk the local economies of Waverly and Nashua. Beyond preventing a workforce reduction, the Recovery Act funding allowed GMT to hire back 36 people and recruitment has begun to fill another 12 positions. The refinancing of debt also gives GMT the opportunity to grow into



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$10,000,000
Other Funds	\$18,721,089
Jobs Saved/Created	288
Location	Waverly, Bremer County, IA; Nashua, Chickasaw County, IA



GMT employees Robert Wilkens and Eric Wittrock review weld quality samples.

new markets and further diversify production.

"Manufacturing has always been and continues to be one of the strongest areas of production in this country, providing good jobs and quality services," said RBS Administrator Judith Canales. "I am so pleased that USDA, through the Business and Industry Loan Guarantee program and using Recovery Act funds, has been able to save these crucial jobs in rural America and put Iowans back to work."


GMT Corporation was one of 22 businesses in Iowa that received a total of \$76 million in Recovery Act guaranteed loan funds through Rural Development to help with startup, expansion, and refinancing costs.

Rural Tennesseans Benefit from Computer and Workforce Training

The modern day job search is increasingly an online effort, which puts those without access to the Internet at a substantial disadvantage. For many older adults looking for employment, the barrier is even greater if they lack access to the Internet and the computer skills.

Thanks to a Recovery Act-funded grant awarded to the Northwest Tennessee Human Resources Agency (NWTHTA) in the little town of Dresden, older adults and displaced workers now have access to a computer center and a workforce training curriculum designed especially for them.

The idea for developing a computer lab for seniors came to NWTHTA staff when an older client found a good job



Project Highlights	
ARRA Funds	\$30,000
Other Funds	\$20,000
Jobs Saved/Created	2 plus 241 people have received job related training and job coaching.
Location	Dresden, Weakley County, TN

opportunity with a national home and garden store. According to staff, "He had the skills necessary for a job in the garden department. But, he was unable to complete the required online application, because he was unfamiliar with computers."



NWTHRA staff worked with their local Rural Development office to secure the \$30,000 Rural Business and Enterprise Grant, which funded the purchase of equipment and materials needed to establish a senior-

friendly computer lab and to rehabilitate a centrally located classroom space in an old county-owned school building. The center opened in January 2010 with a class of 10 older adults. One student said, "At that first session, I was surprised and comforted that there were others my age in the class who were as inexperienced as I. As we began working through the program together my excitement grew as I learned to use my mouse, keyboard, e-mail, and when I learned to search the Internet." Now students take a range of classes and join "Job Clubs" to help each other build their resumes, develop cover letters, and submit online job applications.

In the short time the lab has been open, more than 200 seniors

have already learned skills they need to compete in today's job market and many come back to take advantage of more advanced classes. Local businesses are also using the lab for employee training, an opportunity that used to require costly time-loss and travel to Memphis two-and-a-half hours down the road. The program has been such an immediate success and demand for the services so great that NWTHRA has already invested in 11 additional computers, more curriculum and equipment to create satellite centers in other counties.

NWTHRA Executive Director John Bucy said there were other immediate benefits from the Recovery Act investment as well, "A local painter had been out of work but picked up other jobs through contacts made while painting the computer lab. Computers, specialized tables and flooring were bought at local suppliers and installed by local contractors."

"That Recovery Act funding has had a big, immediate impact on a lot of people in the community," he said.

The nonprofit agency provides a host of services for lower income people living in nine rural counties, including Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion, and Weakley, all of which have unemployment rates higher than the national average.

Recovery Act Loan Saves 600 Jobs at North Carolina Company

Founded in 1984, the Mortex Corporation, headquartered in Wendell, NC, oversees a large apparel manufacturing operation and has built up a workforce of over 300 loyal employees. In early 2009, the company was faced with a dire situation. Despite a 15-year history of on-time debt payments, a lender opted not to renew the company's line of credit. Due to the economic downturn, credit markets were extremely tight. With hundreds of jobs on the line, the closing of Mortex would not only have devastated the company's workers and their families, but it would also have had a severe impact on the regional economy.

Fortunately, that crisis was averted when Rural Development's Business and Industry program offered a guarantee for Capital Bank to make the loan to Mortex. This guaranteed loan allowed Mortex to continue operations and maintain its workforce. Additionally, an affiliate dependent upon Mortex, HPM Apparel, was also able to continue operations and retain its 300 employees.

In a letter addressed to USDA, Mortex President, Edward Morrell expressed his gratitude,

Project Highlights

ARRA Funds	\$2,670,000
Other Funds	\$1,200,000
Jobs Saved/Created	600
Location	Wendell, Wake County, NC



"We will always be appreciative for this USDA program and the people of the USDA who made our loan possible. We have 600 employees in four small rural towns in North Carolina who benefit each week by being employed. Your USDA program guarantee saved these jobs and for that our family and our employees are very grateful."

Critical funding from the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan program, made possible by the Recovery Act, enabled 600 employees to stay on the job, keeping urgently needed dollars circulating in their rural communities.

medical clinics

technical assistance

regional collaboration

business incubators

water towers

fire stations

wind turbines

hospitals

main street revitalizations

police stations

water systems

telemedicine

solar panels

computer labs

childcare centers

Investing to Improve Rural Economies: Rural Development's Call to Action

libraries

sewer systems

job training facilities

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affordable housing

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Mobilizing Rural Development's Nationwide Network

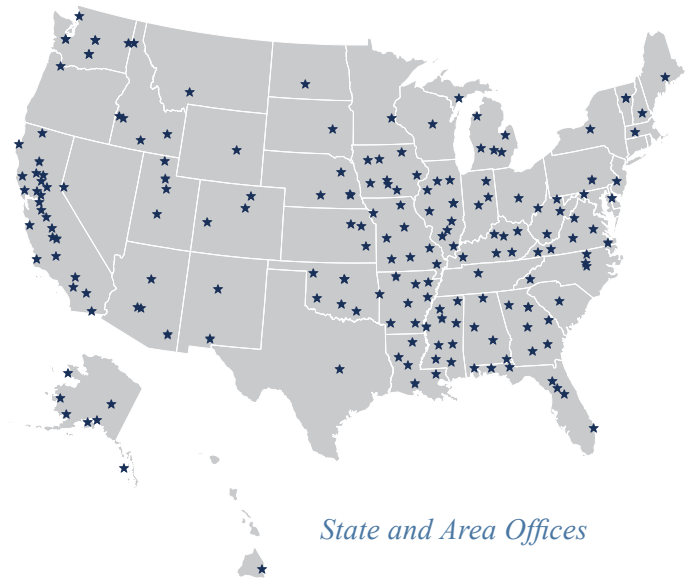
Created to focus primarily on agriculture, USDA has become a strong partner and advocate for rural communities over the past 75 years. With more than 40 programs, Rural Development has successfully invested billions of dollars to spur economic development throughout rural America.

With its long, proven history of serving rural communities, Rural Development was selected to carry out key initiatives within the Recovery Act. To maximize the impact of these initiatives, RD leveraged its existing programs and experienced staff to disburse over \$21 billion in loans and grants across rural America. Rural Development deployed these funds, which marked a substantial expansion of the loan portfolio, while maintaining high-quality review and underwriting standards.

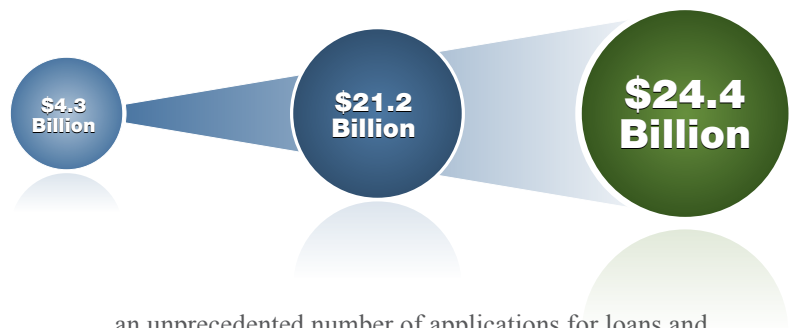
In order to efficiently identify the needs of rural communities, RD mobilized its nationwide network of more than 6,000 dedicated field staff to carry out the Recovery Act mission. The Rural Development network is made up of 470 State, area, and field offices that are co-located in the communities they serve, ensuring that funds are accessible to the rural communities with the highest levels of need. As a result, potential borrowers and grantees are able to explore options for funding with a loan officer or engineer who understands the unique needs within their community.

Rural Development was charged with deploying \$4.3 billion in budget authority provided by the Recovery Act that, when implemented, supported a program level of more than \$21.2 billion in assistance through loans, grants, and loan guarantees. Rural Development was successful in leveraging capital from other sources, so the impact of this assistance was closer to \$24.4 billion.

Passed in February 2009, the Recovery Act required the obligation of RD funds by September 30, 2010. In recognition of this challenge, RD staff moved rapidly to coordinate a nationwide outreach effort to engage communities, businesses, and rural residents with critical needs. After notifying the public of the availability of funds, RD offices received



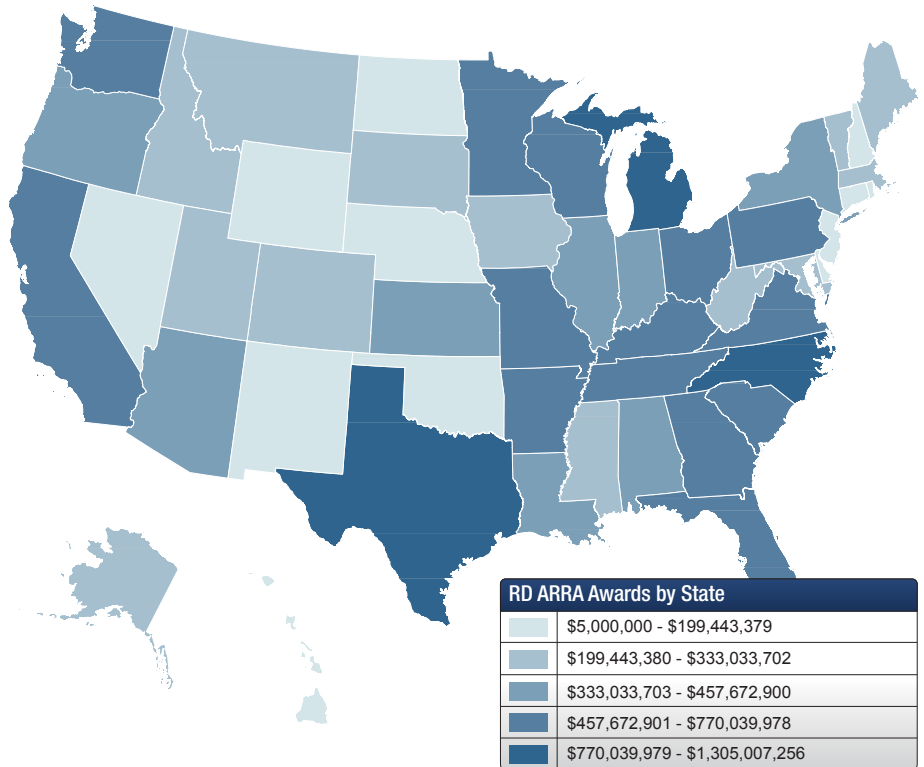
“Secretary Vilsack directed USDA staff to think critically and creatively about how to leverage the funds we have received through the Recovery Act to create the greatest impact with each dollar. We must think in new ways about job creation and quality, not just about quantity.”



an unprecedented number of applications for loans and grants. By the end of April 2009, Rural Development had already announced over \$2 billion in Recovery Act awards, spurring economic revitalization and creating employment opportunities for rural residents. At the close of 2009, RD had announced nearly \$13 billion in awards, achieving an allocation of more than 60 percent of RD Recovery Act funds in just 10 months.

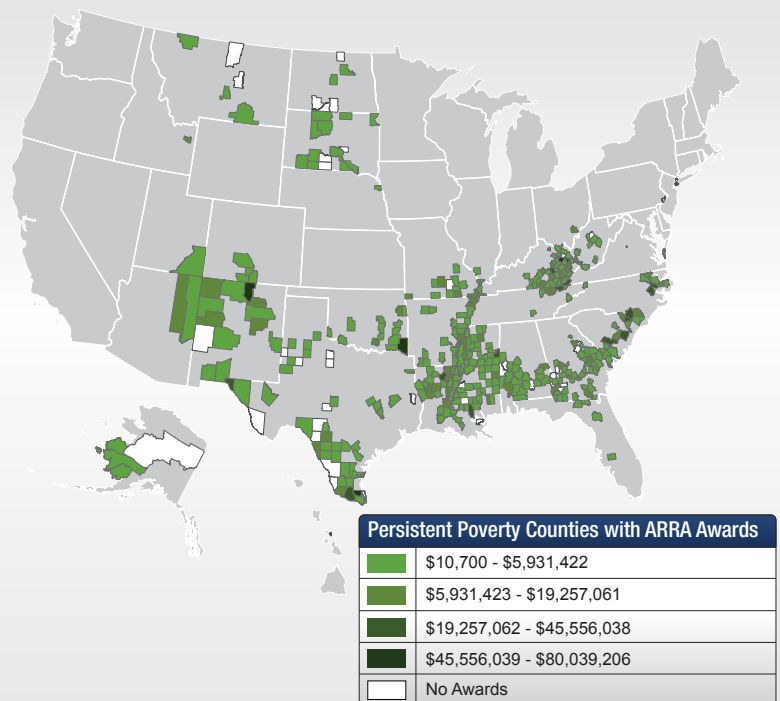
Through targeted outreach, Rural Development staff ensured that as many rural residents, businesses, and service organizations had an opportunity to apply for funding. Over the course of the 2-year implementation period, RD awarded funds in 2,962 rural counties across the country. The results of these efforts are unparalleled investments in rural infrastructure, businesses, housing, and community facilities in every State. It is estimated that these investments created or saved more than 300,000 jobs. The impact of the projects funded will be felt by millions of rural residents now and well into the future.

With \$21 billion in Recovery Act funding, Rural Development financed a wide variety of projects through seven program areas to address the diverse and unique needs of rural communities. Our programs supported such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, public safety facilities, renewable energy, and broadband technology. RD promoted economic development









by providing technical assistance and guaranteed loans to small businesses and start-ups through banks and community lending institutions.

A special emphasis was placed on providing assistance to rural communities that have long faced severe economic challenges. More than \$289 million in RD Recovery Act funding went to Native American or Alaska Native groups or individuals or to projects serving tribal communities. In addition, the Recovery Act required the agency to allocate 10 percent of its funding in the business, community facilities, housing, water, and waste disposal programs for eligible projects in persistent poverty counties. As a result of our expanded outreach efforts, Rural Development provided \$1.3 billion in assistance to 348 persistent poverty counties across the country.










Rural Development awarded **\$21.2 billion in Recovery Act funds** through **95,000 loans** and **2,500 grants**.

	93,000 families assisted with homeownership through \$11.4 billion in funding
	1.7 million people served by 854 water and waste disposal projects through \$3.3 billion in funding
	2.8 million people served by 563 public safety facilities , including 65 fire stations and 12 police stations through \$176 million in funding
	3.5 million people served by 180 healthcare facilities through \$590 million in funding
	4.2 million people served by 312 cultural and educational facilities , including 196 libraries through \$271 million in funding
	7 million people with improved broadband Internet access through investment of \$3.5 billion in broadband infrastructure
and	
2,000 small businesses assisted through \$1.6 billion in funding	

Note: Numbers are approximate

Rural Development anticipates more than **300,000 jobs** will be created or saved through the funding of over **96,000 projects** across the country.

	13,000 jobs through the Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program
	19,500 jobs through the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program
	25,800 jobs through the Broadband Initiatives Loan and Grant Program
	32,500 jobs through the Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program
	33,000 jobs through the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program
	66,000 jobs through the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program
	125,000 jobs through the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program

Additionally, **380 direct temporary/term jobs** to assist in the implementation of Recovery Act program demands.

Note: Job estimates are approximate and represent the number of jobs created or saved directly as a result of ARRA funding and as derived from recipient reported data or program-based economic models.

Ongoing Impact of Rural Development Recovery Funds

Since the inception of the Recovery Act, Rural Development has invested over \$21 billion in new loans and grants to rural areas across the country. In the years ahead, RD staff will focus on servicing this expanded loan portfolio to ensure that the benefits of these new projects are reaped by rural residents now and in the future. While the full economic impact is not yet quantifiable, the direct impact is shown in the more than 300,000 jobs created or saved as a result of our Recovery Act Investments. These investments lay the groundwork for continued job creation years into the future.

As required by law and to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of Federal monies, RD loan and grant recipients will report on the progress of their projects as they are completed. While broadband infrastructure projects are required to be finished within 3 years of the obligation date, other construction-related projects are required to be completed within 5 years of the obligation date or no later

than September 30, 2015. Over the course of the multi-year construction period, recipients will continue to report construction-related jobs that are created or saved as a result of the funding. Rural Development field staff will continue to oversee the progress of these projects until they are completed.

While these Recovery Act funds, as administered through RD's wide variety of programs, had a very real and positive impact on rural areas across the country, we acknowledge that our job is never done. As demonstrated by the unprecedented number of applications, there remains a tremendous need among underserved, economically challenged communities for new and improved infrastructure, broadband, business assistance, and affordable housing. USDA Rural Development is committed to a continued partnership with those communities to build upon this foundation for future economic growth and to realize our vision of a rural America that is vibrant, thriving and self-sustaining.



State-by-State Awards of Recovery Act Funding

State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
Alabama	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	-	27,157,418	27,157,418
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	37,732,700	-	37,732,700
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	2,128,300	739,280	2,867,580
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	199,000	199,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	16,730,052	-	16,730,052
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	252,912,554	-	252,912,554
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	15,694,000	8,634,000	24,328,000
Total	\$325,197,606	\$36,729,698	\$361,927,304	
Alaska	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	48,520,293	74,005,042	122,525,335
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	15,481,111	-	15,481,111
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	60,312,000	2,353,385	62,665,385
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	170,000	170,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	17,486,483	-	17,486,483
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	26,492,488	-	26,492,488
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	-	5,273,000	5,273,000
Total	\$168,292,375	\$81,801,427	\$250,093,802	
American Samoa	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	10,000,000	81,034,763	91,034,763
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	16,672,000	-	16,672,000
	Total	\$26,672,000	\$81,034,763	\$107,706,763
Arizona	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	12,477,706	25,304,205	37,781,911
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	16,854,393	-	16,854,393
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	11,550,486	40,000	11,590,486
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	30,000	30,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	19,470,242	-	19,470,242
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	291,028,455	-	291,028,455
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	7,883,000	20,468,511	28,351,511
Total	\$359,264,281	\$45,842,716	\$405,106,997	
Arkansas	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	-	183,897,799	183,897,799
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	16,575,000	-	16,575,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	14,715,000	4,778,000	19,493,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	96,400	96,400
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	24,943,879	-	24,943,879
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	193,466,374	-	193,466,374
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	36,392,000	55,022,000	91,414,000
Total	\$286,092,253	\$243,794,199	\$529,886,452	
California	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	8,655,020	15,811,787	24,466,807
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	57,838,143	-	57,838,143
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	26,454,660	6,819,876	33,274,536
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	238,500	238,500
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	73,909,028	-	73,909,028
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	335,377,136	-	335,377,136
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	115,684,400	18,394,350	134,078,750
Total	\$617,918,387	\$41,264,513	\$659,182,900	
Colorado	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	13,416,835	46,898,551	60,315,386
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	1,428,000	-	1,428,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	500,000	1,407,397	1,907,397
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	85,000	85,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	22,892,623	-	22,892,623
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	131,077,422	-	131,077,422
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	7,838,000	6,464,700	14,302,700
Total	\$177,152,881	\$54,855,648	\$232,008,529	

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State-by-State Awards of Recovery Act Funding

State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
Connecticut	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	12,307,580	-	12,307,580
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	65,775,220	657,065	66,432,285
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	60,620	60,620
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	8,671,715	-	8,671,715
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	48,075,671	-	48,075,671
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	22,360,113	18,089,090	40,449,203
	Total	\$157,190,299	\$18,806,775	\$175,997,074
Delaware	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	131,000	525,450	656,450
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	41,000	41,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	15,852,423	-	15,852,423
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	47,289,420	-	47,289,420
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	24,547,000	5,135,847	29,682,847
	Total	\$87,819,843	\$5,702,297	\$93,522,140
District of Columbia	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	-	5,000,000	5,000,000
Total	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	
Florida	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	13,060,710	37,594,875	50,655,585
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	18,850,000	-	18,850,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	6,125,350	825,000	6,950,350
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	24,918,914	-	24,918,914
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	392,479,940	-	392,479,940
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	37,949,000	18,454,260	56,403,260
Total	\$493,383,914	\$56,874,135	\$550,258,049	
Georgia	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	28,260,899	54,047,110	82,308,009
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	77,501,575	-	77,501,575
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	22,347,343	909,848	23,257,191
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	1,919,538	1,919,538
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	39,072,312	-	39,072,312
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	342,973,950	-	342,973,950
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	34,254,300	22,094,200	56,348,500
Total	\$544,410,379	\$78,970,696	\$623,381,075	
Guam	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	1,512,500	-	1,512,500
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	2,250,000	-	2,250,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	192,400	192,400
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	10,558,400	-	10,558,400
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	4,352,742	-	4,352,742
	Total	\$18,673,642	\$192,400	\$18,866,042
Hawaii	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	106,503	-	106,503
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	10,000,000	-	10,000,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	59,500,000	138,000	59,638,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	197,608	197,608
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	8,309,820	-	8,309,820
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	52,268,963	-	52,268,963
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	1,012,000	716,800	1,728,800
Total	\$131,197,286	\$1,052,408	\$132,249,694	
Idaho	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	8,231,299	13,144,578	21,375,877
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	13,220,634	-	13,220,634
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	1,814,000	383,000	2,197,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	40,000	40,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	48,607,173	-	48,607,173
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	173,136,517	-	173,136,517
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	21,110,000	9,272,000	30,382,000
	Total	\$266,119,623	\$22,839,578	\$288,959,201

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State-by-State Awards of Recovery Act Funding

State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
Illinois	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	10,871,370	11,278,385	22,149,755
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	35,626,756	-	35,626,756
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	1,853,554	651,353	2,504,907
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	311,900	311,900
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	26,238,448	-	26,238,448
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	331,945,134	-	331,945,134
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	29,355,000	9,541,000	38,896,000
Total	\$435,890,262	\$21,782,638	\$457,672,900	
Indiana	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	9,005,935	16,532,976	25,538,911
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	10,423,612	-	10,423,612
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	19,210,000	1,615,948	20,825,948
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	52,106,650	-	52,106,650
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	177,340,670	-	177,340,670
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	71,901,800	40,977,700	112,879,500
Total	\$339,988,667	\$59,126,624	\$399,115,291	
Iowa	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	33,868,596	44,446,424	78,315,020
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	76,064,331	-	76,064,331
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	23,295,000	5,074,453	28,369,453
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	753,899	753,899
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	28,971,918	-	28,971,918
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	76,174,771	-	76,174,771
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	16,648,500	18,726,900	35,375,400
Total	\$255,023,115	\$69,001,676	\$324,024,791	
Kansas	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	63,770,288	69,363,768	133,134,056
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	45,403,900	-	45,403,900
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	10,782,355	1,550,980	12,333,335
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	95,000	95,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	17,108,629	-	17,108,629
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	148,448,641	-	148,448,641
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	37,519,400	24,111,500	61,630,900
Total	\$323,033,213	\$95,121,248	\$418,154,461	
Kentucky	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	117,912,076	146,841,223	264,753,299
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	64,624,277	-	64,624,277
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	87,543,875	2,514,172	90,058,047
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	765,000	765,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	42,012,011	-	42,012,011
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	214,935,744	-	214,935,744
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	68,404,100	24,487,500	92,891,600
Total	\$595,432,084	\$174,607,895	\$770,039,979	
Louisiana	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	24,818,039	21,775,195	46,593,234
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	72,320,000	-	72,320,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	5,014,100	1,174,744	6,188,844
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	189,332	189,332
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	32,253,075	-	32,253,075
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	266,458,547	-	266,458,547
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	21,774,000	7,287,038	29,061,038
Total	\$422,637,761	\$30,426,309	\$453,064,070	
Maine	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	-	9,404,866	9,404,866
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	7,822,800	-	7,822,800
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	5,212,000	1,613,800	6,825,800
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	578,000	578,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	32,648,030	-	32,648,030
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	163,618,326	-	163,618,326
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	16,297,874	29,965,126	46,263,000
Total	\$225,599,030	\$41,561,792	\$267,160,822	

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State-by-State Awards of Recovery Act Funding

State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
Marshall Islands	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	-	257,576	257,576
	Total	\$0	\$257,576	\$257,576
Maryland	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	4,498,298	69,072,189	73,570,487
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	-	1,184,879	1,184,879
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	309,038	309,038
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	19,686,635	-	19,686,635
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	171,783,810	-	171,783,810
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	47,276,500	15,977,697	63,254,197
Total	\$243,245,243	\$86,543,803	\$329,789,046	
Massachusetts	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	9,427,250	-	9,427,250
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	16,750,000	458,570	17,208,570
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	75,000	75,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	21,866,389	-	21,866,389
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	82,688,461	-	82,688,461
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	33,430,540	43,173,980	76,604,520
Total	\$164,162,640	\$43,707,550	\$207,870,190	
Michigan	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	45,487,241	78,368,638	123,855,879
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	78,306,553	-	78,306,553
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	16,953,000	3,104,000	20,057,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	140,000	140,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	40,036,370	-	40,036,370
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	479,532,627	-	479,532,627
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	177,236,000	79,955,000	257,191,000	
Total	\$837,551,791	\$161,567,638	\$999,119,429	
Minnesota	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	109,410,265	84,168,945	193,579,210
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	35,555,133	-	35,555,133
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	29,185,000	1,729,700	30,914,700
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	1,070,381	1,070,381
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	31,373,445	-	31,373,445
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	297,465,442	-	297,465,442
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	53,727,000	30,975,000	84,702,000	
Total	\$556,716,285	\$117,944,026	\$674,660,311	
Mississippi	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	421,578	13,212,998	13,634,576
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	40,780,000	-	40,780,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	7,758,732	5,175,595	12,934,327
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	186,510	186,510
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	25,386,457	-	25,386,457
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	124,426,764	-	124,426,764
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	22,343,275	16,930,192	39,273,467	
Total	\$221,116,806	\$35,505,295	\$256,622,101	
Missouri	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	64,550,350	131,255,725	195,806,075
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	47,868,000	-	47,868,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	89,340,947	7,210,163	96,551,110
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	403,350	403,350
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	48,056,323	-	48,056,323
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	277,585,304	-	277,585,304
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	58,182,300	39,753,074	97,935,374	
Total	\$585,583,225	\$178,622,312	\$764,205,537	
Montana	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	39,576,754	69,944,634	109,521,388
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	21,877,750	-	21,877,750
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	6,092,500	553,460	6,645,960
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	166,914	166,914
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	30,970,166	-	30,970,166
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	108,298,950	-	108,298,950
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	14,132,000	11,918,600	26,050,600	
Total	\$220,948,120	\$82,583,608	\$303,531,728	

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State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
Nebraska	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	3,396,895	7,888,472	11,285,367
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	58,697,469	-	58,697,469
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	42,416,700	523,080	42,939,780
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	471,742	471,742
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	10,077,783	-	10,077,783
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	52,680,690	-	52,680,690
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	10,293,000	4,190,600	14,483,600
Total	\$177,562,537	\$13,073,894	\$190,636,432	
Nevada	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	5,331,639	12,982,715	18,314,354
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	8,825,000	-	8,825,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	1,558,500	314,286	1,872,786
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	108,878	108,878
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	10,246,120	-	10,246,120
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	43,132,455	-	43,132,455
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	7,732,000	3,126,580	10,858,580
Total	\$76,825,714	\$16,532,459	\$93,358,173	
New Hampshire	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	-	1,357,532	1,357,532
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	12,821,920	-	12,821,920
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	118,000	821,560	939,560
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	46,000	46,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	19,946,931	-	19,946,931
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	89,798,660	-	89,798,660
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	23,748,000	27,185,000	50,933,000
Total	\$146,433,511	\$29,410,092	\$175,843,603	
New Jersey	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	1,100,000	-	1,100,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	655,800	485,000	1,140,800
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	184,000	184,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	16,922,755	-	16,922,755
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	77,987,726	-	77,987,726
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	26,828,000	10,370,247	37,198,247
Total	\$123,494,281	\$11,039,247	\$134,533,528	
New Mexico	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	29,789,483	59,926,737	89,716,220
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	40,230,850	704,250	40,935,100
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	977,750	977,750
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	4,877,032	-	4,877,032
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	23,486,726	-	23,486,726
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	18,507,000	13,953,524	32,460,524
Total	\$116,891,091	\$75,562,261	\$192,453,352	
New York	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	12,136,598	48,034,060	60,170,658
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	54,523,017	-	54,523,017
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	22,479,470	2,155,090	24,634,560
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	352,800	352,800
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	12,459,470	-	12,459,470
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	124,860,504	-	124,860,504
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	78,479,000	50,034,055	128,513,055	
Total	\$304,938,059	\$100,576,005	\$405,514,064	
North Carolina	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	46,283,511	103,152,079	149,435,590
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	66,295,712	-	66,295,712
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	221,984,018	9,670,068	231,654,086
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	344,942	344,942
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	60,842,112	-	60,842,112
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	668,188,065	-	668,188,065
Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	89,758,000	38,488,750	128,246,750	
Total	\$1,153,351,418	\$151,655,839	\$1,305,007,257	

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State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
North Dakota	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	31,745,208	45,927,454	77,672,662
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	5,541,000	-	5,541,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	42,964,410	180,920	43,145,330
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	181,000	181,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	5,469,010	-	5,469,010
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	28,343,068	-	28,343,068
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	29,142,550	9,948,760	39,091,310
Total		\$143,205,246	\$56,238,134	\$199,443,380
Northern Mariana Islands	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	47,499	47,499
	Total	\$0	\$47,499	\$47,499
Ohio	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	13,055,390	17,386,317	30,441,707
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	59,492,810	-	59,492,810
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	13,072,775	1,007,050	14,079,825
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	797,872	797,872
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	35,356,878	-	35,356,878
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	335,984,850	-	335,984,850
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	39,456,000	38,432,000	77,888,000
Total		\$496,418,702	\$57,623,239	\$554,041,941
Oklahoma	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	73,074,137	115,410,764	188,484,901
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	32,984,500	-	32,984,500
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	7,158,380	3,405,841	10,564,221
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	886,749	886,749
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	23,423,583	-	23,423,583
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	210,037,726	-	210,037,726
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program*	39,418,240	31,441,550	85,139,790
Total*		\$386,096,566	\$151,144,904	\$551,521,470
Oregon	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	6,715,154	13,521,570	20,236,724
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	40,098,534	-	40,098,534
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	85,000	50,000	135,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	1,021,799	1,021,799
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	33,744,285	-	33,744,285
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	259,738,927	-	259,738,927
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	42,623,000	24,190,750	66,813,750
Total		\$383,004,901	\$38,784,119	\$421,789,020
Pennsylvania	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	29,985,000	-	29,985,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	10,120,590	1,396,679	11,517,269
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	299,490	299,490
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	38,229,464	-	38,229,464
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	300,287,847	-	300,287,847
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	176,136,050	22,820,060	198,956,110
	Total		\$554,758,951	\$24,516,229
Puerto Rico	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	14,779,134	-	14,779,134
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	50,000	50,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	16,934,715	-	16,934,715
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	186,135,203	-	186,135,203
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	22,929,000	10,954,642	33,883,642
Total		\$240,778,053	\$11,004,642	\$251,782,695
Rhode Island	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	1,766,000	-	1,766,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	11,925,130	-	11,925,130
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	4,786,223	-	4,786,223
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	13,512,035	-	13,512,035
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	386,000	295,000	681,000
Total		\$32,375,388	\$295,000	\$32,670,388

*Total funds for Oklahoma include \$14.28 million in funding provided to supplement the Rural Development Circuit Rider Technical Assistance Contract for rural water systems.

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State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
South Carolina	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	5,662,501	17,167,287	22,829,788
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	33,633,987	-	33,633,987
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	47,288,500	7,616,660	54,905,160
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	1,282,277	1,282,277
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	40,343,011	-	40,343,011
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	253,679,322	-	253,679,322
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	101,282,000	41,825,100	143,107,100
	Total	\$481,889,321	\$67,891,324	\$549,780,645
South Dakota	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	9,047,287	17,984,479	27,031,766
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	3,457,400	-	3,457,400
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	17,742,140	1,361,580	19,103,720
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	524,583	524,583
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	11,681,265	-	11,681,265
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	96,087,834	-	96,087,834
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	40,152,000	17,147,000	57,299,000
	Total	\$178,167,926	\$37,017,642	\$215,185,568
Tennessee	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	66,464,723	108,170,821	174,635,544
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	74,319,948	-	74,319,948
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	53,375,400	2,743,774	56,119,174
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	772,499	772,499
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	43,980,215	-	43,980,215
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	303,270,632	-	303,270,632
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	36,600,000	15,748,600	52,348,600
	Total	\$578,010,919	\$127,435,694	\$705,446,613
Texas	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	117,906,145	123,611,115	241,517,260
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	70,015,470	-	70,015,470
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	30,565,350	4,594,983	35,160,333
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	1,200,000	1,200,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	35,391,575	-	35,391,575
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	444,443,779	-	444,443,779
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	68,480,830	24,936,630	93,417,460
	Total	\$766,803,149	\$154,342,728	\$921,145,877
Utah	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	620,724	11,249,314	11,870,038
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	4,620,708	-	4,620,708
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	14,149,700	1,095,200	15,244,900
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	99,900	99,900
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	52,447,981	-	52,447,981
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	230,543,739	-	230,543,739
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	10,182,000	8,024,436	18,206,436
	Total	\$312,564,853	\$20,468,850	\$333,033,703
Vermont	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	36,834,074	85,556,736	122,390,810
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	15,471,940	-	15,471,940
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	7,027,200	1,238,688	8,265,888
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	65,000	65,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	13,194,060	-	13,194,060
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	33,816,263	-	33,816,263
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	13,785,200	21,848,100	35,633,300
	Total	\$120,128,737	\$108,708,524	\$228,837,261
Virgin Islands	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	3,750,000	-	3,750,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	380,000	-	380,000
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	632,000	-	632,000
	Total	\$4,762,000	\$0	\$4,762,000
Virginia	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	17,030,859	76,127,368	93,158,227
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	17,062,000	-	17,062,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	74,287,182	4,397,287	78,684,469
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	436,600	436,600
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	31,031,607	-	31,031,607
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	314,723,832	-	314,723,832
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	98,899,000	26,434,600	125,333,600
	Total	\$553,034,480	\$107,395,855	\$660,430,335

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State	Program	Total Loan Amount (\$)	Total Grant Amount (\$)	Total Funds (\$)
Washington	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	12,574,886	50,952,500	63,527,386
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	23,746,433	-	23,746,433
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	3,129,900	355,740	3,485,640
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	287,373	287,373
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	48,044,738	-	48,044,738
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	285,682,597	-	285,682,597
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	82,878,064	10,780,750	93,658,814
	Total	\$456,056,618	\$62,376,363	\$518,432,981
West Virginia	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	10,969,942	32,100,698	43,070,640
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	3,284,000	-	3,284,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	5,394,000	549,850	5,943,850
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	200,000	200,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	17,529,010	-	17,529,010
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	124,708,215	-	124,708,215
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	64,443,000	38,555,500	102,998,500
	Total	\$226,328,167	\$71,406,048	\$297,734,215
Wisconsin	Broadband Loan and Grant Program	26,285,366	64,176,199	90,461,565
	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	117,661,159	-	117,661,159
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	20,567,950	1,785,150	22,353,100
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	385,799	385,799
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	19,970,443	-	19,970,443
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	251,377,875	-	251,377,875
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	41,868,000	21,119,100	62,987,100
	Total	\$477,730,794	\$87,466,248	\$565,197,042
Wyoming	Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program	5,000,000	-	5,000,000
	Community Facility Loan and Grant Program	8,740,000	-	8,740,000
	Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program	-	60,000	60,000
	Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program	7,843,767	-	7,843,767
	Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program	91,530,921	-	91,530,921
	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program	1,072,000	340,000	1,412,000
	Total	\$114,186,688	\$400,000	\$114,586,688
Grand Total		\$17,692,111,082	\$3,555,534,081	\$21,261,925,163

Broadband Infrastructure by State

The following table shows the allocation of Recovery Act funds by state according to the areas served by new or improved broadband infrastructure.

Alabama	\$32,708,553	Louisiana	\$82,792,091	Ohio	\$31,837,410
Alaska	\$122,525,335	Maine	\$9,404,866	Oklahoma	\$186,507,003
American Samoa	\$91,034,763	Maryland	\$63,186,658	Oregon	\$21,393,355
Arizona	\$41,045,137	Massachusetts	\$486,349	Pennsylvania	\$58,509,761
Arkansas	\$16,378,325	Michigan	\$123,855,880	South Carolina	\$25,879,948
California	\$24,466,807	Minnesota	\$192,535,732	South Dakota	\$27,031,766
Colorado	\$59,558,461	Mississippi	\$15,585,158	Tennessee	\$210,675,942
Florida	\$52,342,881	Missouri	\$180,062,293	Texas	\$206,762,233
Georgia	\$99,261,243	Montana	\$113,901,388	Utah	\$11,770,038
Hawaii	\$106,503	Nebraska	\$12,042,292	Vermont	\$122,390,810
Idaho	\$15,683,651	Nevada	\$20,843,354	Virginia	\$60,911,669
Illinois	\$38,305,280	New Hampshire	\$3,378,729	Washington	\$62,370,755
Indiana	\$20,808,111	New Mexico	\$92,425,567	West Virginia	\$43,626,288
Iowa	\$118,896,439	New York	\$58,393,260	Wisconsin	\$90,461,565
Kansas	\$137,390,289	North Carolina	\$146,708,201		
Kentucky	\$305,371,427	North Dakota	\$77,477,324		

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