



# USDA Disaster Recovery Programs

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So, what do you  
think of when  
USDA is  
mentioned?





# USDA's Response and Recovery Operations

- Collaboration
- Data Sharing
- Best Practices
- Initiatives
- Staffing





# USDA Response Operations

- Emergency Support Function (ESF) #11 – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is coordinating agency
- Natural Resources Conservation Service assist with debris clean-up and can be included in ESF#11
- USDA Rural Development (RD) works with Housing & Urban Development (HUD) under ESF #6 as needed.

Emergency Support Functions*	
# 1	Transportation
# 2	Communications
# 3	Public Works & Engineering
# 4	Firefighting
# 5	Emergency Management
# 6	Mass Care
# 7	Logistics & Resource Support
# 8	Public Health & Medical
# 9	Search & Rescue
# 10	Oil & HazMat Response
# 11	Agriculture & Natural Resources
# 12	Energy
# 13	Public Safety and Security
# 15	External Affairs

*\*Each ESF has a primary coordinating agency and several support agencies.*



# Priority Access for Displaced Families

## Program Highlights

- Presidential Declaration
- Available for non-RD tenants who have a FEMA Registration
- Placement nation-wide
- Good for 120 days with possible extensions

## RD Inventory (end of FY21)

- 13,174 properties
- 410,467 total units
- 25,679 vacant units nationwide







# USDA Recovery Operations

- Staffed recovery operations within RD full-time, March 2020.
- USDA serves in a “primary” capacity for:
  - Economic
  - Health & Social Services
  - Housing
- USDA has programming applicable in all Recovery Support Functions (RSFs).
- RD alone has over 40 programs applicable to recovery operations.

Agency	Community Planning and Capacity Building	Economic	Health and Social Services	Housing	Infrastructure Systems	Natural and Cultural Resources
DHS/FEMA	Coordinating (+ Primary)	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary	Primary
Dept. of Commerce	Support	Coordinating (+ Primary)	Primary	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Health and Human Services	Support	Support	Coordinating	Support	Support	
Dept. of Housing and Urban Development	Primary (+ Support)	Support	Primary	Coordinating (+ Primary)	Support	
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Support				Coordinating (+ Primary)	Support
Department of Interior	Support	Support	Primary		Support	Coordinating (+ Primary)
Dept. of Agriculture	Support	Primary	Primary	Primary	Support	Support
Dept. of Education	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Justice	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Labor	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of State	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Transportation	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of War	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Wildlife	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support
Dept. of Youth	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support	Support

# USDA Agencies Associated with Disaster Recovery

- Agriculture Marketing Service
- Farm Service Agency
- Food Nutrition Service
- Forest Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Risk Management Agency
- Rural Development





# FSA – Continued Disaster Assistance Programs: Farmland Damage

- Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) helps farmers and ranchers repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and helps put in place water conservation methods during severe drought.
  - Farm Service Agency was approved for (25) counties in Kentucky for tornado recovery. Over 400 applications totaling \$11 million.
- Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP) helps owners of non-industrial private forests restore forest health damaged by natural disasters.



# Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

## Disaster Recovery Assistance: Assistance for Communities

- Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program: When natural disasters strike, the Emergency Watershed Protection Program offers vital recovery options for local communities to help people reduce hazards to life and property caused by floodwaters, droughts, wildfires, earthquakes, windstorms, and other natural disasters. Project funds address erosion related watershed impairments by supporting activities such as removing debris from stream channels, road culverts, and bridges; reshaping and protecting eroded banks; correcting damaged drainage facilities; repairing levees and structures; and reseeding damaged areas.
  - Kentucky received (13) requests for assistance with (86) sites. Total funding was \$3.1 million.
- Emergency Watershed Protection – Floodplain Easement Program (EWP-FEP): The Emergency Watershed Protection - Floodplain Easement (EWPP-FPE) option offers an alternative method to traditional EWP Program Recovery. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recommends this option to landowners and others where acquiring an easement is the best approach (more economical and prudent) to reduce threat to life and/or property.



# NRCS – Continued Disaster Recovery Assistance: Assistance for Producers

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP): Farmers, ranchers, and non-industrial private forestland owners can apply for resource assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, and non-industrial private forestland. Recovery assistance includes but is not limited to: immediate soil erosion protection, minimizing noxious and invasive plant proliferation, protecting water quality, restoring livestock infrastructure necessary for grazing management, emergency animal mortality management.
  - Kentucky had 120 registrants for “woody” debris removal associated with tornado recovery. Total contracts at \$3.4 million.
- Emergency Animal Mortality Management: When catastrophic non-disease natural events (ie. flood, fire, weather-related) occur, financial assistance for emergency animal mortality management may be offered. Producers can contact the local field office at that time for more details.

# NRCS – Continued Disaster Recovery Assistance: Technical Assistance

- NRCS can also assist impacted communities by providing technical information to help them repair damaged farms and ranches NRCS conservationists can offer advice on preventing erosion, covering and protecting exposed soil, directing water away from areas vulnerable to erosion, and more.





# Rural Development

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Rural Housing  
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# Single-Family Home Repair Loans and Grants

Helps very-low-income rural homeowners make important repairs to their homes.

## Grants

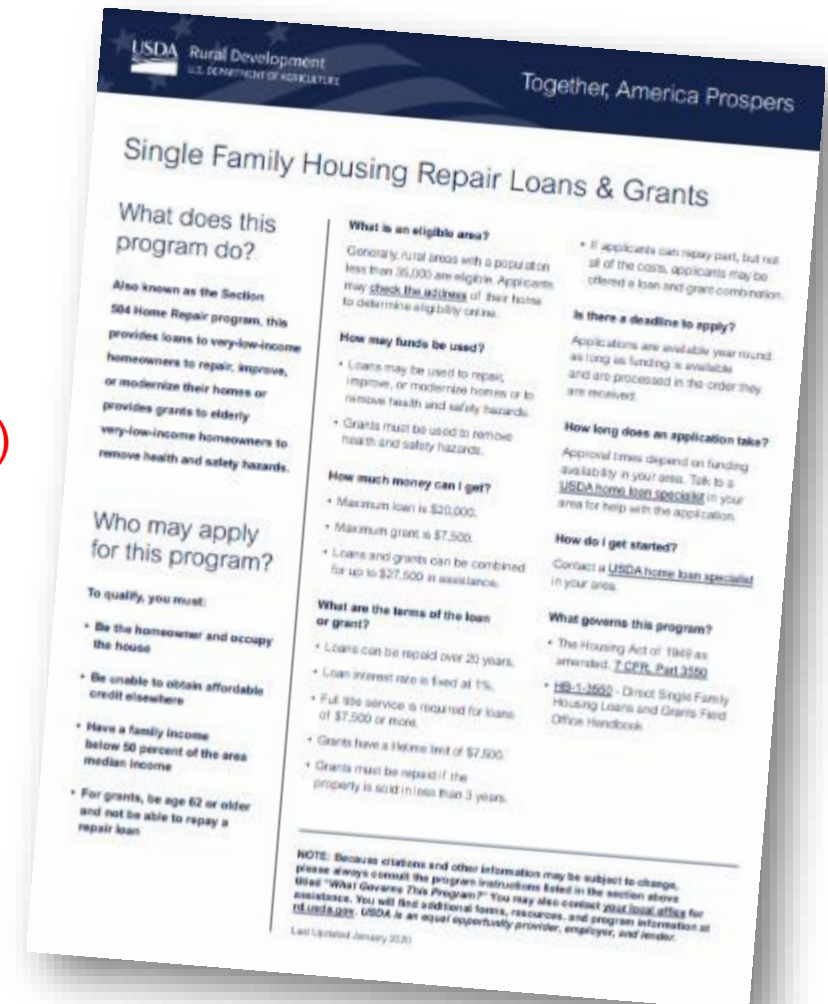
- Must be age 62+
- Maximum of \$10,000 (Waiver just approved for \$36,520 in Kentucky)
- Correct health and safety repairs

## Loans

- Maximum of \$40,000; 20 years – 1%
- Repair, improve, modernize and health/safety repairs

## Kentucky Contact

Blaine Barnes, Housing Program Director, (859) 224-7353





# Single-Family Home Repair Loans and Grants

- Access for persons with disabilities
- Roofs, flooring, wiring, windows and septic tanks
- Energy-saving upgrades, and more.



# Restrictions – Home Repair Loans and Grants

## Funds **cannot** assist with

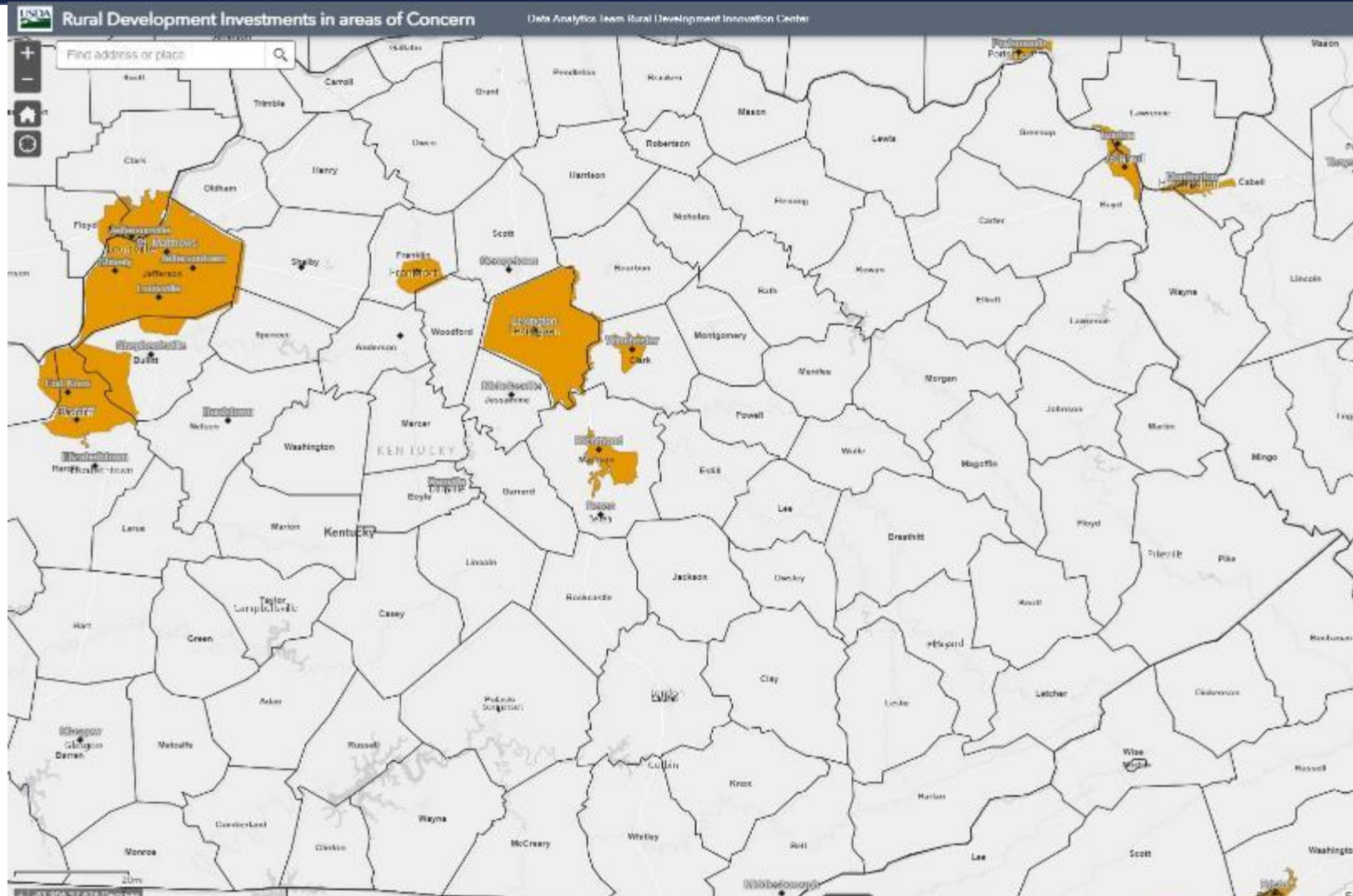
- Construct a new home
  - Move mobile home to another site
  - Off-site improvements (except utilities)
  - Refinance debt prior to application
  - Packaging fees to for-profits
  - Site preparation
  - New deck construction
  - Concrete/asphalt driveways (except accessibility)
  - Landscape
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## Mobile/Manufactured Homes allowed if

- Must own home and site
- Removes health or safety hazards
- Home is on a permanent foundation or will be put on one with program funds.



# Rural Areas – Single Family



## Eastern Kentucky

- Darker shaded areas **ineligible**
- Public site to help applicants determine eligibility:  
<https://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/>

# Income Limits – Single Family Repair

## Kentucky County Income Limits

504 Loan/Grant (Home Repair)	\$28,250	\$37,300
502 Direct (Home Loan)	\$45,200	\$59,650
502 Guaranteed (Home Loan)	\$91,900	\$121,300

- Very-low-income limits
- Grouped by family size:  
1-4 people and 5-8 people
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# Single Family Direct Home Loans

- No Down Payment, 100% Financing
- Closing Costs and Repairs may be included
- Very-Low-Income and Low-Income Families and Individuals



# Adjusted Income Limits For 502 Eligibility Determination

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# Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program

Helps expand, develop or support essential community services in rural communities.

## Overview

- Applicants include public bodies, nonprofits, Tribes
- Population limit of 20,000
- Types of projects - Health care, education, public safety, community services, public facilities, food systems, etc.
- Population & MHI determine grant percentages

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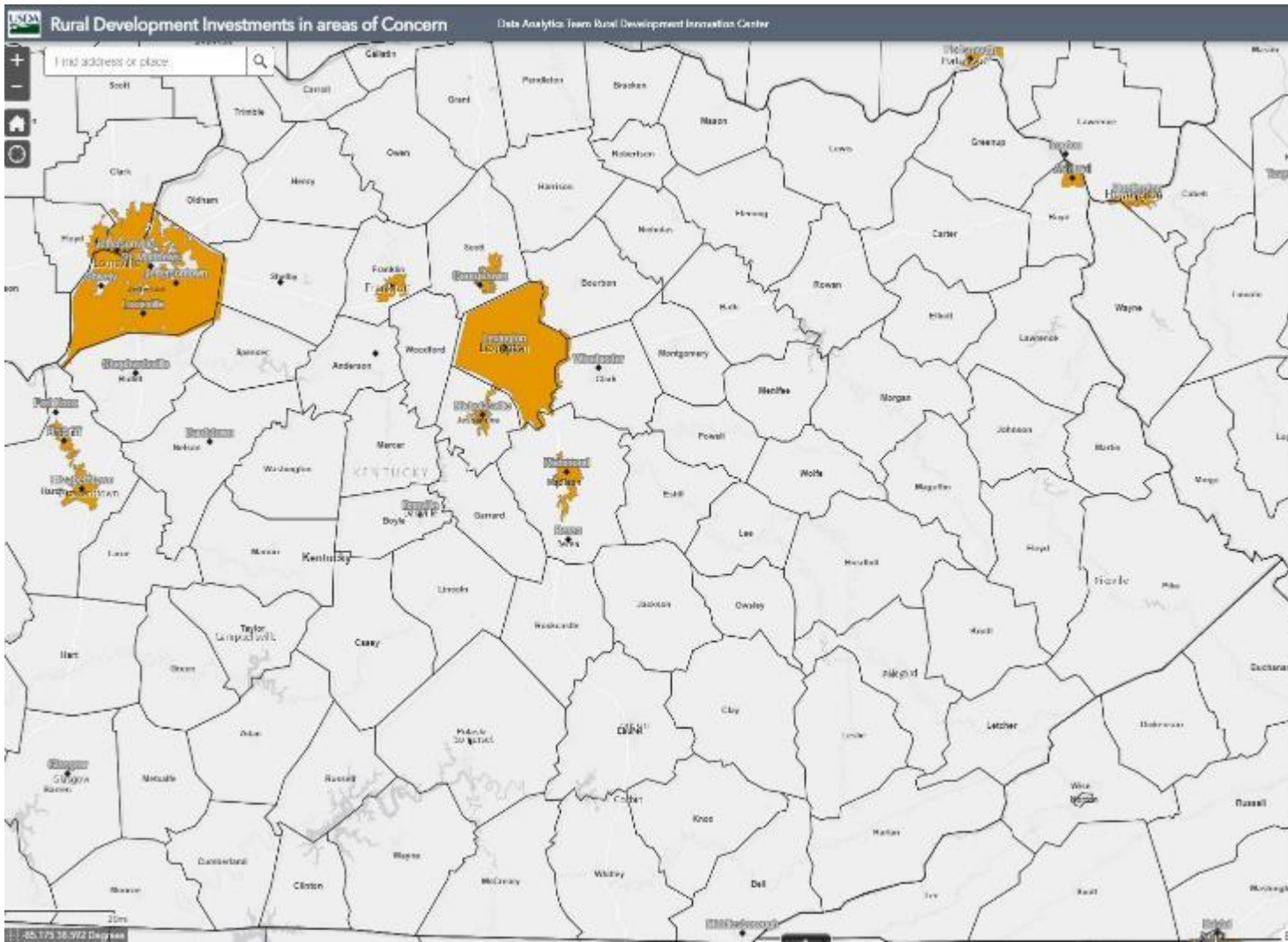
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# FEMA-PA (USDA Review)

Project #	Category	Title	Applicant	Applicant Type	County	Type	Best Available C	Best Available Cost Type	Community Facilities	Water and Waste Program	Electr
435680	F - Utilities	AppCert Bon Aqua Lyles Utility Waterline Washouts	Bon Aqua Lyles Utility District (081-0858C-00)	Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$8,893	CRC Net Cost			
542674	A - Debris Removal	Centerville Debris Removal	Centerville (081-90584-00)	City or Township Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$3,500	Approximate Cost			
542811	C - Roads and Bridges	Centerville Culverts	Centerville (081-90584-00)	City or Township Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$10,500	Approximate Cost			
542812	C - Roads and Bridges	Centerville Roads	Centerville (081-90584-00)	City or Township Government	Hickman County	Standard	\$5,500	Approximate Cost			
542677	F - Utilities	Centerville Water Dept Utilities Completed Work	Centerville Water Department (081-UULKT-00)	Special District Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$43,200	Approximate Cost		\$ 43,200	
545850	F - Utilities	Centerville Water Dept Washouts Work to be Completed	Centerville Water Department (081-UULKT-00)	Special District Government	Hickman County	Standard	\$15,000	Approximate Cost		\$ 15,000	
435654	B - Emergency Protective Measures	APP CERT - Emergency Protective Measures	Dickson (043-20620-00)	City or Township Government	Dickson County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$5,586	Signed Cost			
435687	C - Roads and Bridges	Culverts and Roads Repaired by City	Dickson (043-20620-00)	City or Township Government	Dickson County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$70,000	Approximate Cost			
437073	C - Roads and Bridges	Roads and Culverts Requiring Outside Contracting	Dickson (043-20620-00)	City or Township Government	Dickson County	Standard	\$290,000	Approximate Cost			
437206	C - Roads and Bridges	Roads, Bridges, and Culverts Repaired by the County	Dickson County (043-99043-00)	County Government	Dickson County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$80,000	Approximate Cost			
437277	A - Debris Removal	Debris Removal	Dickson County (043-99043-00)	County Government	Dickson County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$29,940	Approximate Cost			
437360	B - Emergency Protective Measures	APP CERT - Emergency Protective Measures	Dickson County (043-99043-00)	County Government	Dickson County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$11,000	Approximate Cost			
437366	C - Roads and Bridges	Embankments to prevent mudslides	Dickson County (043-99043-00)	County Government	Dickson County	Standard	\$60,000	Approximate Cost			
435551	F - Buildings and Equipment	Replacement of Two Destroyed School Buses	Dickson County Board of Education (043-UOZFO-00)	County Government	Dickson County	Standard	\$79,700	Gross Cost	\$ 79,700		
543232	A - Debris Removal	Debris removed from city streets	Erin (083-24320-00)	City or Township Government	Houston County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$16,757	Gross Cost			
546413	B - Emergency Protective Measures	Self - Cert Emergency Road Closure	Erin (083-24320-00)	City or Township Government	Houston County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$4,340	Signed Cost			
546418	C - Roads and Bridges	Self-Cert Pavement repair on bridge	Erin (083-24320-00)	City or Township Government	Houston County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$0	Gross Cost			
436397	E - Buildings and Equipment	Adult Church for First Church of the Nazarene of Waverly	First Church of the Nazarene of Waverly (085-UNQNR-00)	Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status	Humphreys County	Standard	\$975,890	Approximate Cost	\$ 975,890		
543116	A - Debris Removal	Debris Removal CAT A	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$13,000	Approximate Cost			
543118	C - Roads and Bridges	APP CERT Hickman County Roads CAT C	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$133,000	Approximate Cost			
545853	C - Roads and Bridges	APP CERT Hickman Roads CAT C	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$133,000	Approximate Cost			
545858	C - Roads and Bridges	APP CERT Hickman County CAT C Roads	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$133,000	Approximate Cost			
545872	C - Roads and Bridges	APP CERT Roads CAT C	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$133,000	Approximate Cost			
545881	C - Roads and Bridges	APP CERT CAT C Roads Hickman County	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$133,000	Approximate Cost			
545887	C - Roads and Bridges	APP CERT Hickman County CAT C	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Work Completed / Fully Documented	\$133,000	Approximate Cost			
545891	C - Roads and Bridges	Hickman County CAT C Roads	Hickman County (081-99081-00)	County Government	Hickman County	Standard	\$30,000	Approximate Cost			
545891	E - Buildings and					Work Completed /					



# Water and Environmental Programs





# Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Helps expand, develop or improve water, sewer, solid waste and storm drainage systems in rural communities.

## Overview

- Applicants include public bodies, nonprofits, Tribes
- Population limit of 10,000
- Types of projects – Drinking water, sewer, solid waste, storm water
- Low-interest, long term financing

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# Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

Helps rural communities when an emergency threatens the quality or quantity of safe, reliable drinking water.

## Overview

- Applicants include public bodies, nonprofits, Tribes
- Population limit of 10,000
- Federal disaster declaration not required
- Water source - \$1 million max  
Water distribution - \$150,000 max

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# Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

## Electric Programs

The Electric Program provides capital and leadership to maintain, expand, upgrade and modernize America's vast rural electric infrastructure.

The loans and loan guarantees finance the construction or improvement of electric distribution, transmission and generation facilities in rural areas.





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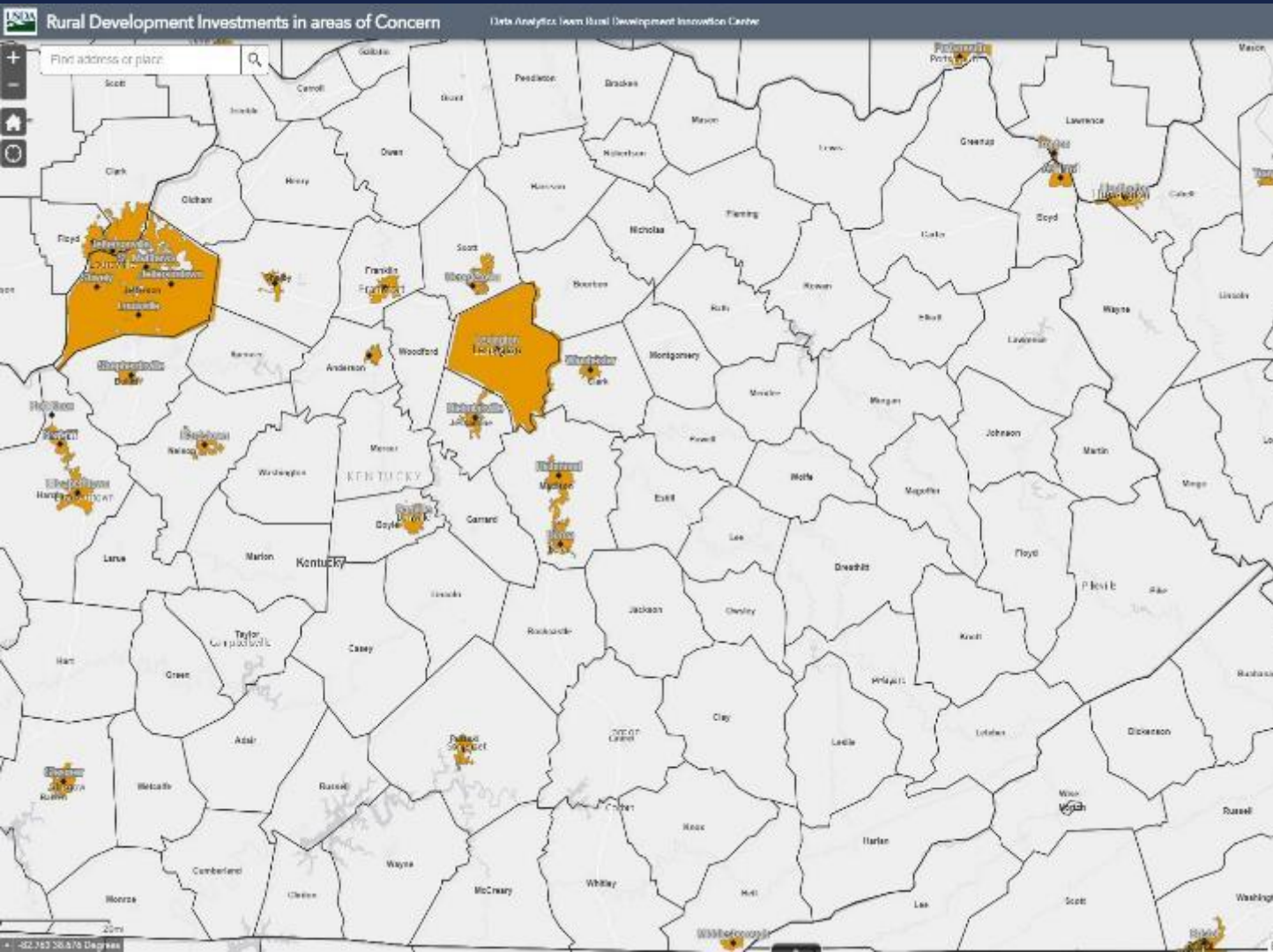
This Program administered by Washington, DC\*  
Will need to speak with General Field Representative  
for further details

## Rural Broadband Loan Program

- Loans to finance entities seeking to:
  - Construct
  - Improve, and
  - Acquire facilities, and/or
  - Equipment to provide broadband service.



## Rural Areas – Utilities



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# Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

## Business & Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)

- Convert, enlarge, repair, modernize, or develop a business
- Purchase and develop land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, or facilities
- Purchase equipment, machinery, supplies, or inventory
- Refinance when new jobs will be created and other conditions are met
- Acquire businesses and industries when the loan will keep the business from closing and/or save or create jobs.

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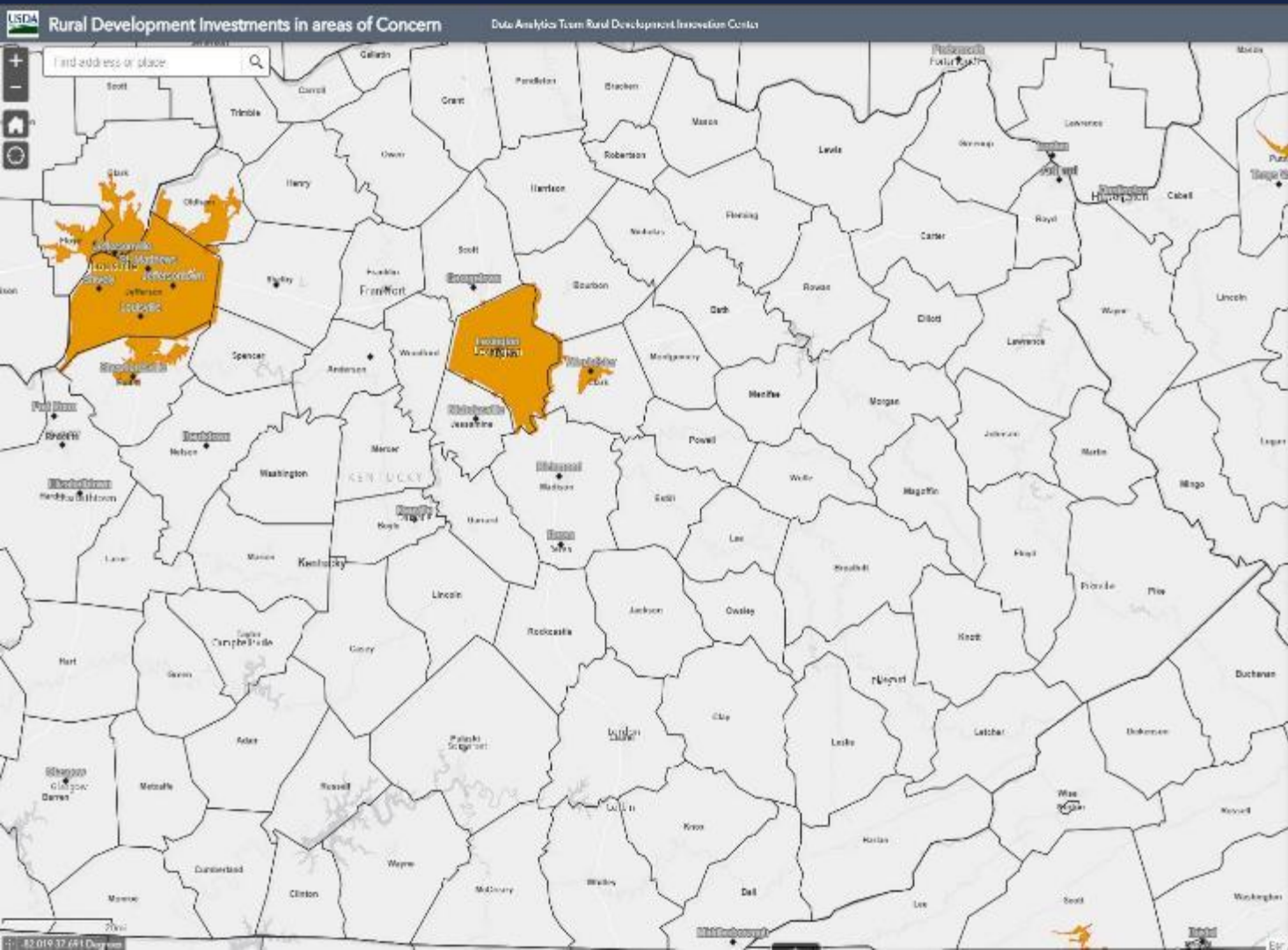
# Rural Business-Cooperative Service (Rural Energy for America Program)

- Installing energy efficient lighting
- Upgrading refrigeration systems
- Improving insulation, duct work, windows, and other building upgrades
- Lowers heating and cooling costs with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning upgrades





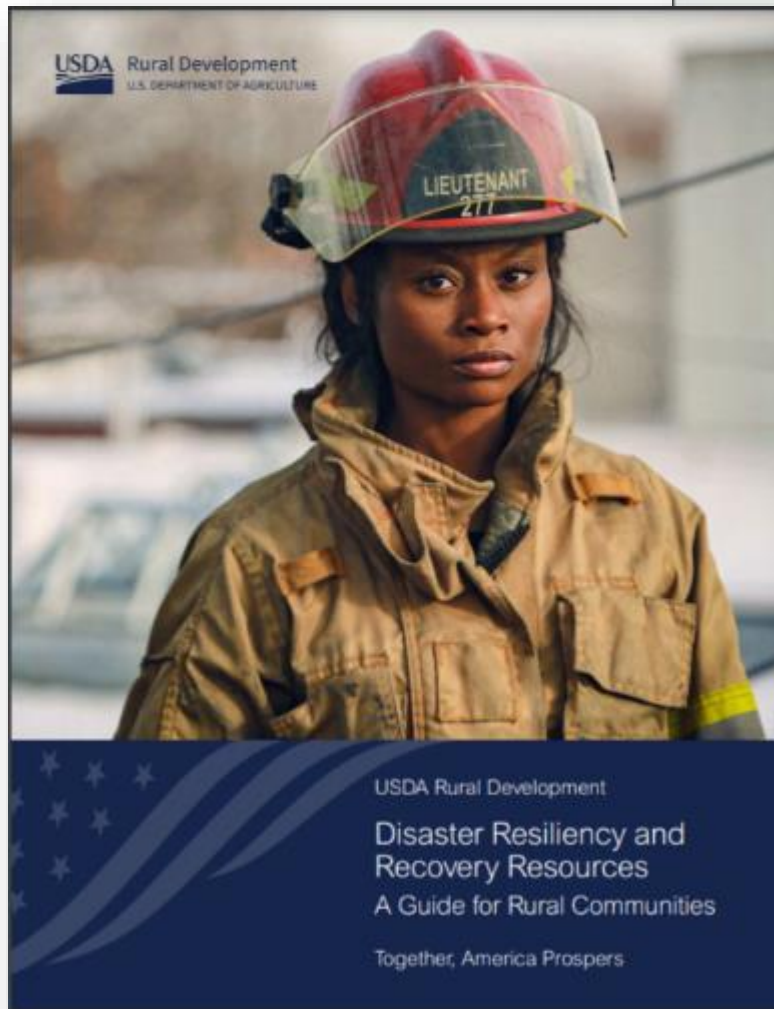
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# Disaster Resiliency and Recovery Resources Guide



Source: *Source matrix categorizes Rural Development programs by customer and assistance type.*

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more about applying for these opportunities. **NOTE:** In times of  
the important updates: [mccord.usps.gov](http://mccord.usps.gov)

Any Questions?



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