

Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program, USDA

Applications due May 26, 2017.

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The Rural Cooperative Development Grant program helps improve the economic condition of rural areas by helping non-profit corporations or higher education institutions in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives and other mutually-owned businesses through cooperative development.

Estimated Program Funding: \$5.8 million

Maximum Grant Amount: \$200,000

Matching Funds Requirement: 25% of total project costs (5% for 1994 institutions)

How may funds be used? Grant and matching funds can be used for developing and operating a Rural Cooperative Development Center. Examples of technical and other services that the Centers can provide:

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- Conducting feasibility studies
- Developing business plans
- Providing leadership and operational improvement training
- Facilitating strategic planning

Note that the Center can be located in any area, but the individuals and business assisted must be located in an eligible rural area.

Who may apply for this program? Nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for this program. Public bodies, for-profit business, and individuals are not eligible.

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