**Rural Business Opportunity Grants**

Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG)--This program supports regional planning activities to improve economic conditions in rural areas. **More than $2.5 million in USDA funding will support 37projects in 27 states.**

**Recipient: Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - grant of $37,675

State:  **Alaska**

County: Kodiak

Congressman, District: Young, At-Large

Senators: Murkowski and Begich

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to research the most impactful uses of broadband technology in rural economies and then to develop a strategic economic development action plan.

Other Funding: $3,600

Total Project Cost: $41,275

**Recipient: Economic Development Coalition of Northeast Arkansas**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$50,000

State: **Arkansas**

County: Clay

Congressman, District: Crawford, 1

Senators: Pryor and Boozman

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to develop a regional strategic plan for a five-county area.

Other Funding: $55,000

Total Project Cost: $105,000

**Recipient: Ione Band of Miwuk Indians**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $118,800

State: **California**

County: Amador

Congressman, District: Lungren, 3

Senators: Feinstein and Boxer

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to assess the feasibility of providing broadband service to disadvantaged residents of a five county service area. Broadband service would allow these residents to access news, essential information, distance-learning programs, and on-line businesses.

Other Funding: $121,291

Total Project Cost: $240,171

**Recipient: Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $197,066

**State: California**

County: Tuolumne

Congressman, District: Radonovich, 19

Senators: Feinstein and Boxer

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide job training for a Fuels and Fire Crew and develop a sustainable business model for a sustainable forest-based business.

Other Funding: $96,263

Total Project Cost: $293,329

**Recipient: First Nations Oweesta Corporation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $149,998

**State: Colorado**

County: Boulder

Congressman, District: Gardner, 4

Senators: Bennet and Udall

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide training on financial literacy, credit coaching, and business development to three start-up Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) which will serve rural Native American reservations in California, Idaho, and Montana.

**Recipient: River Valley Regional Commission**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: Georgia**

County: Sumter

Congressman, District: Bishop, 2

Senators: Chambliss and Isakson

Address: Columbus, Georgia

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to create Redevelopment Plans for the cities of Butler and Vienna.

Other Funding: $786,466

Total Project Cost: $836,466

**Recipient: Nez Perce Tribe**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $46,975

**State: Idaho**

County: Nez Perce

Congressman, District: Labrador, 1

Senators: Crapo and Risch

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a Business Information Research Library and a Chamber of Commerce with a Leadership Development Program.

Other Funding: $80,000

Total Project Cost: $126,975

**Recipient: Scott County Economic Development Corporation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $50,000

**State: Indiana**

County: Scott

Congressman, District: Young, 9

Senators: Lugar and Coats

Recipient Contact: Elaina Freeman

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance, including one-on-one business advisory services, business counseling, software training, and facilitation of best practices.

**Recipient: Jo-Carroll Energy, Inc.**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: Illinois**

County: Jo Daviess

Congressman, District: Manzullo, 16

Senators: Durbin and Kirk

Recipient Contact: Russell Simpson

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a sustainable small business support center that will include training, consulting, and incubator capabilities.

Other Funding: $220,000

Total Project Cost: $270,000

**Recipient: Mid Iowa Development Association Council of Governments**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $50,000

**State: Iowa**

County: Webster

Congressman, District: Latham, 4

Senators: Grassley and Harkin

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to develop a Master Plan for an expansion of an existing agricultural park. The park will host wind, biotechnology, and food processing industries that can utilize the corn and bean production of the surrounding area for value-added processing.

Other Funding: $51,000

Total Project Cost: $101,000

**Recipient: The Wallace Centers of Iowa**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: Iowa**

County: Polk

Congressman, District: Boswell, 3

Senators: Grassley and Harkin

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a program that will provide education, mentoring, support, expertise, and commercial space and equipment to create, test, process, and package a new food product. The services will be targeted toward farmers, entrepreneurs, gardeners, and individuals within a 12-county area in southwest Iowa who want to add value to their locally-grown crops by development a related food product.

Other Funding: $60,183

Total Project Cost: $110,183

**Recipient: Iowa Department of Natural Resources**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $50,000

**State: Iowa**

County: Polk

Congressman, District: Boswell, 3

Senators: Grassley and Harkin

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to expand the Pollution Prevention Service’s program to conduct multi-media pollution prevention internships at four industrial facilities in a disaster area. The applicant will provide environmental technical assistance to identify and implement cost-saving opportunities. The interns will conduct an in-depth audit, collect data, make recommendations, and assist with implementation.

Other Funding: $51,600

Total Project Cost: $101,600

**Recipient: Iowa Foundation for Microenterprise and Community Vitality**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $150,000

**State: Iowa**

County: Boone

Congressman, District: Latham, 4

Senators: Grassley and Harkin

Recipient Contact: Craig Downs

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to implement a pilot strategic initiative that organizes existing technical assistance and capital providers into a network with capacity to assist eligible rural entrepreneurs and business people who are unable to access capital and technical assistance through conventional networks.

Other Funding: $755,000

Total Project Cost: $905,000

**Recipient: Northern Maine Development Commission, Inc.**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: Maine**

County: Aroostoock

Congressman, District: Michaud, 2

Senators: Snowe and Collins

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to create a pilot program that will identify business needs, find entrepreneurs, provide training, match investors to entrepreneurs, and support start-up businesses.

Other Funding: $52,000

Total Project Cost: $102,000

**Recipient: Town of Skowhegan**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $39,999

**State: Maine**

County: Somerset

Congressman, District: Michaud, 2

Senators: Snowe and Collins

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to complete the river modeling of a whitewater rafting business on the Kennebec River.

Other Funding: $40,001

Total Project Cost: $80,000

**Recipient: Rail Authority of East Mississippi**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $50,000

**State: Mississippi**

County: Wayne

Congressman, District: Palazzo, 4th

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to complete an Economic Impact Analysis that will assess the effect of improved rail access to the southeastern Mississippi.

Other Funding: $50,000

Total Project Cost: $100,000

**Recipient: Pioneer Trail Regional Planning Commission**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $49,601

**State: Missouri**

County: Johnson

Congressman, District: Hartzler, 4

Senators: McCaskill and Blunt

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to develop and implement a geographic information system and database to match waste generators with material users. Funds will also be used to support a marketing effort to brand products with a logo of “Recycled and Remade in Missouri.”

Other Funding: $51,997

Total Project Cost: $101,598

**Recipient: Southeastern Montana Development Corporation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$26,000

**State: Montana**

County: Rosebud

Congressman, District: Rehberg, At-Large

Senators: Baucus and Tester

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide environmental, economic, and social health planning assistance related to the development of the Otter Creek coal mine.

Other Funding: $40,000

Total Project Cost: $66,000

**Recipient: Nebraska Ethanol Industry Coalition**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $100,000

**State: Nebraska**

County: Lancaster

Congressman, District: Fortenberry, 1

Senators: Nelson and Johanns

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to conduct a public education campaign intended to increase driver awareness about the Flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) and to encourage the purchase of new or used FFVs in rural areas in six states: Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, and Nebraska.

**Recipient: Nebraska Ethanol Industry Coalition**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$100,000

**State: Nebraska**

County: Lancaster

Congressman, District: Fortenberry, 1

Senators: Nelson and Johanns

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to conduct a public education campaign intended to increase driver awareness about the Flexible Fuel Vehicle (FFV) and to encourage the purchase of new or used FFVs in rural areas in six states: Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, and Nebraska.

Other Funding: $410,080

Total Project Cost: $510,080

**Recipient: Northern Forest Center, Inc.**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $20,000

**State: New Hampshire**

County: Merrimack

Congressman, District: Bass, 2

Senators: Ayotte and Shaheen

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance, such as feasibility studies, marketing assistance, and workshops. The assistance will be provided to forest-based businesses.

Other Funding: $193,000

Total Project Cost: $213,000

**Recipient: The Support Center**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$50,000

**State: North Carolina**

County: Durham

Congressman, District: Price, 4

Senators: Burr and Hagan

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide financial training to rural, small business owners in rural areas at times that are convenient for the owners.

Other Funding: $125,000

Total Project Cost: $175,000

**Recipient: Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $45,000

**State: North Dakota**

County: Morton

Congressman, District: Berg, At-Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to train four professional Native American interpreters through an internship program at On-A-Slant Village.

Other Funding: $190,000

Total Project Cost: $235,000

**Recipient: South Central Dakota Regional Council**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$50,000

**State: North Dakota**

County: Barnes

Congressman, District: Berg, At-Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to expand the recipient’s ability to offer technical assistance, such as financial advice, budget planning, processing improvement services, workforce training, business expansion planning, and business plans.

Other Funding: $319,000

Total Project Cost: $369,000

**Recipient: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $150,000

**State: North Dakota**

County: Sioux

Congressman, District: Berg, At-Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide economic development services to the Standing Rock Reservation.

Other Funding: $150,000

Total Project Cost: $300,000

**Recipient: County of Sullivan**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: New York**

County: Sullivan

Congressman, District: Hinchey, 2

Senators: Schumer and Gillibrand

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund the Sullivan County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, a strategic planning effort that will consolidate and coordinate various in-progress economic development initiatives being led by the County’s Division of Planning in collaboration with other government, private business, and institutional partners.

Other Funding: $134,000

Total Project Cost: $184,000

**Recipient: Energize Clinton County**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$48,500

**State: Ohio**

County: Clinton

Congressman, District: Schmidt, 2

Senators: Brown and Portman

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a technical training center for small business owners, farmers, and business development organizations to assist those organizations in developing Buy Local campaigns.

Other Funding: $31,200

Total Project Cost: $79,700

**Recipient: Indian Country Agriculture Resource Development Corporation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$72,200

**State: Oklahoma**

County: Caddo

Congressman, District: Lucas, 3

Senators: Inhofe and Coburn

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide business training to 20-24 Native American agricultural entrepreneurs. The training will include general business planning and feasibility assessment, risk assessment, marketing techniques, and financial planning. The goal of the training is to assist Native American agricultural producers in supplying meat and vegetable products to southwestern Oklahoma food deserts.

Other Funding: $297,800

Total Project Cost: $370,000

**Recipient: Cherokee Nation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $50,000

**State: Oklahoma**

County: Cherokee

Congressman, District: Boren, 2

Senators: Inhofe and Coburn

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance and training to existing or prospective entrepreneurs and managers in rural communities in northeastern Oklahoma.

**Recipient: Association of Oregon Counties**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$50,000

**State: Oregon**

County: Curry

Congressman, District: DeFazio, 4

Senators: Wyden and Merkley

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund planning studies for a transmission line, regional solarization, wastewater treatment, and biomass use.

Other Funding: $50,001

Total Project Cost: $100,001

**Recipient: Coquille Indian Tribe**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $58,300

**State: Oregon**

County: Coos

Congressman, District: DeFazio, 4

Senators: Wyden and Merkley

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to evaluate the viability of a tribally-owned wastewater treatment facility on tribal land for tribal needs and for the nearby Charleston Sanitary District as an alternative to the near-capacity Coos Bay city wastewater system.

Other Funding: $15,006

Total Project Cost: $73,306

**Recipient: Williamsburg County**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $36,322

**State: South Carolina**

County: Williamsburg

Congressman, District: Clyburn, 6

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund grant writing and proposal development for grants from foundations and state and federal agencies. The center will also provide technical assistance to start-up businesses.

Other Funding: $72,996

Total Project Cost: $109,318

**Recipient: Four Bands Community Fund, Inc.**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: South Dakota**

County: Dewey

Congressman, District: Noem, At-Large

Senators: Johnson and Thune

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to train 50 business owners on green business practices. Of those 50 businesses, 10 will receive additional intensive assistance through the applicant’s revolving loan fund or the USDA Rural Development Renewable Energy for America program.

Other Funding: $ 75,000

Total Project Cost: $125,000

**Recipient: Hunkpati Investments, Inc.**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$50,000

**State: South Dakota**

County: Buffalo

Congressman,District: Noem,At-Large

Senators: Johnson and Thune

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to teach an entrepreneurship course to 20 new and prospective small business owners, to provide technical assistance to 25 existing and prospective rural entrepreneurs, and to assist 30 rural entrepreneurs with marketing techniques.

**Recipient: Northeast South Dakota Economic Corporation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant - $50,000

**State: South Dakota**

County: Roberts

Congressman, District: Noem, At-Large

Senators: Johnson and Thune

Recipient Contact: Lori Finnesand

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to develop and provide a web-based technical assistance project to assist small and emerging economic development organizations within the northeast region of South Dakota.

Other Funding: $152,615

Total Project Cost: $202,615

**Recipient: Memphis Bioworks Foundation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $149,693

**State: Tennessee**

County: Shelby

Congressman, District: Cohen, 9

Senators: Alexander and Corker

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to expand AgBioWorks, a regional collaboration that supports and encourages alternative crop production and processing pilot trials that can be replicated across the region based on identified local markets.

Other Funding: $838,166

Total Project Cost: $987,859

**Recipient: Northern Community Investment Corporation**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- 74,000

**State: Vermont**

County: Essex

Congressman, District: Welch, At Large

Senators: Leahy and Sanders

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to develop an interactive website that can be navigated by small business clients of the applicant organization. The website will allow access to financial products, application packages, and intake forms to streamline communications.

Other Funding: $26,000

Total Project Cost: $100,000

**Recipient: Squaxin Island Tribe**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant-$49,201

**State: Washington**

County: Mason

Congressman, District: Dicks, 6

Senators: Murray and Cantwell

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a business incubator and mentoring program at the Tribe’s Ta-Qwo-Ma Business Center.

Other Funding: $43,529

Total Project Cost: $92,730

**Recipient: Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $22,000

**State: Wisconsin**

County: Vilas

Congressman, District: Ribble, 8

Senators: Kohl and Johnson

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to tribal enterprises and Native American businesses, including financial and job skills training.

Other Funding: $92,400

Total Project Cost: $114,000

**Recipient: Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission**

Program: Rural Business Opportunity Grant- $90,000

**State: Wisconsin**

County: Grant

Congressman, District: Kind, 3

Senators: Kohl and Johnson

Recipient Contact: Amy Seeboth

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to develop a prospectus for a tri-state region. The prospectus will establish an advisory group, conduct a market analysis, conduct a feasibility study, and create a financing plan.

Other Funding: $862,300

Total Project Cost: $952,300

**Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants**

Small, Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grants (SSDPG)--The objective of the SSDPG program is to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged agricultural producers through eligible cooperatives and associations of cooperatives. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis. **More than $2.9 million is being awarded to 19 recipients.**

**Recipient: Alabama State Association of Cooperatives**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $200,000

**State: Alabama**

County: Greene amd Sumter

Congressman, District: Sewell, 7

Senators: Shelby and Sessions

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives. The Greene/Sumter Farmers Market Cooperative has approximately 65 small farmer-members, which is composed of more than 98% of socially-disadvantage African-American producers.

**Recipient: Rio Culebra Agricultural Cooperative**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $173,000

**State: Colorado**

County: Costilla

Congressman, District: Tipton, 3

Senators: Bennet and Udall

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Arkansas Valley Organic Growers**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $142,000

**State: Colorado**

County: Otero

Congressman, District: Tipton, 3

Senators: Bennet and Udall

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Louisiana Association of Cooperatives**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program-$200,000

**State: Louisiana**

County: Jefferson

Congressman, District: Richmond, 2

Senators: Landrieu and Vitter

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives. Louisiana Association of Cooperatives will provide technical assistance in 41 rural parishes thoughout the state. The assistance will be provided in a hurricane impacted, disaster declared areas (FEMA-1786-DR, 10/16/2008) as a result of Hurricane Gustav. The project is located in a special emphasis and Lower Mississippi Delta Development initiative area.

**Recipient: Mileston Cooperative Association**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant-$104,000

**State: Mississippi**

County: Holmes

Congressman, District: Thompson, t 2

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or association of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Mississippi Association of Cooperatives**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $178,148

**State: Mississippi**

County: Hinds

Congressman, District: Thompson, 2

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: North Delta Produce Growers Association**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant- 200,000

**State: Mississippi**

County: Quitman

Congressman, District: Thompson, 2

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or association of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Tri County Agricultural Cooperative**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant- $199,973

**State: Mississippi**

County: Tallahatchie

Congressman, District: Thompson, t 2

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or association of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Winston County Self Help Cooperative**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $200,000

**State: Mississippi**

County: Winston

Congressman, District: Harper, 3

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Navajo San Juan Farmer Cooperative**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $125,000

**State: New Mexico**

County: San Juan

Congressman, District: Lujan, 3

Senators: Bingaman and Udall

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers (SSDP) in San Juan County, NM on the Navajo Nation. Technical assistance includes providing training and support to increase SSDP sales and develop their strategic plans so that they are able to sustain and grow their business. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: North Country Grown Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $117,598

**State: New York**

County: St. Lawrence

Congressman, District: Owens, 23

Senators: Schumer and Gillibrand

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Carolina Family Farms and Gardeners Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $40,000

**State: South Carolina**

County: Sumter

Congressman, District: Clyburn, 6 and Mulvaney, 5

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Recipient Contact: Tomilper Streater

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Carolina Vegetable Cooperative, Inc**.

Program: Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $100,000

**State: South Carolina**

County: Sumter

Congressman, District: Clyburn, 6 and Mulvaney, 5

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: SCF Organic Farms, LTD**

Program: Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program - $200,000

**State: South Carolina**

County: Sumter

Congressman, District: Clyburn, 6 and Mulvaney, 5

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: South Carolina Sea Island Farmer Cooperative**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $88,500

**State: South Carolina**

County: Charleston

Congressman, District: Scott, 1

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Piedmont Farmers Marketing Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $72,500

**State: South Carolina**

County: Greenwood

Congressman, District: Duncan, 3

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: The People’s Farmers Cooperative**

Program: Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program- $200,000

**State: South Carolina**

County: Williamsburg

Congressman, District Clyburn, 6

Senators: Graham and DeMint

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Intertribal Buffalo Council**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program$200,000

**State: South Dakota**

County: Pennington

Congressman, District: Noem, At Large

Senators: Johnson and Thune

Purpose of Grant: Rural Development funds will be used to provide technical assistance to small, socially-disadvantaged producers in rural areas. These grant funds are awarded competitively to cooperatives and/or associations of cooperatives.

**Recipient: Spring Rose Growers Coop**

Program: Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant Program -$199,537

**State: Wisconsin**

County: Dane

Congressman, District: Baldwin, 2

Senators: Kohl and Johnson

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for technical assistance for small disadvantaged farmers in Dane County, Wisconsin.

**Rural Economic Development Grant/Loans**

Rural Economic Development Loans/Grants (REDLG) -- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program, USDA provides grants to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds. Loans are made from the revolving loan fund to projects that will create or retain jobs in rural areas. These funds announced today support 21 projects and will be leveraged by more than $17 million of private and public financing. **They are expected to save and create approximately 354 jobs.**

**Recipient: Golden Valley Electric Association, Inc.**

State: **Alaska**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant- $300,000

County: Fairbanks North Star Borough

Congressman, District: Young, At Large

Senators: Begich and Murkowsk

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will enable Golden Valley Electric Association to establish a revolving loan fund to foster economic development in Alaska’s rural interior communities. The initial loan from the GVEA Revolving Loan Fund will be to the Fairbanks Community Cooperative Market to establish a local grocery store. Project will create 15 jobs.

**Recipient: Oconee Electric Membership Corporation**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant- $300,000; $740,000 loan

**State: Georgia**

County: Wilkinson

Congressman, District: Scott, 8

Senators: Chambliss and Isakson

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will construct a Railroad Passing Siding in McIntyre, Georgia. Project will create 50 jobs.

**Borrower: Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative**

Program: Rural Economic Development **Loan- $740,000**

**State: Illinois**

County: Coles

Congressman, District: Johnson, 15

Senators: Durbin and Kirk

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will provide financing to Mattoon Hotel & Convention Center, LLC for the construction of a full-service, 104-unit Hilton Garden Inn Hotel. This project will retain 150 jobs.

**Recipient: Corn Belt Power Cooperative**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant - $300,000

**State: Iowa**

County: Humboldt- Applicant

Kossuth- Project

Congressman, District: Latham, 4

Senators: Grassley and Harkin

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will assist Corn Belt Power Cooperative to make a loan to Kossuth Regional Health Center for the renovation of the Emergency Department and labs. Project will create 3 and retain 177 jobs.

**Borrower: Central Iowa Power Cooperative**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $702,000

State: Iowa

County: Adams

Congressman, District: King, 5

Senators: Grassley and Harkin

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will be used to assist with the purchase and renovation of an existing vacant building for a business expansion project. The project will result in 10 new jobs over 3 years and the retention of 76 jobs at the Blue Grass Industrial Park in Corning Iowa.

**Borrower: Butler Rural Electric Cooperative Association**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan -$735,500

**State: Kansas**

County: Harvey

Congressman, District: Pompeo, 4

Senators: Moran and Roberts

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for building construction and equipment for a new facility for Sweigart Enterprises, LLC. This facility will be the leased to Kansas Electric, Inc. and will be their new headquarters and warehouse. Location of the new facility will be at 1912 NW 36th Street, Newton, KS. This building includes approximately 20,000 sq. ft. and will provide needed space for the expansion of the Kansas Electric, Inc. This project will assist 1 business, create 10 and retain 48 jobs.

**Borrower: The Golden Belt Telephone Association, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

**State: Kansas**

County: Ellis

Congressman, District: Huelskamp, 1

Senators: Moran and Roberts

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans or grants to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. Golden Belt Telephone will loan to BTI, Inc in Ness City to expand their operations completing 2 new additions and remodel the existing John Deere Dealership. This funding will save 27 jobs and create 14 jobs for a total of 41 jobs impacting the area.

**Borrower: Jackson Energy Cooperative Corporation**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

**State: Kentucky**

**Additional Information not available at this time**

**Borrower: Lake Country Power**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

State: Minnesota

**Additional Information not available at this time**

**Recipient: Central Electric Power Association**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

**State: Mississippi**

County: Winston

Congressman, District: Harper, 3

Senators: Cochran and Wicker

Project Description: Loan Terms: The REDLG “loan” funding from the proposed Rural Economic Development Loan project will be used to purchase machinery, equipment, and to finance remodel/renovation and new construction to an existing 26,000 sq. ft. building located at 807 Hwy. 16 West-Carthage, MS 39051. Project will assist 1 business and create 75 jobs.

**Recipient: Boone Electric Cooperative**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant - $300,000

**State: Missouri**

County: Boone

Congressman, District: Luetkemeyer, 9

Senators: Blunt and McCaskill

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to rural utilities program borrowers to establish a revolving loan fund for economic development projects. The loan fund will be used to assist the Centralia Public School District with the implementation of a geothermal HVAC system, which will provide a modern, energy efficient heating and cooling system for the school. The project will help create up to 20 new jobs and save 170 existing jobs.

**Recipient: Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant- $300,000

**State: Montana**

County: Glacier

Congressman, District: Rehberg, At Large

Senators: Baucus and Tester

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to finance a Revolving Loan Fund that Glacier Electric Cooperative, Inc. will operate and administer. The initial loan will be made to the Northern Rockies Medical Center to purchase a Proteus XR Radiographic System and electronic medical record software in order to be able to continue to provide Medicare and Medicaid services. Revolved funds will be available for subsequent loans to eligible applicants and for eligible purposes. This project will create 19 jobs.

**Borrower: Three River Telco**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan- $740,000

**State: Nebraska**

County: Boyd

Congressman, District: Smith, 3

Senators: Johanns and Nelson

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will allow Three River Telco to obtain loan funds to relend to Brown County Hospital at zero percent interest for the new multi-slice CT Scanner and building addition to house the new scanner. As a result, 2 part-time jobs will be created and medical care will be improved for the many rural residents of Brown, Blaine, Cherry, Keya Paha and Rock counties served by this hospital.

**Borrower: Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

**State: North Carolina**

County: Brunswick

Congressman, District: McIntyre, 7

Senators: Burr and Hagan

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will provide financing for a revolving loan fund operated by a non-profit organization. The fund will be able to loan funds to home-owners and business owners to make energy efficiency improvements to their home or business. This will enable people to reduce their monthly power bills through improved energy efficiency. Project will create 9 and help retain 5 jobs.

**Borrower: Edgecombe-Martin County Electric Membership Corporation**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $700,000

**State: North Carolina**

County: Edgecombe

Congressman, District: Butterfield, 1

Senators: Burr and Hagan

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will provide financing to the Edgecombe County Government to develop a biogas facility at a landfill that has been capped and is owned by the county. This new infrastructure will help the county entice economic development in the area by providing a low cost compressed gas. Project will directly create 2 jobs with the potential of 150 additional jobs in the area as a result of this loan.

**Borrower: Dakota Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $340,000 loan; $300,000 grant

**State: North Dakota**

County: Sargent

Congressman, District: Berg, At Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will assist the City of LaMoure construct a new multi-use facility to house their ambulance, fire hall, and police department.

**Borrower: Nodak Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

State: North Dakota

County: Grand Forks

Congressman, District: Berg, At Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will assist the Walsh Grain Terminal, LLC construct a new grain elevator/shuttle car rail loading facility. Project will create 7 jobs.

**Recipient: Northern Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant - $83,333

**State: North Dakota**

County: Towner

Congressman, District: Berg, At Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will establish a revolving loan fund. The initial loan will assist Community Ambulance Service of New Rockford construct a new ambulance facility to store the ambulances and provide office and training space. Project will create five jobs.

**Recipient: Verendrye Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Grant - $300,000

**State: North Dakota**

County: Ward

Congressman, District: Berg, At Large

Senators: Conrad and Hoeven

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide grants to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will establish a revolving loan fund. The initial loan will assist Kids Academy construct a new child care facility in Berthold, North Dakota. Project will create 16 jobs.

**Borrower: Northwestern Rural Electric Cooperative Association**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $109,812

**State: Pennsylvania**

County: Crawford

Congressman, District: Kelly, 3

Senators: Casey and Toomey

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide loans to rural utilities program borrowers to provide economic development. This project will enable Erie Tool & Forge to convert a section of the forge shop to induction heating. Project will create 12 jobs.

**Recipient: Paris Board of Public Utilities**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000; $300,000 grant

**State: Tennessee**

County: Henry

Congressman, District: Fincher, 8

Senators: Alexander and Corker

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to assist the City of Paris, Henry County Medical Center and Bethel University with the construction of a 44,000 square foot medical imaging center on the Medical Center Campus, along with construction of a pedestrian foot bridge that will link the main hospital to the imaging center. This project will be a partnership between the City of Paris, Henry County Medical Center and Bethel University, with Bethel University providing an educational presence to offer health care educational opportunities. It is anticipated that 75 new jobs will be created and 30 small businesses assisted as a result of this project.

**Borrower: Caney Fork Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Program: Rural Economic Development Loan - $740,000

**State: Tennessee**

County: Warren

Congressman, District: DesJarlais, 4

Senators: Alexander and Corker

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to assist Tennsmith, Inc., with the purchase of metal fabrication machine tools from the Roper Whitney Company. The Roper Whitney Company has recently gone from manufacturing to receivership. The purchase will begin to combine Tennsmith and Roper Whitney Company, which currently make up 80% of the sheet metal fabrication tools sold in North America. This project will create approximately 40 new jobs for Warren County.