

# Rural Business Development Grant Program



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## Award

**\$27,700,000**

Program Funding

**450**

Expected awards

**\$--**

Award Minimum

\$--

Award Maximum

**Funding opportunity number:**

RDBCP-RBDG-2026

**Cost sharing or matching requirement:**

No

**Funding instrument type:**

Grant

**Opportunity Category:**

Discretionary

**Opportunity Category Explanation:**

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**Category of Funding Activity:**

Business and commerce

**Category Explanation:**

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## History

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## Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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## Description

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The purpose of the program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities.

Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various

business and community projects that serve rural areas.

## Eligibility

### Eligible applicants

#### Government

- State governments
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- County governments
- Special district governments
- City or township governments

#### Nonprofit

- Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3)

#### Education

- Public and state institutions of higher education

## Additional information

Rural public entities including, but not limited to: Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of higher education, Federally-recognized tribes, Rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation). This program is only open to a Public Body/Government Entity, Federally Recognized Indian Tribe or a Nonprofit entity serving rural areas. For profit entities, individuals and individual businesses are not eligible to receive grants under this program.

## Grantor contact information

### Description

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<a href="#">RBDG Application Toolkit - 2026.pdf</a>	RBDG Application Toolkit	May 14, 2026 06:35 PM UTC
<a href="#">SECD Application Form 19 80-88.pdf</a>	SECD Application Form 1980-88	May 14, 2026 06:38 PM UTC
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