

FY15 Promise Zone Benefits from Partnering Agencies

Agency: United States
Department of Agriculture

Programs with PZ Benefits:
Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

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Website: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-RCDI_Grants.html

Benefit Type: Grants

Eligible Communities: Rural, Tribal

Benefits to Promise Zone: Rural Development intends to include priority points for RCDI applications in Promise Zone areas beginning in 2014, to be applied during the application review process.

Eligible Applicants: Qualified private, nonprofit and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations proposing to carry out financial and technical assistance programs will be eligible to receive the funding. The intermediary must provide a program of financial and technical assistance to a private, nonprofit community-based housing and development organization, a low income rural community or a federally recognized tribe. The intermediary will be required to provide matching funds in an amount at least equal to the RCDI grant.

Funding Amount: The respective minimum and maximum grant amount per intermediary is \$50,000 and \$250,000.

Program Description: Rural Community Development Initiative grants develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, low income rural communities or federally recognized tribes to undertake projects related to housing, community facilities or community and economic development in rural areas.

Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for but are not limited to:

- (a) training recipient organizations to conduct a program on home-ownership education;
- (b) training recipient organizations to conduct a program for minority business entrepreneurs;
- (c) providing technical assistance to recipient organizations on how to effectively prepare a strategic plan;
- (d) provide technical assistance to recipient organizations on how to access alternative funding sources;
- (e) building organizational capacity through board training;
- (f) developing training tools, such as videos, workbooks, and reference guides to be used by the recipient organization;
- (g) providing technical assistance and training on how to develop successful child care facilities; and
- (h) providing training on effective fundraising techniques.

Application: For assistance and current application instructions, contact your [State Office RCDI Contact](#).