



## **Rural Economic Development Loan Program**

- \$ PURPOSE:** To promote the creation of jobs and rural economic development.
- \$ ELIGIBILITY:** Per USDA requirements and cooperative board approval.
- \$ USE OF FUNDS:**
- Project financing (buildings, M&E, improvements)
  - Infrastructure (sewer, water, streets, rail)
- \$ TERMS:**
- Maximum loan amount is \$2 million or as determined by the cooperative's board of directors
  - Maximum loan amount shall not exceed 80% of the total project cost
  - 0% interest rate
  - 10 years maximum term
  - Security shall be an irrevocable letter of credit or as determined by the cooperative's board of directors
- \$ APPLICATION PROCESS:**
- Business plan w/ 3 years historical & pro forma financial statements
  - Environmental Review
  - Applications received on an ongoing basis
- \$ SELECTION FACTORS:**
- Nature of project
  - Job creation
  - Ruralness and area demographic factors
  - Quality of business/project plan & financial statements
  - Ownership & management
  - Probability of success
  - Supplemental funds
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