



COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

USDA and its agencies have programs that can provide financial assistance to rural and underserved communities across the country. These programs support residents, businesses and communities through:

- technical, training, and planning assistance;
- financial assistance

This [resource matrix](#) organizes funding opportunities identified at the USDA that support capacity building in rural America, and that foster *hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building*. Opportunities are categorized by stakeholder group and type of technical assistance.

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Greetings,

It is my pleasure to share the USDA Community Prosperity Resource Matrix developed under the *Centers of Community Prosperity* initiative. The matrix provides easy to access information about USDA programs, tools, and data sources that foster hope and opportunity, asset building, and wealth creation in rural and underserved communities.

Centers of Community Prosperity represent the partnerships between USDA agencies and its stakeholders including state, federal, and tribal partners, land-grant institutions, cooperative extension, other federal departments, and the private sector, such as, nongovernmental and philanthropic organizations, and community development financial institutions (CDFIs). The Centers of Community Prosperity host outreach and training summits and capacity-building workshops to encourage a sustainable development process focusing on locally-driven, bottom-up solutions addressing challenges in rural and underserved communities.

This matrix is a tool to assist your community identify the appropriate USDA program, and highlights innovations in public and private financing. It is informed by the White House Rural Prosperity Taskforce recommendations and the executive orders on the Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives, and establishing the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council.

As “The People’s Department,” the USDA is committed to the success of farmers, ranchers, producers, and all rural and underserved communities across the country. I am excited to work with you on these endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Beatty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mike Beatty
Director
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Priorities from the [Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#)

e-Connectivity for Rural America: *E-connectivity*, or electronic connectivity, is more than just connecting households, schools, and healthcare centers to each other as well as the rest of the world through high-speed internet. It is also *a tool that enables increased productivity for farms, factories, forests, mining, and small businesses*. E-connectivity is fundamental for economic development, innovation, advancements in technology, workforce readiness, and an improved quality of life. *Reliable* and *affordable* high-speed internet connectivity will transform rural America as a key catalyst for prosperity.

Economic Development: Infusing rural areas with stronger businesses and agricultural economies empowers America. *Expanding funding options* to increase the *productivity of farmers and ranchers* will lead to the enhanced viability and competitiveness of rural America. By promoting *innovative farm technologies, energy security, recreation, agritourism* and *sustainable forest management*, communities will be empowered to leverage the bounties of rural America. Investing in rural *transportation* infrastructure is needed for carrying more “Made in America” products to markets at home and abroad. *Reducing regulatory burdens* and *attracting private capital* will support our ultimate mission of empowering Rural America to feed the world.

Harnessing Technological Innovation: By 2050, the U.S. population is projected to increase to almost 400 million people, and rising incomes worldwide will translate into a historic growth in food demand. We will need to harness innovation to increase output across American farmlands to feed a hungry world; *technological innovation* can improve *crop quality, nutritional value, and food safety*. The expansion of *STEM education, research, regulatory modernization, and infrastructure* will grow the rural economy. Leveraging innovation in an increasingly data driven economy will also require further development of *rural data management*.

Supporting a Rural Workforce: Rural communities need job opportunities for its residents, and employers need qualified individuals to fill them. This requires *identifying employment needs, attracting available workers* from urban and rural centers alike, and providing the *workforce* with *training* and *education* to best fill the available needs. Partnering with local businesses to identify gaps, working with educational institutions to provide career training, and growing *apprenticeship* opportunities are key to developing the required workforce. Providing rural communities and businesses with a skilled workforce and a climate of success where people can thrive will grow prosperous communities.

Improving Quality of Life: Ensuring rural Americans can achieve a high quality of life is the foundation of prosperity. Quality of life is a measure of human well-being that can be identified through economic and social indicators. Modern *utilities*, affordable *housing*, efficient *transportation* and reliable *employment* are economic indicators that must be integrated with social indicators like access to *medical services, public safety, education* and *community resilience* to empower rural communities to thrive. Focusing and delivering key federal reforms will enable rural Americans to flourish and prosper in 21st Century communities.

USDA Agencies

Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)

AMS facilitates the strategic marketing of agricultural products in domestic and international markets while ensuring fair trading practices and promoting a competitive and efficient marketplace. AMS constantly works to develop new marketing services to increase customer satisfaction.

Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

ARS is USDA's principal in-house research agency. ARS delivers scientific solutions to national and global agricultural challenges.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)

APHIS provides leadership in ensuring the health and care of animals and plants. The agency improves agricultural productivity and competitiveness and contributes to the national economy and the public health.

Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion (CNPP)

CNPP works to improve the health and well-being of Americans by developing and promoting dietary guidance that links scientific research to the nutrition needs of consumers.

Economic Research Service (ERS)

ERS is USDA's principal social science research agency. Each year, ERS communicates research results and socioeconomic indicators via briefings, analyses for policymakers and their staffs, market analysis updates, and major reports.

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

The Farm Service Agency implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster and farm marketing programs through a national network of offices.

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)

FNS increases food security and reduces hunger in partnership with cooperating organizations by providing children and low-income people access to food, a healthy diet, and nutrition education in a manner that supports American agriculture and inspires public confidence.

Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS)

FSIS enhances public health and well-being by protecting the public from foodborne illness and ensuring that the nation's meat, poultry and processed egg products are safe, wholesome, and accurately labeled and packaged.

Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)

The Foreign Agricultural Service is the lead U.S. agency tasked with promoting exports of U.S. agricultural products through market intelligence, trade policy, trade capacity building, and trade promotion programs. This work is carried out by staff in Washington as well as a global network of 93 offices covering 171 countries.

Forest Service (FS)

FS sustains the health, diversity and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)

OPPE develops and maintains partnerships focused on solutions to challenges facing rural and underserved communities in the United States and connects those communities to the tools and resources available to them through U.S. Department of Agriculture programs and initiatives.

National Agricultural Library (NAL)

NAL ensures and enhances access to agricultural information for a better quality of life.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)

NASS serves the basic agricultural and rural data needs of the country by providing objective, important and accurate statistical information and services to farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and public officials. This data is vital to monitoring the agricultural sector and carrying out farm policy.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

NIFA's mission is to invest in and advance agricultural research, education, and extension to solve societal challenges. NIFA's investments in transformative science directly support the long-term prosperity and global preeminence of U.S. agriculture.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

NRCS provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment.

Risk Management Agency (RMA)

RMA helps to ensure that farmers have the financial tools necessary to manage their agricultural risks. RMA provides coverage through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, which promotes national welfare by improving the economic stability of agriculture.

Rural Development (RD)

RD helps rural areas to develop and grow by offering Federal assistance that improves quality of life. RD targets communities in need and then empowers them with financial and technical resources.

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

RUS provides financing to build or improve infrastructure in rural communities. This includes water and waste treatment, electric power and telecommunications services. These services help expand economic opportunities and improve the quality of life for rural residents.

Rural Housing Service (RHS)

RHS offers a variety of programs to build or improve housing and essential community facilities in rural areas. RHS offers loans, grants and loan

guarantees for single- and multi-family housing, childcare centers, fire and police stations, hospitals, libraries, nursing homes, schools, first responder vehicles and equipment, housing for farm laborers and much more.

Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS)

RBS offers programs to help businesses grow as well as job training for people living in rural areas. These programs help provide the capital, training, education and entrepreneurial skills that can help people living in rural areas start and grow businesses or find jobs in agricultural markets and in the bio-based economy.

eConnectivity

<p style="text-align: center;">USDA Customer</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Technical Assistance/ Training/Planning</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Financial Assistance</p>
<p>For Profit Businesses: Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, sole proprietorships, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Foundational and Applied Science Program</u> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Sustainable Agriculture Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Community Connect Grants</u> • <u>ReConnect Program</u> • <u>Rural Broadband Access Loans</u> • <u>Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants</u> • <u>Small Business Innovation Research Program</u> • <u>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans</u>

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 USDA Customer	 Technical Assistance/ Training/Planning	 Financial Assistance
<p>Government Entities: Tribal, State, County or local governments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grants</u> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> • <u>Sustainable Agriculture Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Community Connect Grants</u> • <u>Community Facilities Loans & Grants</u> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants</u> • <u>Rural Broadband Access Loans</u> • <u>Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants</u> • <u>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development ReConnect Program</u>
<p>Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agriculture Conservation Easement Program</u> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Conservation Stewardship Program</u> • <u>Conservation Technical Assistance</u> • <u>Environmental Quality Incentives Program</u> • <u>Farm Microloans</u> • <u>Farm Ownership Loans</u> • <u>Guaranteed Farm Loans</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agricultural Management Assistance</u> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Direct Operating Loans</u> • <u>Farm Microloans</u> • <u>Farm Ownership Loans</u> • <u>Guaranteed Farm Loans</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u>

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<p>Nonprofits: Community Based Organizations, Economic Dev. Corps. libraries, faith-based organizations, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)</u> • <u>Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grants</u> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Foundational and Applied Science Program</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> • <u>Sustainable Agriculture Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business & Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Community Connect Grants</u> • <u>Community Facilities Loans & Grants</u> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>ReConnect Program</u> • <u>Rural Broadband Access Loans</u> • <u>Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)</u>
<p>Higher Education Institutions and Youth:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grants</u> • <u>Distance Education Grants for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (DEG)</u> • <u>Foundational and Applied Science Program</u> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> • <u>Sustainable Agriculture Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)</u> • <u>Business & Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Community Facilities Loans & Grants</u> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grants</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u>

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<p>For Profit Businesses: Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, sole proprietorships, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation Technical Assistance</u> • <u>Local Food Promotion Program</u> • <u>Water and Environmental Programs: Technical Assistance/ Training/Circuit Rider</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Business and Industry Loan Guarantees</u> • <u>Farmers Market Promotion program</u> • <u>Local Food Promotion Program</u> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> • <u>Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Loan Guarantees and Grants</u> • <u>USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Loan Guarantee</u> • <u>Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG)</u>
<p>Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation Technical Assistance</u> • <u>Farmers.gov: Funding for Farmers, Ranchers, and forest landowners</u> • <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> • <u>Farm Service Agency: Guaranteed Loans-Lender Toolkit</u> • <u>Local Food Promotion Program</u> • <u>Find your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office</u> • <u>USDA Cooperative Programs Site: Publications and Research</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program</u> • <u>Farmers Market Promotion Program</u> • <u>Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (The 2501 Program)</u> • <u>Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Loan Guarantees and Grants</u> • <u>USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u> • <u>Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG)</u>

Economic Development

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Government Entities: Tribal, State, County or local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AMS Local Food, Local Places</u> • <u>Local Food Promotion Program</u> • <u>RD Regional Economic Development Initiative</u> • <u>USDA Centers of Community Prosperity</u> • <u>Water and Environmental Programs: Technical Assistance/ Training/Circuit Rider</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Intermediary Relending Program Loans</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u> • <u>Regional Food Systems Partnership Program</u> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> • <u>Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants</u> • <u>Specialty Crop Block Grant Program</u> • <u>Specialty Crop Multistate Program</u> • <u>Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants</u>
Nonprofits: Community Based Organizations, Economic Dev. Corps. libraries, faith-based organizations, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AMS Local Food, Local Places</u> • <u>Communities of Faith and Opportunity Initiative</u> • <u>FNS: How to become a Summer Site Sponsor</u> • <u>REAP Audit/ Development Grants</u> • <u>Regional Economic Development Initiative</u> • <u>Water and Environmental Programs: Technical Assistance/ Training/Circuit Rider</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Farmers Market Promotion Program</u> • <u>Intermediary Relending Program Loans</u> • <u>Local Food Promotion Program</u> • <u>Regional Food Systems Partnerships Program</u> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> • <u>Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program</u> • <u>Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants</u>
Higher Education Institutions and Youth:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Food Finder: Connects families to feeding sites</u> • <u>USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>REAP Audit/ Development Grants</u> • <u>Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)</u>

Innovation and Technology

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<p>For Profit Businesses: Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, sole proprietorships, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rural Business Development Grants</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Innovative Finance for National Forests Grant Program</u> • <u>Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants</u> • <u>Small Business Innovation and Research</u> • <u>USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u>
<p>Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AgrAbility – Assistive Technology Program for Farmers with Disabilities</u> • <u>ATTRA Sustainable Agriculture Project</u> • <u>Conservation Technical Assistance</u> • <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> • <u>Farm Service Agency: Guaranteed Loans-Lender Toolkit</u> • <u>Farmers.gov: Funding for Farmers, Ranchers, and forest landowners</u> • <u>Find your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Environmental Quality Incentives Program</u> • <u>USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u> • <u>Value-Added Producer Grants</u>

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Government Entities: Tribal, State, County or local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction Project Cooperative Agreements</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development ReConnect Program</u>
Nonprofits: Community Based Organizations, Economic Dev. Corps. libraries, faith-based organizations, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation Technical Assistance</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conservation Innovation Grants</u> • <u>Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u> • <u>National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u> • <u>Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Grants</u>
Higher Education Institutions and Youth:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>1890 Institution Teaching, Research and Extension Capacity Building Grants (CBG) Program</u> • <u>Risk Management Education Partnerships</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>1890 Facilities Grants Program</u> • <u>AFRI Agriculture, Economics and Rural Communities (AERC)</u> • <u>AFRI Challenge Areas</u> • <u>AFRI National Robotics Initiative: 2.0: Ubiquitous Collaborative Robots</u> • <u>AFRI Sustainable Agricultural Systems</u> • <u>Agricultural Research at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions</u> • <u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)</u> • <u>Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative</u> • <u>Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Grants</u>

Workforce

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For Profit Businesses: Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, sole proprietorships, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rural Development Rural Workforce Innovation Network (RWIN)</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Loan Guarantee</u>
Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Farm Loan Discovery Tool</u> • <u>Farm Service Agency: Guaranteed Loans-Lender Toolkit</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program</u> • <u>FSA Youth Loans</u> • <u>Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program (The 2501 Program)</u> • <u>USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</u>
Government Entities: State, County or local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>SNAP Employment and Training</u> • <u>Terra Preta do Indio Tribal Fellowship</u> • <u>USDA 1994 Tribal Scholars Program</u> • <u>USDA Future Leaders in Agriculture Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program</u> • <u>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)</u> • <u>USDA Rural Development. ReConnect Program</u> • <u>Youth Conservation Corps</u>

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<p>Higher Education Institutions and Youth:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forest Service Job Corps</u> • <u>USDA Future Leaders in Agriculture Program</u> • <u>USDA/1890 National Scholars Program</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>AFRI Education and Workforce Development</u> • <u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative's Education and Workforce Development</u> • <u>FSA Youth Loans</u> • <u>Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Program (MSP)</u> • <u>National Needs Graduate and Postgraduate Fellowship Program (NNF)</u> • <u>New Technologies for Ag Extension (NTAE) Program</u> • <u>Youth Conservation Corps</u>

Quality of Life

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Government Entities: Tribal, State, County or local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Rural Community Development Initiative</u> • <u>Socially Disadvantaged Group Grant</u> • <u>Solid Waste Planning Grants</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Community Facilities Loans and Grants</u> • <u>Farm to School Grants</u> • <u>Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</u> • <u>Housing Preservation Grants</u> • <u>Regional Conservation Partnership Program</u> • <u>Rural Rental Housing Direct Loans</u> • <u>Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants</u> • <u>Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees</u>

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<p>Higher Education Institutions and Youth:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training</u> • <u>Food Finder: Connects families to feeding sites</u> • <u>USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI)</u> • <u>Community Facilities Loans and Grants</u> • <u>USDA RD Single Family Guaranteed Housing Loan Program Website</u> • <u>Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees</u>

Resources and Tools

Centers of Community Prosperity

- [Community Prosperity Website, Tools, and Resources](#)
- [Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement \(OPPE\)](#)
- [USDA Veterans](#)
- [USDA Youth Engagement](#)
- [Local Prosperity Councils Guidebook](#)

Opportunity Zones

- [Opportunity Zones – Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)
- [Economic Innovation Group: Opportunity Zones Map](#)
- [OZFramework: Opportunity Zone Reporting Framework](#)

COVID-19 Resources

- [John Hopkins Corona Virus Resource Center - COVID Tracking](#)
- [Extension Disaster Education Network \(EDEN\) COVID-19 Response Resources](#)
- [COVID-19 Funds \(curated by the Sustainable Agriculture and Food System Funders\)](#)
- [SCORE Coronavirus Small Business Resource Hub](#)

Public Private Partnership Resources

- [USDA Public Private Partnerships Resources](#)
[Small Business Administration MOU with Rural Development](#)
- [Service Corps of Retired Executives \(SCORE\) MOU with the Farm Service Agency](#)

USDA Innovative Customer Service Delivery

- [OPPE Liaisons and Contact Information](#)
- [Rural Development Innovation Center \(IC\)](#)
- [USDA New and Beginning Farmers](#)
- [Farmers.gov](#)