

Community Facility Loans and Grants

Funds can be used to improve energy efficiency

USDA-Rural Development's Community Facility Program allows funds to be used to improve energy efficiency in qualifying rural areas. Georgia has over \$23 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to obligate!

Improvements might include:

- ✓ New windows
- ✓ Insulation under the roof or in walls
- ✓ Wrapping pipes, insulating water tank
- ✓ Modern HVAC
- ✓ Stop water leaks

CF funds can be used to renovate an existing facility and energy efficiency is an authorized use.



Who can apply?

Nonprofits, Cooperatives and Public Bodies

Community size?

Under 20,000 in population

For:

- ◆ **Medical facilities**
- ◆ **Police and fire stations**
- ◆ **Schools**
- ◆ **Child care centers**
- ◆ **City Hall**
- ◆ **Courthouse**
- ◆ **And much, much more!**

Note: Limited grant funds available. Priority goes to communities under 5,000 and persistent poverty counties.

Benefits of CF Loans

- ◆ Repayable at three interest rates (based on Median Household Income and population)
- ◆ Up to 40 years to repay the loan

Web:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ga>

News Flash

ARRA funds can now be used for vehicles—ambulances, fire trucks, police cruisers, chipper/shredders, garbage trucks, mobile communications center, and school buses. They can also be used to fund critical equipment like Jaws of Life, fire hoses and rescue equipment. Call us!

ARRA funds must be spent by 9-30-10

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