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Rural Business-Cooperative Service  
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## **RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE**

### **Purpose Statement**

USDA Rural Development's (RD) Business and Cooperative Programs provide loans, loan guarantees, grants, and payments designed to increase economic opportunity in rural America.

### **Authorization and Program Descriptions**

**Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program (B&I)** – Authorized by section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S.C 1921. The guaranteed loan program supports financing for business and industrial acquisition, construction, conversion, enlargement, repair or modernization outside a town or city with a population of less than 50,000. Loan funds are used to finance the purchase and development of land, easements, rights-of-way, buildings, equipment, facilities, machinery, supplies and materials. Loan funds also pay startup costs and supply working capital. Sole proprietors, as well as public, private, or cooperative organizations, Indian tribes, and corporations are eligible. The loan guarantee percentage drops from a maximum of 80 percent for loans of up to \$5 million to 60 percent for loans between \$10 million and \$40 million. The aggregate loan amount available to any one borrower under this program is limited to \$25 million. An exception to the limit is for cooperative organizations when the facility is located in a rural area and the facility provides value-added processing of an agricultural commodity. The maximum amount in such cases is \$40 million and must be approved by the Secretary.

**Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)** – This grant program is designed to benefit small and emerging private businesses and cooperatives in rural areas by providing grant and technical assistance for economic and community development. This grant program will assist a wide range of recipients, including economic development organizations, business and community intermediaries, universities, and Indian tribes. To better serve USDA's goal to ensure that rural communities are self-sustaining, repopulating, and thriving economically, this program will award funding where grantees encourage private sector growth. The Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79, consolidated the rural business enterprise grant (RBEG) and rural business opportunity grant (RBOG) programs under the RBDG.

**Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)** – Authorized by section 1323, Food Security Act of 1985. Revolving loan programs, such as the IRP, address the lack of available credit and financial market conditions, which exist in many rural communities, especially for smaller entities, service businesses and start-up activities. These conditions often limit the ability of rural economies to create jobs, enhance amenities, and increase incomes to enable rural families to prosper.

**Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants (REDLG)** – Authorized by section 313 Rural Electrification Act of 1936, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 940C. This program provides zero-interest loans and small grants to electric and telephone utilities financed by RD's utilities programs, which in turn use the funding to promote sustainable rural economic development and job creation projects and to capitalize revolving loan funds for economic development and job creation purposes.

**Rural Business Investment Program (RBIP)** – Authorized by section 6029 of the Farm Security and Rural Development Investments Act of 2002, P.L. 107-171 and reauthorized under the Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79. RBIP is designed to promote economic development and create wealth and job opportunities among individuals living in rural areas and help meet the equity capital investment needs primarily of smaller enterprises located in such areas. Under the RBIP, for-profit Rural Business Investment Companies (RBIC) make venture capital investments in rural areas with the objectives of fostering economic development in such areas and returning maximum profits to the RBIC's investors.

**Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)** – Authorized by section 9007 of the 2002 Farm Bill, P.L. 107-171, as amended by the 2008 Farm Bill, P.L. 110-246, and the Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79. Section 9007 guaranteed loan and grant programs help farmers, ranchers and rural small businesses purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Renewable energy projects benefit

agricultural producers and rural small businesses with new and sustainable, income streams; reduced reliance on fossil fuels; and an improved environment. Energy efficiency projects also reduce the cost of production and business operations. Grants, if funding is made available, may also be used for energy audits.

Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) – Authorized by section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)). RCDGs improve the economic condition of rural areas by promoting a range of cooperative development activities. Grants are made to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education to operate centers for cooperative development. The centers address rural economic problems in two ways. First, a center brings together expertise in cooperative development and cooperative business operations that would otherwise be more difficult to obtain. Second, these experts in cooperative development facilitate new cooperative businesses and improve the operations of existing cooperatives through technical assistance and educational programs.

Value-Added Agricultural Market Development Grant Program (VAPG) – Authorized by section 213 of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, P.L. 106-224, as amended. Value-added agricultural market development grants enable producers of agricultural commodities to participate in the economic returns found in the value-added market. Grants may be used to develop business plans and develop strategies for creating marketing opportunities. Grants may also be used for feasibility studies and to provide capital to establish alliances or business ventures allowing producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

Small, Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grants – Authorized by section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932(e)). Grants to assist small, minority agricultural producers in rural areas provide funding for cooperative development centers, cooperatives or associations of cooperatives whose primary focus is to provide assistance to such producers, and whose governing board and /or membership is comprised of at least 75 percent socially disadvantaged members. Grants may be used for developing business plans, conducting feasibility studies, or developing marketing plans for farmers, ranchers, loggers, agricultural harvesters, and fishermen.

Cooperative Research Agreements – Authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926, (7 U.S.C. 453). Cooperative agreements are used to encourage research on critical issues vital to the development and sustainability of cooperatives as a means of improving the quality of life in America's rural communities. Research proposals are solicited from institutions of higher education or nonprofit organizations interested in applying for competitively awarded cooperative agreements for research related to agricultural and nonagricultural cooperatives serving rural communities.

Cooperative Education and Research Program – Authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926, (7 U.S.C. 453). The cooperative program conducts applied research on practical issues and problems facing cooperatives and disseminates information to farmers and the general public on dealing with these issues. A range of educational activities and materials are developed to increase public awareness of cooperative strategies that can increase rural economic activity. Research findings are disseminated through a range of publications, such as the Rural Cooperatives magazine, the Internet, and participation in a variety of research and professional organization events.

Technical Assistance to Cooperatives Program – Authorized by the Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926, (7 U.S.C. 453). The cooperative program is authorized to provide advice and assistance to existing cooperatives and groups of farmers contemplating the formation of cooperatives. Technical assistance is provided through a network of staff at the national and State offices. Technical assistance studies are provided at the request of a cooperative or steering committee at no fee and may cover a range of business operational, organizational, financial, or developmental topics and problems. Resources to support these important activities are provided from the general salaries and expense account appropriated to RD.

Appropriate Technology Transfer for Rural Areas (ATTRA) Program – Authorized by section 310(c) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act of 2008. ATTRA provides information to farmers and other rural users on a variety of sustainable agricultural practices that include both crop and livestock operations. The program encourages agricultural producers to adopt sustainable agricultural practices, which allow them to maintain or

improve profits, produce high quality food and reduce adverse impacts to the environment.

Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program – Authorized under Section 379E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s). The purpose of the program is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Direct loans and grants are provided to microentrepreneurs development organizations with the skills necessary to establish new rural microenterprises and continuing technical and financial assistance related to the successful operation of rural microenterprises.

Biorefinery Assistance Program – Reauthorized under Title IX of the Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79. The purpose of the section is to assist in the development of new and emerging technologies for the development of advanced biofuels. The program will increase energy independence, promote resource conservation, diversify markets for agricultural and forestry products, create jobs, and enhance economic development in rural economies.

Repowering Assistance Program – Reauthorized under Title IX of the Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79, the program directs the Secretary of Agriculture to provide financial incentives to biorefineries in existence on June 18, 2008 to replace the use of fossil fuels used to produce heat or power at their facilities by installing new systems that use renewable biomass, or to produce new energy from renewable biomass.

Bioenergy For Advanced Biofuels Program – Reauthorized under Title IX of the Agricultural Act of 2014, P.L. 113-79, the program directs the Secretary of Agriculture to make payments to eligible producers to support and ensure an expanding production of advanced biofuels. Advanced biofuels are defined as “fuel derived from renewable biomass other than corn kernel starch” in the 2008 Farm Bill. To receive a payment, an eligible producer shall enter into a contract with the Secretary of Agriculture for production of advanced biofuels.

#### Geographic dispersion of offices and employees

RD programs are administered by the three agencies representing RD: Housing and Community Facilities, Utilities, Business and Cooperative Development. RD headquarters is located in Washington, D.C. As of September 30, 2015, there were 4,811 permanent full-time employees, including 1,491 in the headquarters and 3,320 in the field offices.

#### OIG Reports – In progress

#34601-015-TE – National Report on the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program  
#34703-002-TE – ARRA – Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program, Phase 2  
#34601-006-AT – Rural Business-Cooperative Service Intermediary Relending Program  
#34703-001-32 – ARRA – Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program, Phase 3  
#34601-0001-31 – Rural Business-Cooperative Service Grant Program Duplication

#### GAO Reports – In Progress

# GAO-12-819 “Entrepreneurial Assistance: Opportunities Exist to Improve Programs’ Collaboration, Data-Tracking, and Performance Management.” On September 11, 2012, USDA provided GAO with its statement of action outlining how the Department will address the GAO recommendations.  
# GAO-13-136 “Wind Energy: Additional Actions Could Help Ensure Effective Use of Federal Financial Support.” USDA did not have any comments on draft report. Final report yet to be issued.

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

### Rural Business Program Account (including transfers of funds)

- For the cost of loan guarantees and grants, for the rural business development programs authorized by section 310B and described in subsections (a), (c), [(f)] and (g) of section 310B of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, [\$62,687,000] \$65,799,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the amount appropriated under this heading, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made available for one grant to a qualified national organization to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in order to promote economic development [and \$3,000,000 shall be for grants to the Delta Regional Authority (7 U.S.C. 2009aa et seq.) for any Rural Community Advancement Program purpose as described in section 381E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, of which not more than 5 percent may be used for administrative expenses]: *Provided further*, That \$4,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be for business grants to benefit Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including \$250,000 for a grant to a qualified national organization to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in order to promote economic development[:*Provided further*, That for purposes of determining eligibility or level of program assistance the Secretary shall not include incarcerated prison populations]: *Provided further*, That sections 381E-H and 381N of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act are not applicable to funds made available under this heading: *Provided further*, That in addition to the amount provided under this heading \$20,000,000 shall be available for demonstration projects and \$5,000,000 for data systems alignment to support innovative multigenerational approaches to combating rural child poverty, to remain available until September 30, 2019: *Provided further*, That this funding may be utilized in addition to amounts otherwise provided for any program of the Rural Development Mission Area as determined by the Secretary and for administrative and evaluation costs to carry out the demonstration projects: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be in addition to any other funds that may be available for such purposes.

The first change eliminates the legal reference for Delta Regional Authority grants as no funding is requested for this program in 2017.

The second change eliminates the language for Delta Regional Authority grants as no funding is requested for this program in 2017.

The third change eliminates the terms of eligibility or level of program assistance.

The fourth change adds language for rural child poverty as funding is requested for this program in 2017. This program supports innovative strategies to combat rural child poverty by focusing on both children and the parents with a bundled services approach.

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RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

	Loan Level	Subsidy	Grants
Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$892,244,000	\$35,779,000	\$55,000,000
2016 Enacted.....	919,768,000	35,687,000	27,000,000
Change in Appropriation.....	-27,524,000	92,000	28,000,000

Summary of Increases and Decreases

(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Change	2016 Change	2017 Change	2017 Estimate
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Business and industry (B&I) guaranteed loans.....	\$66,971	-\$19,971	-\$11,313	+\$92	\$35,779
Rural business development grants (RBDG).....	-	+19,500	-	+6,000	25,500
RBDG native American tribes.....	-	+3,750	-	-	3,750
RBDG technical assistance transportation.....	-	+500	-	-	500
RBDG native American tribes transportation.....	-	+250	-	-	250
Rural business enterprise grants (RBEG).....	21,148	-21,148	-	-	-
RBEG technical assistance transportation.....	500	-500	-	-	-
RBEG native American tribes.....	2,420	-2,420	-	-	-
RBEG native American tribes transportation.....	250	-250	-	-	-
Rural business opportunity grants (RBOG).....	920	-920	-	-	-
RBOG native American tribes.....	1,330	-1,330	-	-	-
Delta regional authority grants.....	3,000	-	-	-3,000	-
Rural Child Poverty.....	-	-	-	-	25,000
Total Discretionary Appropriations.....	96,539	-22,539	-11,313	+3,092	90,779

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RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Appropriations:															
Business and industry (B&I) guaranteed loans.....	\$958,097	\$66,971	155	\$919,765	\$47,000	156	\$919,768	\$35,687	180	-\$27,524	(1)	+\$92	(5)	+\$892,244	\$35,779
B&I guaranteed NADBank loans.....	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5
Rural business development grants (RBDG).....	-	-	-	19,500	19,500	107	19,500	19,500	123	+6,000	(2)	+6,000	-	25,500	25,500
RBDG native American tribes.....	-	-	-	3,750	3,750	-	3,750	3,750	-	-	(2)	-	-	3,750	3,750
RBDG technical assistance transportation.....	-	-	-	500	500	-	500	500	-	-	(2)	-	-	500	500
RBDG native American tribes transportation.....	-	-	-	250	250	-	250	250	-	-	(2)	-	-	250	250
Rural business enterprise grants (RBEG).....	21,148	21,148	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBEG technical assistance transportation.....	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBEG native American tribes.....	2,420	2,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBEG native American tribes transportation.....	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rural business opportunity grants (RBOG).....	920	920	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBOG native American tribes.....	1,330	1,330	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delta regional authority grants.....	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	-3,000	(3)	-3,000	-	-	-
Rural Child Poverty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+25,000	(4)	+25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Total Appropriation.....	987,665	96,539	266	946,765	74,000	268	946,768	62,687	308	+476	-	+28,092	+9	947,244	90,779
Bal. Available, SOY.....	179,298	20,294	-	316,615	20,445	-	613,303	28,162	-	-394,727	-	-16,082	-	218,576	12,080
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	183,249	12,922	-	292,347	18,006	-	224,419	11,146	-	-40,368	-	-1,241	-	184,051	9,905
Total Available.....	1,350,212	129,755	266	1,555,728	112,451	268	1,784,490	101,995	308	-434,618	-	+10,769	+9	1,349,872	112,764
Unobligated balances rescinded.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-449	-	-449	-	-449	-449
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-232,768	-20,445	-	-480,781	-28,162	-	-234,059	-12,080	-	+41,111	-	+1,690	-	-192,948	-10,390
Total Obligations.....	1,117,444	109,310	266	1,074,947	84,289	268	1,550,431	89,915	308	-393,957	-	+12,010	+9	1,156,474	101,925

a/ A rescission of unobligated balances in the amount of \$352,323.31 is proposed for this account in 2017 along with a rescission of offsetting collections.



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RURAL BUSINESS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Obligations:															
Business and industry (B&I) guaranteed loans.....	\$1,084,020	\$75,773	155	\$1,044,113	\$53,354	156	\$1,519,510	\$58,957	180	-\$420,907	-\$14,903	+6	\$1,098,603	\$44,054	186
B&I guaranteed NADBank loans.....	-	114	5	-	100	5	-	37	5	-	-37	-	-	-	5
Rural business development grants (RBDG).....	-	-	-	22,264	22,264	107	22,861	22,861	123	+5,104	+5,104	+3	27,965	27,965	126
RBDG native American tribes.....	-	-	-	4,818	4,818	-	4,310	4,310	-	-154	-154	-	4,156	4,156	-
RBDG technical assistance transportation.....	-	-	-	502	502	-	500	500	-	-	-	-	500	500	-
RBDG native American tribes transportation.....	-	-	-	250	250	-	250	250	-	-	-	-	250	250	-
Rural business enterprise grants (RBEG).....	25,207	25,207	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBEG technical assistance transportation.....	500	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBEG native American tribes.....	2,791	2,791	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RBEG native American tribes transportation.....	250	250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rural business opportunity grants (RBOG).....	1,676	1,676	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delta regional authority grants.....	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	-3,000	-3,000	-	-	-	-
Rural Child Poverty.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+25,000	+25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-
Total Obligations.....	1,117,444	109,310	266	1,074,947	84,288	268	1,550,431	89,915	308	-393,957	+12,010	+9	1,156,474	101,925	317
Unobligated balances, rescinded.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+449	+449	-	449	449	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	232,768	20,445	-	480,781	28,162	-	234,059	12,080	-	-41,111	-1,690	-	192,948	10,390	-
Total Available.....	1,350,212	129,755	266	1,555,728	112,451	268	1,784,490	101,995	308	-434,618	+10,769	+9	1,349,872	112,764	317
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-179,298	-20,294	-	-316,615	-20,445	-	-613,303	-28,162	-	+394,727	+16,082	-	-218,576	-12,080	-
Other Adjustments (Net).....	-183,249	-12,922	-	-292,347	-18,006	-	-224,419	-11,146	-	+40,368	+1,241	-	-184,051	-9,905	-
Total Appropriation.....	987,665	96,539	266	946,765	74,000	268	946,768	62,687	308	+476	+28,092	+9	947,244	90,779	317

a/ A rescission of unobligated balances in the amount of \$352,323.31 is proposed for this account in 2017 along with a rescission of offsetting collections.

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) A decrease of \$27,524,000 for the rural business and industry guaranteed loans program (\$919,768,000 available in 2016).

Base funds for the program will continue to create/save jobs. The \$892.2 million program level in 2017 for the rural business and industry guaranteed loan program will mean that Rural Development (RD) will be able to create/save approximately 11,674 jobs and assist 252 businesses.

The rural business and industry (B&I) guaranteed loan program promotes the creation of rural businesses to secure start-up capital, finance business expansion, and create jobs, which helps to diversify the rural economy and supporting such sectors as local and regional food and the bioenergy/bioeconomy.

This investment provides increased employment opportunities for rural communities and upgrades community infrastructure to improve the quality of life for rural residents.

Continuation of this program is critical because:

- It provides capital to enable rural businesses to participate in the global economy; and
- It provides loan guarantees to private sector financial institutions to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment; and to improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities.

The agency strives to improve the quality of life in rural America by encouraging the establishment and growth of rural businesses and cooperatives, which ultimately increases the availability, stability, and quality of jobs in rural America. The agency also strives to expand economic and trade opportunities for agricultural producers and other rural residents and build leveraging partnerships with State, local and private sources to expand the total amount of resources provided to rural areas.

The B&I guaranteed loan program supports USDA's Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving, by creating and expanding businesses in rural communities. These businesses create/save jobs in the local community; improving economic prosperity and decrease outmigration.

- (2) An increase of \$6,000,000 for rural business development grants (\$24,000,000 available in 2016).

The rural business development grant program supports USDA's Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving, by creating and expanding businesses in rural communities. These businesses create/save jobs in the local community; improving economic prosperity and decrease outmigration.

In 2017, the funding will create 8,325 jobs and assist 4,150 businesses. Adequate funding for this program is important because it is one of the only programs that RD operates that can finance technical assistance (salaries and expenses) and specifically help to improve human capital in low-capacity areas.

- (3) A decrease of \$3,000,000 for Delta Regional Authority grants (\$3,000,000 available in 2016).

Funding for the Delta Regional Authority is not requested as funding for this region can be provided by other Rural Business programs.

- (4) An increase of \$25,000,000 for rural child poverty (\$0 available in 2016).

Every child—from the Colonias on the Southwest border, the small towns of the Mississippi Delta, the tribal communities in Indian Country, to the hollers of eastern Kentucky—should have an opportunity to succeed. Yet one in four rural children currently live in poverty—the highest rate since 1986—and the gap between urban and rural childhood poverty rates continues to increase. Both the overall rural poverty rate and the rural child

poverty rate have exceeded rates in urban areas for over thirty years. While poor children living in rural America face similar educational, social, and economic challenges as their urban counterparts, many of these problems are exacerbated by the isolation and limited access to support services commonly experienced in rural areas. Not only is rural and tribal childhood poverty pervasive, it is persistent; rural parents tend to have less education and are more likely to be underemployed than urban parents, putting their children at higher risk of becoming poor.

The proposal creates a \$20 million pilot program for up to 3-year grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations offering bundled services to serve poor rural children and parents together. Specific strategies for implementing the two-generation grants will be community driven, but may include physical collocation of services, building collaboration models across agencies, establishing new systems and referral networks to link services, aligning disparate data systems, and improving coordination of program delivery across agencies. Communities may use funding to hire and/or cross-train staff, purchase new software and data systems, and improve individual child- and parent-focused programming to foster whole-family engagement. Pilot program funds would be provided exclusively to projects that are located in areas of high poverty and that are part of a bundled service approach that focus on both the children and the adults of low-income rural families. The maximum amount of the grant would be \$500,000. The grants would encourage or require collaboration and partnerships of key entities at the local level. For example, the applicant may be a community action agency that traditionally delivers temporary assistance to needy families (TANF) resources and Early Head Start, but that in its application includes the local community college to deliver workforce development programs. Applicants could include local governments (but not States), educational institutions (including community colleges as well as historically black, tribal, or Hispanic institutions), and community action agencies.

The proposal also includes \$5 million in support of interagency efforts to develop and share IT innovations in support of integrated multi-generational service delivery with states, municipalities, and tribes. The System Integration Technical Assistance Center (housed at HHS and FNS), would allow for the development of systems elements that could be used across multiple programs (including traditional health and human services like Medicaid, SNAP, and LIHEAP, but also RD housing programs) in determining program eligibility. The proposed investments are consistent with Congressional interest in promoting evidence-based policy through more robust data systems and data sharing.

- (5) An increase of \$92,000 for the rural business and industry guaranteed loan subsidy (\$35,687,000 available in 2016).

The increase in subsidy budget authority is related primarily to the increase in the subsidy rate. The subsidy amount is necessary to support the estimated loan obligations associated with the requested 2017 loan level for the program.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Guaranteed Business and Industry Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	\$23,685	\$27,160	-	-
Alaska.....	11,728	24,503	-	-
Arizona.....	25,158	29,563	-	-
Arkansas.....	33,531	9,217	-	-
California.....	48,165	29,728	-	-
Colorado.....	16,354	1,771	-	-
Connecticut.....	-	6,000	-	-
Delaware.....	-	1,350	-	-
Florida.....	56,281	78,713	-	-
Georgia.....	9,096	22,525	-	-
Hawaii.....	4,460	7,500	-	-
Idaho.....	30,077	36,227	-	-
Illinois.....	11,159	6,048	-	-
Indiana.....	4,235	12,778	-	-
Iowa.....	41,777	45,969	-	-
Kansas.....	13,043	17,990	-	-
Kentucky.....	27,950	22,125	-	-
Louisiana.....	89,983	52,977	-	-
Maine.....	18,249	-	-	-
Maryland.....	8,944	3,268	-	-
Massachusetts.....	4,450	-	-	-
Michigan.....	20,922	20,620	-	-
Minnesota.....	25,614	18,330	-	-
Mississippi.....	27,000	20,017	-	-
Missouri.....	28,657	62,635	-	-
Montana.....	3,388	16,640	-	-
Nebraska.....	4,586	8,957	-	-
Nevada.....	11,856	12,841	-	-
New Hampshire.....	4,050	2,000	-	-
New Jersey.....	-	10,000	-	-
New Mexico.....	13,535	8,429	-	-
New York.....	24,851	13,309	-	-
North Carolina.....	47,639	55,409	-	-
North Dakota.....	8,132	11,853	-	-
Ohio.....	31,891	34,957	-	-
Oklahoma.....	36,733	24,234	-	-
Oregon.....	37,560	65,426	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	23,014	25,760	-	-
South Carolina.....	34,292	14,883	-	-
South Dakota.....	3,335	1,239	-	-
Tennessee.....	26,655	27,079	-	-
Texas.....	49,649	35,000	-	-
Utah.....	17,670	22,639	-	-
Vermont.....	1,435	-	-	-
Virginia.....	21,377	16,802	-	-
Washington.....	16,516	20,535	-	-
West Virginia.....	14,065	12,051	-	-
Wisconsin.....	33,703	34,534	-	-
Wyoming.....	25,257	5,746	-	-
Guam.....	-	2,700	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	12,313	2,777	-	-
Virgin Islands.....	-	1,300	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$1,519,510 <u>a/</u>	\$1,098,603 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	1,084,020	1,044,113	1,519,510	1,098,603

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Business Enterprise Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	\$691	-	-	-
Alaska.....	256	-	-	-
Arizona.....	341	-	-	-
Arkansas.....	509	-	-	-
California.....	699	-	-	-
Colorado.....	318	-	-	-
Connecticut.....	160	-	-	-
Delaware.....	142	-	-	-
Florida.....	811	-	-	-
Georgia.....	984	-	-	-
Hawaii.....	154	-	-	-
Idaho.....	229	-	-	-
Illinois.....	605	-	-	-
Indiana.....	543	-	-	-
Iowa.....	520	-	-	-
Kansas.....	257	-	-	-
Kentucky.....	920	-	-	-
Louisiana.....	470	-	-	-
Maine.....	374	-	-	-
Maryland.....	645	-	-	-
Massachusetts.....	202	-	-	-
Michigan.....	785	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	420	-	-	-
Mississippi.....	564	-	-	-
Missouri.....	715	-	-	-
Montana.....	440	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	285	-	-	-
Nevada.....	139	-	-	-
New Hampshire.....	175	-	-	-
New Jersey.....	143	-	-	-
New Mexico.....	258	-	-	-
New York.....	1,229	-	-	-
North Carolina.....	986	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	372	-	-	-
Ohio.....	901	-	-	-
Oklahoma.....	254	-	-	-
Oregon.....	367	-	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	781	-	-	-
Rhode Island.....	68	-	-	-
South Carolina.....	688	-	-	-
South Dakota.....	309	-	-	-
Tennessee.....	841	-	-	-
Texas.....	911	-	-	-
Utah.....	275	-	-	-
Vermont.....	857	-	-	-
Virginia.....	640	-	-	-
Washington.....	357	-	-	-
West Virginia.....	384	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	801	-	-	-
Wyoming.....	114	-	-	-
Guam.....	168	-	-	-
N. Mariana Islands.....	50	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	100	-	-	-
Obligations.....	25,207	-	-	-

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Business Enterprise Grants - Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Maryland.....	\$500	-	-	-
Obligations.....	500	-	-	-

Rural Business Enterprise Grants - Native American Tribes  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alaska.....	\$200	-	-	-
Arizona.....	80	-	-	-
California.....	216	-	-	-
Connecticut.....	98	-	-	-
Idaho.....	23	-	-	-
Louisiana.....	90	-	-	-
Maine.....	100	-	-	-
Michigan.....	200	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	200	-	-	-
Montana.....	317	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	99	-	-	-
Nevada.....	100	-	-	-
New Mexico.....	50	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	178	-	-	-
Oklahoma.....	498	-	-	-
Oregon.....	98	-	-	-
South Dakota.....	99	-	-	-
Washington.....	45	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	100	-	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	-
Obligations.....	2,791	-	-	-

Rural Business Enterprise Grants - Native American Tribes for Rural Transportation  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Estimate	2015 Estimate	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Maryland.....	\$250	-	-	-
Obligations.....	250	-	-	-

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Business Opportunity Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Idaho.....	\$98	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	50	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	45	-	-	-
Nevada.....	98	-	-	-
New York.....	55	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	324	-	-	-
Oklahoma.....	100	-	-	-
South Dakota.....	98	-	-	-
Tennessee.....	63	-	-	-
Utah.....	100	-	-	-
Vermont.....	569	-	-	-
Washington.....	75	-	-	-
Obligations.....	1,676	-	-	-

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Business Development Grants Native American Tribes  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alaska.....	-	\$288	-	-
Arizona.....	-	557	-	-
California.....	-	500	-	-
Idaho.....	-	268	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	341	-	-
Nebraska.....	-	181	-	-
Nevada.....	-	126	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	307	-	-
North Dakota.....	-	999	-	-
Oklahoma.....	-	682	-	-
Oregon.....	-	261	-	-
South Dakota.....	-	100	-	-
Washington.....	-	109	-	-
Wisconsin.....	-	99	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$4,310 <u>a/</u>	\$4,156 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	4,818	4,310	4,156

RBDG Native American Tribes for Rural Transportation  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Maryland.....	-	\$250	\$250	\$250
Obligations.....	-	250	250	250

RBDG Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Maryland.....	-	\$502	\$500	\$500
Obligations.....	-	502	500	500

Delta Regional Authority Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Mississippi.....	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	-
Obligations.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	-

Rural Child Poverty  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$25,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	-	25,000

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.



RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Business Development Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	-	\$703	-	-
Alaska.....	-	130	-	-
Arizona.....	-	334	-	-
Arkansas.....	-	462	-	-
California.....	-	613	-	-
Colorado.....	-	246	-	-
Connecticut.....	-	159	-	-
Delaware.....	-	111	-	-
Florida.....	-	586	-	-
Georgia.....	-	832	-	-
Hawaii.....	-	113	-	-
Idaho.....	-	197	-	-
Illinois.....	-	462	-	-
Indiana.....	-	501	-	-
Iowa.....	-	336	-	-
Kansas.....	-	245	-	-
Kentucky.....	-	679	-	-
Louisiana.....	-	422	-	-
Maine.....	-	275	-	-
Maryland.....	-	214	-	-
Massachusetts.....	-	242	-	-
Michigan.....	-	785	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	391	-	-
Mississippi.....	-	534	-	-
Missouri.....	-	675	-	-
Montana.....	-	184	-	-
Nebraska.....	-	185	-	-
Nevada.....	-	148	-	-
New Hampshire.....	-	213	-	-
New Jersey.....	-	156	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	267	-	-
New York.....	-	1,076	-	-
North Carolina.....	-	859	-	-
North Dakota.....	-	613	-	-
Ohio.....	-	729	-	-
Oklahoma.....	-	406	-	-
Oregon.....	-	293	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	-	709	-	-
Rhode Island.....	-	83	-	-
South Carolina.....	-	620	-	-
South Dakota.....	-	156	-	-
Tennessee.....	-	733	-	-
Texas.....	-	871	-	-
Utah.....	-	134	-	-
Vermont.....	-	1,393	-	-
Virginia.....	-	607	-	-
Washington.....	-	323	-	-
West Virginia.....	-	356	-	-
Wisconsin.....	-	476	-	-
Wyoming.....	-	119	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	-	246	-	-
Other Countries.....	-	64	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$22,861	a/ \$27,965
Obligations.....	-	22,264	22,861	27,965

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

		2014	2015	2016	2017
		Actual	Estimate	Enacted	Estimate
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions....	\$109,310	\$84,288	\$89,915	\$76,925
99.9	Total, new obligations.....	109,310	84,288	89,915	76,925

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

### Intermediary Relending Program [Fund Account] (including transfer of funds)

- 1 For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized by the Intermediary Relending Program [Fund Account] (7 U.S.C. 1936b), \$18,889,000.

- For the cost of direct loans, [\$5,217,000]\$5,476,000, as authorized by the Intermediary Relending Program
- 2 [Fund Account] (7 U.S.C. 1936b), of which [\$531,000]\$557,000 shall be available through June 30,
  - 3 [2016] 2017, for Federally Recognized Native American Tribes; and of which [\$1,021,000]\$1,072,000 shall be
  - 4 available through June 30, [2016]2017, for Mississippi Delta Region counties (as determined in accordance with Public Law 100-460): *Provided*, That such costs, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

- In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan programs, [\$4,468,000]\$4,564,000 shall be
- 5 [transferred to and merged with] paid to the appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

The first change removes the words “Fund Account” from the title of the program to correctly identify the title of the program in the authorizing statute.

The second change removes the words “Fund Account” from the title of the program to correctly identify the title of the program in the authorizing statute.

The third change modifies the expiration date of the set-aside funds for the federally recognized Native American Tribes loan program from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

The fourth change modifies the expiration date of the set-aside funds for the Mississippi Delta Region counties loan program from June 30, 2016, to June 30, 2017.

The fifth change adds language simplifying the transfer and consolidation of funds from the individually appropriated program expense accounts to the Rural Development, Salaries and Expense account.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$10,040,000
2016 Enacted.....	9,685,000
Change in Appropriation.....	<u>355,000</u>

Summary of Increases and Decreases

(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Change	2016 Change	2017 Change	2017 Estimate
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Intermediary Relending Program.....	\$4,082	+\$1,736	-\$601	+\$259	\$5,476
Administrative Expenses.....	4,439	-	+29	+96	4,564
Total.....	<u>8,521</u>	<u>+1,736</u>	<u>-572</u>	<u>+355</u>	<u>10,040</u>

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

INTERMEDIARY RELENDING PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Appropriations:															
Intermediary Relending Program.....	\$18,889	\$4,082	46	\$18,890	\$5,818	46	\$18,888	\$5,217	54	+\$1 (1)	+\$259 (2)	+1	\$18,889	\$5,476	55
Administrative Expenses..... a/	-	4,439	-	-	4,439	-	-	4,468	-	-	+96	-	-	4,564	-
Total Appropriation.....	18,889	8,521	46	18,890	10,257	46	18,888	9,685	54	1	+355	+1	18,889	10,040	55
Total Available.....	18,889	8,521	46	18,890	10,257	46	18,888	9,685	54	+1	+355	+1	18,889	10,040	55
Total Obligations.....	18,889	8,521	46	18,890	10,257	46	18,888	9,685	54	+1	+355	+1	18,889	10,040	55

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Obligations:															
Intermediary Relending Program.....	\$18,889	\$4,082	46	\$18,890	\$5,818	46	\$18,888	\$5,217	54	+\$1 (1)	+\$259 (2)	+1	\$18,889	\$5,476	55
Administrative Expenses..... a/	-	4,439	-	-	4,439	-	-	4,468	-	-	+96	-	-	4,564	-
Total Obligations.....	18,889	8,521	46	18,890	10,257	46	18,888	9,685	54	+1	+355	-	18,889	10,040	55
Total Available.....	18,889	8,521	46	18,890	10,257	46	18,888	9,685	54	+1	+355	-	18,889	10,040	55
Total Appropriation.....	18,889	8,521	46	18,890	10,257	46	18,888	9,685	54	+1	+355	-	18,889	10,040	55

a/ In 2014, funding of \$4,439,000 was appropriated and transferred to the Rural Development Salaries and Expenses account. In 2015, funding of \$4,439,000 was appropriated and transferred to the Rural Development Salaries and Expenses account. In 2016, funding of \$4,468,000 was appropriated and transferred to the Rural Development Salaries and Expenses account. In 2017, funding of \$4,564,000 is requested, and will be paid to the Rural Development Salaries and Expenses account.

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$1,000 for the intermediary relending loan program (\$18,888,000 available in 2016).

Base funding of the intermediary relending program (IRP) is used to alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities. Under the IRP program, loans are provided to local organizations (intermediaries) for the establishment of revolving loan funds. These revolving loan funds are used to make loans to businesses and community and economic development organizations that are unable to obtain commercial credit to assist them with financing business and economic development activities to create or retain jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities. Intermediaries are encouraged to work in concert with State and regional strategies and in partnership with other public and private organizations that can provide complementary resources.

The program supports the USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving, by creating or saving jobs through financing of businesses.

In 2017, the proposed funding level of \$18.889 million is projected to create and/or save 14,450 jobs and assist 642 businesses.

- (2) An increase of \$259,000 for the intermediary relending program loan subsidy (\$5,217,000 available in 2016).

The increase in subsidy budget authority is related primarily to the increase in the subsidy rate. The subsidy amount is necessary to support the estimated loan obligations associated with the requested 2017 loan level for the program.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Intermediary Relending Program Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Alaska.....	\$1,000	-	-	-
Arizona.....	-	\$415	-	-
California.....	1,000	1,000	-	-
Colorado.....	-	1,000	-	-
Georgia.....	500	-	-	-
Illinois.....	-	1,000	-	-
Iowa.....	500	200	-	-
Kentucky.....	500	-	-	-
Maryland.....	-	992	-	-
Massachusetts.....	1,000	492	-	-
Minnesota.....	293	-	-	-
Mississippi.....	-	600	-	-
Missouri.....	963	1,649	-	-
Montana.....	2,250	852	-	-
Nebraska.....	176	-	-	-
New Hampshire.....	1,000	500	-	-
New Jersey.....	1,000	-	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	250	-	-
North Carolina.....	-	326	-	-
Oklahoma.....	309	-	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	1,500	2,174	-	-
South Carolina.....	-	400	-	-
South Dakota.....	750	3,553	-	-
Texas.....	400	1,000	-	-
Vermont.....	3,000	2,000	-	-
Washington.....	1,750	-	-	-
West Virginia.....	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	1,000	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	-	487	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$18,888 <u>a/</u>	\$18,889 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	18,889	18,890	18,888	18,889

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
25.0 Other purchases of goods and services				
from government accounts.....	\$4,439	\$4,439	\$4,468	4,564
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	4,082	5,818	5,217	5,476
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	8,521	10,257	9,685	10,040

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

### Rural Economic Development Loans Program Account (Including [Rescission] Cancellation of Funds)

For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized under section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act, for the purpose of promoting rural economic development and job creation projects,  
[\$33,077,000] \$85,000,000.

Of the funds derived from interest on the cushion of credit payments, as authorized by section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, [\$179,000,000] \$151,487,000 shall not be obligated and  
1 [\$179,000,000] \$151,487,000 are [rescinded] hereby permanently cancelled.

This change clarifies the way the interest on cushion of credit funds is being removed from this account and being recorded in the budget.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECT LOANS

Project Statement  
(Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs))  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Appropriations:															
Rural economic development direct loans.....	-	-	19	-	-	18	-	-	21	-	-	+1	-	-	22
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	19	-	-	18	-	-	21	-	-	+1	-	-	22
Bal. Available, SOY.....	\$57,885	\$4,891	-	\$7,986	\$1,020	-	\$4,258	\$570	-	-\$95	+\$22	-	\$4,163	\$592	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	9,087	768	-	4,465	570	-	4,421	592	-	-205	+8	-	4,216	600	-
Total Available.....	66,972	5,659	19	12,451	1,590	18	8,680	1,162	21	-300	30	+1	8,379	1,192	22
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-12,068	-1,020	-	-4,465	-570	-	-4,424	-592	-	-2,072	-332	-	-6,496	-924	-
Offsetting collections paid from rural economic development grants account..... a/b/	30,695	2,594	-	30,662	3,916	-	33,131	4,436	-	+53,986 (1)	+7,960 (2)	-	87,116	12,397	-
Total Obligations.....	85,600	7,233	19	38,648	4,935	18	37,386	5,006	21	51,614	7,659	+1	89,000	12,665	22

Project Statement  
Obligations Details and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Obligations:															
Rural economic development direct loans.....	\$85,600	\$7,233	19	\$38,648	\$4,935	18	\$37,386	\$5,006	21	+\$51,614 (1)	+\$7,659 (2)	+1	\$89,000	\$12,665	22
Total Obligations.....	85,600	7,233	19	38,648	4,935	18	37,386	5,006	21	+51,614	+7,659	+1	89,000	12,665	22
Other Adjustments (Net).....	-9,087	-768	-	-4,465	-570	-	-4,421	-592	-	+205	-8	-	-4,216	-600	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	12,068	1,020	-	4,465	570	-	4,424	592	-	+2,072	+332	-	6,496	924	-
Total Available.....	88,581	7,485	19	38,648	4,935	18	37,389	5,006	21	+53,890	+7,983	+1	91,279	12,989	22
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-57,885	-4,891	-	-7,986	-1,020	-	-4,258	-570	-	+95	-22	-	-4,163	-592	-
Offsetting collections paid from rural economic development grants account..... a/b/	-30,695	-2,594	-	-30,662	-3,916	-	-33,131	-4,436	-	-53,986	-7,960	-	-87,116	-12,397	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	19	-	-	18	-	-	21	-	-	+1	-	-	22

a/ Program is funded by the cushion of credit account.

b/ Budget Authority includes \$308,347 from temporary 2015 sequestration funds and \$301,172 from temporary 2016 sequestration funds.



### Justification of Increases or Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$51,923,000 for the rural economic development loans (\$33,077,000 available in 2016).

Base funds for the program continue to create/save jobs. In 2016, the rural economic development loan program anticipates creating/saving a total of 1,342 jobs. This program provides zero interest loans and small grants to electric and telephone utilities financed by Rural Development's utilities programs, which in turn, use the funding to promote sustainable rural economic development and job creation projects and to capitalize revolving loan funds for economic development and job creation purposes.

Continuation of this program is critical because the program:

- Supports a variety of purposes and activities serving local and regional-based projects in rural areas.
- Assists rural businesses and community development projects by providing access to additional capital resources.
- Provides opportunities for job creation and growth in rural areas adjusting from the transition away from fossil-fueled energy production.

The program supports the USDA Strategic Goal for assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

In 2017, this loan program anticipates creating/saving a total of 3,450 jobs.

- (2) An increase of \$7,667,000 for the rural economic development loan subsidy (\$4,429,000 available in 2016).

There is no request for discretionary budget authority because this program is funded from the earnings in the cushion of credit account. The requested subsidy supports the estimated loan obligation with the requested 2017 loan level for this program.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Economic Development Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	\$1,300	-	-	-
Colorado.....	550	-	-	-
Delaware.....	593	-	-	-
Georgia.....	3,082	-	-	-
Idaho.....	2,000	-	-	-
Illinois.....	11,810	\$2,550	-	-
Indiana.....	-	2,629	-	-
Iowa.....	9,917	8,080	-	-
Kansas.....	10,295	2,016	-	-
Kentucky.....	-	2,525	-	-
Minnesota.....	333	1,000	-	-
Mississippi.....	4,000	4,000	-	-
Missouri.....	750	3,000	-	-
Montana.....	300	-	-	-
North Carolina.....	14,670	3,645	-	-
North Dakota.....	8,075	-	-	-
Ohio.....	1,573	-	-	-
South Carolina.....	3,000	2,000	-	-
South Dakota.....	-	720	-	-
Tennessee.....	10,610	4,483	-	-
Texas.....	-	2,000	-	-
Virginia.....	1,000	-	-	-
Washington.....	750	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	992	-	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$37,386 <u>a/</u>	\$89,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	85,600	38,648	37,386	89,000
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-57,885	-7,986	-4,258	-4,163
Recoveries.....	-9,087	-4,465	-4,421	-4,216
Bal. Available, EOY.....	12,068	4,465	4,424	6,496
Total, Adjust Approp.....	30,695	30,662	33,131	87,116

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	\$7,233	\$4,935	\$5,006	\$12,665
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	7,233	4,935	5,006	12,665

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

Budget Estimate, 2017.....	-\$151,487,000
2016 Enacted.....	-179,000,000
Change in Appropriation.....	<u>27,513,000</u>

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

(On basis of Funding)

Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$12,000,000
2016 Enacted.....	<u>11,184,000</u>
Change in Funding.....	<u>816,000</u>

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Enacted		Inc. or Dec.		2017 Estimate	
	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs
Discretionary Appropriations:										
Rural economic development grants.....	-	18	-	18	-	21	-	-	-	21
Total Adjusted Approp.....	-	18	-	18	-	21	-	-	-	21
Rescissions, Transfers, and Seq. (Net).....	-\$175,000	-	-\$179,000	-	-\$179,000	-	+\$27,513	-	-\$151,487	-
Total Appropriation.....	-175,000	18	-179,000	18	-179,000	21	+27,513	-	-151,487	21
Transfers In:										
Rural Electrification and Telecommunications										
Liquidating Account, Cushion of Credit..... a/	195,167	-	184,347	-	168,000	-	-12,000	-	156,000	-
Rural Electrification and Telecommunications										
electric underwriter loan fees.....	12,589	-	13,957	-	13,500	-	+135	-	13,635	-
Subtotal.....	207,756	18	198,304	18	181,500	21	-11,865	-	169,635	21
Rescission.....	-175,000	-	-179,000	-	-179,000	-	+27,513	-	-151,487	-
Temporary Sequestration..... b/	-921	-	-1,038	-	-1,117	-	+1,117	-	-	-
Sequestration recovered.....	-	-	921	-	1,038	-	+79	-	1,117	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	183,791	-	195,139	-	201,497	-	-12,899	-	188,598	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	644	-	300	-	300	-	-	-	300	-
Total Available.....	216,269	18	214,626	18	204,218	21	+3,945	-	208,163	21
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-204,396	-	-201,497	-	-188,598	-	+4,832	-	-183,767	-
Offsetting collections paid to rural economic development program account.....	-2,594	-	-3,916	-	-4,436	-	-7,960	-	-12,397	-
Total Obligations.....	9,280	18	9,213	18	11,184	21	+816	-1	12,000	21

a/ Amounts represent earnings generated by the interest differential on voluntary cushion of credit payments made by Rural Utilities Service borrowers.

b/ Amounts represent temporary sequestration of the rural economic development loan subsidy and rural economic development grant funding.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Project Statement  
Obligations Details and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Enacted		Inc. or Dec.		2017 Estimate	
	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs
Discretionary Obligations:										
Rural economic development grants.....	\$9,280	18	\$9,213	18	\$11,184	21	+\$816	-1	\$12,000	21
Total Obligations.....	9,280	18	9,213	18	11,184	21	+816	-	12,000	21
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	-644	-	-300	-	-300	-	-	-	-300	-
Bal. Available, EOY .....	204,396	-	201,497	-	188,598	-	-4,832	-	183,767	-
Total Available.....	213,031	18	210,410	18	199,482	21	-4,016	-	195,467	21
Transfers In.....	-207,756	-	-198,304	-	-181,500	-	+11,865	-	-169,635	-
Bal. Available, SOY .....	-183,791	-	-195,139	-	-201,497	-	+12,899	-	-188,598	-
Temporary Sequestration.....	921	-	1,038	-	1,117	-	-1,117	-	-	-
Sequestration recovered.....	-	-	-921	-	-1,038	-	-79	-	-1,117	-
Offsetting collections paid to rural economic development program account.....	2,594	-	3,916	-	4,436	-	+7,960	-	12,397	-
Total Appropriation.....	-175,000	18	-179,000	18	-179,000	21	+27,513	-	-151,487	21

a/ Amounts represent earnings generated by the interest differential on voluntary cushion of credit payments made by Rural Utilities Service borrowers.

b/ Amounts represent temporary sequestration of the rural economic development loan subsidy and rural economic development grant funding.

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$816,000 for rural economic development grants (\$11,184,000 available in 2016).

Base funds for the rural economic development grant program continue to create/save jobs. The program provides small grants to promote sustainable rural economic development and job creation projects and to capitalize revolving loan funds for economic development and job creation purposes.

Continuation of this program is critical because the program:

- Supports a variety of purposes and activities serving local and regional-based projects in rural areas.
- Assists rural businesses and community development projects by providing access to additional capital resources.
- Provides opportunities for job creation and growth in rural areas adjusting from the transition away from fossil-fueled energy production.

The program supports the USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

The program anticipates creating/saving 750 jobs. The program is funded through the earnings from the cushion of credit account.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Economic Development Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Delaware.....	-	\$300	-	-
Illinois.....	600	-	-	-
Indiana.....	300	-	-	-
Iowa.....	1,780	3,250	-	-
Kansas.....	167	-	-	-
Michigan.....	300	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	300	600	-	-
Mississippi.....	300	-	-	-
Missouri.....	300	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	1,200	300	-	-
North Carolina.....	1,800	2,848	-	-
North Dakota.....	632	-	-	-
Ohio.....	300	-	-	-
South Dakota.....	1,401	1,615	-	-
Utah.....	300	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	300	300	-	-
Undistributed.....	-700	-	\$11,184 <u>a/</u>	\$12,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	9,280	9,213	11,184	12,000

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	\$9,280	\$9,213	\$11,184	\$12,000
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	9,280	9,213	11,184	12,000

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored):

### Rural Microenterprise Investment Program Account

For the cost of loans, \$2,904,000, and for grants, \$2,000,000, under the same terms and conditions as authorized by section 379E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 2008s):  
*Provided*, That such cost of loans, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined by section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.



RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL MICROENTERPRISE INVESTMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

	<u>Loan Level</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Grants</u>
Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$23,419	\$2,904	\$2,000
2016 Enacted.....	-	-	-
Change in Appropriation.....	<u>23,419</u>	<u>2,904</u>	<u>2,000</u>

Summary of Increases and Decreases  
(Dollars in thousands)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Microenterprise Loans.....	-	-	-	+\$2,904	\$2,904
Microenterprise Grants.....	-	-	-	+2,000	2,000
Total Discretionary Appropriations.....	-	-	-	+4,904	4,904
Mandatory Appropriations:					
Microenterprise Loans.....	\$1,500	-\$750	-	-	750
Microenterprise Grants.....	1,500	+750	-	-	2,250
Total Mandatory Appropriations.....	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Total.....	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>+4,904</u>	<u>7,904</u>

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL MICROENTERPRISE INVESTMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Appropriations:															
Microenterprise Loans.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+\$23,419 (1)	+\$2,904 (3)	+6	\$23,419	\$2,904	6
Microenterprise Grants.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+2,000 (2)	+2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Subtotal.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+25,419	+4,904	+6	25,419	4,904	6
Mandatory Appropriations:															
Microenterprise Loans..... a/	\$23,962	\$1,500	11	\$5,855	\$750	11	\$6,620	\$750	12	-571	-	-5	6,048	750	7
Microenterprise Grants..... a/	1,500	1,500	11	2,250	2,250	11	2,250	2,250	12	-	-	+1	2,250	2,250	13
Subtotal.....	25,462	3,000	22	8,105	3,000	22	8,870	3,000	24	-571	-	-4	8,298	3,000	20
Total Adjusted Approp.....	25,462	3,000	22	8,105	3,000	22	8,870	3,000	24	+24,848	+4,904	+2	33,718	7,904	26
Rescissions and Transfers (Net).....	-25,462	-3,000	-	-8,105	-3,000	-	-8,870	-3,000	-	+571	-	-	-8,298	-3,000	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	22	-	-	22	-	-	24	+25,419	+4,904	+2	25,419	4,904	26
Transfers In:															
Commodity Credit Corporation.....	25,462	3,000	-	8,105	3,000	-	8,870	3,000	-	-571	-	-	8,298	3,000	-
Total.....	25,462	3,000	22	8,105	3,000	22	8,870	3,000	24	-571	-	+2	8,298	3,000	26
Sequestration.....	-	-	-	-592	-219	-	-603	-204	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	28,498	2,223	-	10,152	2,512	-	6,866	2,171	-	-4,642	-1,797	-	2,225	374	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	11,869	929	-	2,777	551	-	2,392	342	-	+236	+68	-	2,628	410	-
Total Available.....	65,829	6,152	22	20,442	5,844	22	17,525	5,309	24	+21,045	+3,379	+2	38,571	8,688	26
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-45,597	-2,512	-	-15,417	-2,171	-	-2,424	-374	-	-236	-68	-	-2,660	-442	-
Total Obligations.....	20,233	3,641	22	5,025	3,673	22	15,101	4,935	24	+20,810	+3,311	+2	35,911	8,246	26

a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 6023 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$3,000,000 each year from 2014 through 2018, to remain available until expended.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL MICROENTERPRISE INVESTMENT PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Estimate			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Discretionary Obligations:															
Microenterprise Loans.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+\$23,419 (1)	+\$2,904 (3)	+6	\$23,419	\$2,904	6
Microenterprise Grants.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+2,000 (2)	+2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-
Subtotal.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+25,419	+4,904	+6	25,419	4,904	6
Mandatory Obligations:															
Microenterprise Loans..... a/	\$17,700	\$1,108	11	\$1,550	\$199	11	\$11,465	\$1,299	12	-3,304	-287	-5	8,161	1,012	7
Microenterprise Grants..... a/	2,533	2,533	11	3,475	3,475	11	3,636	3,636	12	-1,306	-1,306	+1	2,330	2,330	13
Subtotal.....	20,233	3,641	22	5,025	3,673	22	15,101	4,935	24	-4,610	-1,593	-4	10,491	3,342	20
Total Obligations.....	20,233	3,641	22	5,025	3,673	22	15,101	4,935	24	+20,810	+3,311	+2	35,911	8,246	26
Bal. Available, EOY.....	45,597	2,512	-	15,417	2,171	-	2,424	374	-	+236	+68	-	2,660	442	-
Total Available.....	65,829	6,152	22	20,442	5,844	22	17,525	5,309	24	+21,045	+3,379	+2	38,571	8,688	26
Transfers: Commodity Credit Corporation.....	-25,462	-3,000	-	-8,105	-3,000	-	-8,870	-3,000	-	+571	-	-	-8,298	-3,000	-
Sequestration.....	-	-	-	592	219	-	603	204	-	-603	-204	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY .....	-28,498	-2,223	-	-10,152	-2,512	-	-6,866	-2,171	-	+4,642	+1,797	-	-2,225	-374	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	-11,869	-929	-	-2,777	-551	-	-2,392	-342	-	-236	-68	-	-2,628	-410	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	22	-	-	22	-	-	24	25,419	+4,904	+2	25,419	4,904	26

a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 6023 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$3,000,000 each year from 2014 through 2018, to remain available until expended.

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$23,419,000 for the rural microenterprise assistance program direct loans (\$0 available in 2016).

The purpose of the program is to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. These funds will support 2,123 businesses. To accomplish this purpose, the program will make direct loans to selected Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs). Selected MDOs will use the funds to provide microloans for working capital, business acquisitions, debt refinancing, fixtures, supplies, furniture, inventory, and equipment costs, and purchase or lease of facility. The program provides loan funds to intermediaries to capitalize revolving microloan fund programs. The revolving microloan fund programs make loans of not more than \$50,000 to recipients in rural communities involving equipment purchases and working capital for start-up or expansion of microenterprises. The term of the loan is for 20 years.

Funding for this program is critical because:

- It is the only Federal nation-wide program that finances the capitalization of microloan revolving loan funds that exclusively serve rural areas.
- Supports a variety of purposes and activities serving rural microenterprises (i.e. agricultural production).
- Assists rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises, which are unable to obtain adequate capital from commercial credit or other Federal, State, or local programs at reasonable rates and terms.

The program supports the USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

The rural microenterprise assistance program addresses the lack of available credit and financial market conditions for microenterprise activities. These conditions often limit the ability of rural economies to create jobs, enhance amenities, and increase incomes to enable rural families to prosper.

With the funding requested in 2017, the program will create or save about 5,678 jobs.

- (2) An increase of \$2,000,000 for the rural microenterprise assistance program grants (\$0 available in 2016).

The proposal will support expansion of the rural microenterprise assistance grant program, which will assist small businesses of 10 people or less to expand and grow their businesses. Funds are for technical assistance to the MDOs and do not go directly to an ultimate recipient.

- (3) An increase of \$2,904,000 for the rural microenterprise assistance program direct loan subsidy (\$0 available in 2016).

The subsidy requested for this program is to support the requested loan level of \$23.4 million.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Discretionary Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program Direct Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$23,419 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	-	23,419

Mandatory Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program Direct Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
California.....	\$4,300	-	-	-
Colorado.....	\$300	-	-	-
Connecticut.....	\$500	-	-	-
Florida.....	\$300	-	-	-
Illinois.....	\$500	-	-	-
Iowa.....	\$200	-	-	-
Kentucky.....	\$900	-	-	-
Louisiana.....	\$1,000	-	-	-
Maine.....	-	\$500	-	-
Maryland.....	1,000	-	-	-
Massachusetts.....	500	-	-	-
Missouri.....	600	-	-	-
Montana.....	100	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	1,150	-	-	-
Nevada.....	500	-	-	-
New Jersey.....	500	-	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	500	-	-
North Carolina.....	900	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	500	-	-	-
Oregon.....	300	150	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	1,200	-	-	-
South Carolina.....	450	400	-	-
South Dakota.....	900	-	-	-
West Virginia.....	500	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	600	-	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$11,465 <u>a/</u>	\$8,161 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	17,700	1,550	11,465	8,161

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Discretionary Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$2,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations	-	-	-	2,000

Mandatory Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Arizona.....	-	\$115	-	-
California.....	\$825	209	-	-
Colorado.....	30	-	-	-
Connecticut.....	105	-	-	-
Delaware.....	-	37	-	-
Florida.....	75	-	-	-
Georgia.....	-	29	-	-
Hawaii.....	-	17	-	-
Idaho.....	-	84	-	-
Illinois.....	30	119	-	-
Iowa.....	50	-	-	-
Kansas.....	-	10	-	-
Kentucky.....	130	131	-	-
Louisiana.....	105	-	-	-
Maine.....	-	449	-	-
Maryland.....	135	252	-	-
Massachusetts.....	-	64	-	-
Michigan.....	-	88	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	159	-	-
Mississippi.....	30	-	-	-
Missouri.....	150	-	-	-
Montana.....	25	92	-	-
Nebraska.....	138	289	-	-
Nevada.....	-	68	-	-
New Jersey.....	-	110	-	-
North Carolina.....	200	122	-	-
North Dakota.....	105	30	-	-
Ohio.....	30	116	-	-
Oregon.....	105	44	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	30	188	-	-
South Carolina.....	-	187	-	-
South Dakota.....	100	118	-	-
Washington.....	30	127	-	-
West Virginia.....	105	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	-	222	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$3,636 <u>a/</u>	\$2,330 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	2,533	3,475	3,636	2,330

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	\$3,641	\$3,673	\$4,935	\$8,246
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	3,641	3,673	4,935	8,246

NOTE: Amounts include mandatory and discretionary funding.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

BIOREFINERY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Mandatory Appropriations:															
Guaranteed biorefinery loans..... a/	\$241,371	\$100,000	16	\$124,008	\$50,000	15	\$223,015	\$50,000	17	-\$223,015	-\$50,000	+1	-	-	18
Subtotal.....	241,371	100,000	16	124,008	50,000	15	223,015	50,000	17	-223,015	-50,000	+1	-	-	18
Total Adjusted Approp.....	241,371	100,000	16	124,008	50,000	15	223,015	50,000	17	-223,015	-50,000	+1	-	-	18
Rescissions, Transfers, and Seq. (Net).....	-241,371	-100,000	-	-124,008	-50,000	-	-223,015	-50,000	-	+223,015	+50,000	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	16	-	-	15	-	-	17	-	-	+1	-	-	18
Transfers In:															
Commodity Credit Corporation.....	241,371	100,000	-	124,008	50,000	-	223,015	50,000	-	-223,015	-50,000	-	-	-	-
Commodity Credit Corporation.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,926	16,350	-	-	-	-	\$94,185	\$19,600	-
Total.....	241,371	100,000	-	124,008	50,000	-	295,941	66,350	-	-223,015	-50,000	-	94,185	19,600	-
Rescission..... b/	-98,223	-40,694	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sequestration.....	-	-	-	-9,053	-3,650	-	-15,165	-3,400	-	+15,165	+3,400	-	-	0	-
Discretionary block on S&E funds..... c/d/	-	-	-	-40,551	-16,350	-	-87,422	-19,600	-	+87,422	+19,600	-	-	0	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	171,802	71,178	-	212,451	111,847	-	553,526	124,100	-	+36,866	-1,240	-	590,392	122,860	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	67,005	27,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
Total Available.....	381,955	158,244	16	286,855	141,847	15	746,880	167,450	17	-62,303	-24,990	-17	684,577	142,460	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-220,955	-111,847	-	-206,855	-124,100	-	-547,995	-122,860	-	+64,571	+22,260	-	-483,424	-100,600	-
Total Obligations.....	161,000	46,397	16	80,000	17,746	15	198,885	44,590	17	+2,268	-2,730	-17	201,153	41,860	-

a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 9003 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$100,000,000 for 2014, \$50,000,000 for both 2015 and 2016, to remain available until expended.

b/ Rescission of all unobligated balances in the amount of \$40,694,000 of Biorefinery Assistance Program Account funds pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriates Act, 2014, Public Law 113-76, Division A, Title VII, GP 741.

c/ Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, PL 113-235, dated December, 16, 2014, GP 716(5) blocks S&E to be spent to run the program in excess of \$30,000,000 for 2015.

d/ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, PL 114-113, dated December, 18, 2015, GP 714(4) blocks S&E to be spent to run the program in excess of \$27,000,000 of the funding appropriated for the program for 2016.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

BIOREFINERY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ACCOUNT

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
Mandatory Obligations:															
Guaranteed biorefinery loans..... a/	\$161,000	\$46,397	16	\$80,000	\$16,632	15	\$198,885	\$44,590	17	+\$2,268	-\$2,730	+1	\$201,153	\$41,860	18
Guaranteed biorefinery modifications.....	-	-	-	-	1,114	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal.....	161,000	46,397	-	80,000	17,746	-	198,885	44,590	-	+2,268	-2,730	-	201,153	41,860	-
Total Obligations.....	161,000	46,397	16	80,000	17,746	15	198,885	44,590	17	+2,268	-2,730	+1	201,153	41,860	18
Bal. Available, EOY.....	220,955	111,847	-	206,855	124,100	-	547,995	122,860	-	-64,571	-22,260	-	483,424	100,600	-
Total Available.....	381,955	158,244	16	286,855	141,847	15	746,880	167,450	17	-62,303	-24,990	+1	684,577	142,460	18
Transfers In.....	-241,371	-100,000	-	-124,008	-50,000	-	-295,941	-66,350	-	+201,756	+46,750	-	-94,185	-19,600	-
Rescission..... b/	98,223	40,694	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sequestration.....	-	-	-	9,053	3,650	-	15,165	3,400	-	-15,165	-3,400	-	-	-	-
Discretionary block on S&E funds..... c/d/	-	-	-	40,551	16,350	-	87,422	19,600	-	-87,422	-19,600	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-171,802	-71,178	-	-212,451	-111,847	-	-553,526	-124,100	-	-36,866	+1,240	-	-590,392	-122,860	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	-67,005	-27,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	16	-	-	15	-	-	17	-	-	+1	-	-	18

a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 9003 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$100,000,000 for 2014, \$50,000,000 for both 2015 and 2016, to remain available until expended.

b/ Rescission of unobligated balances in the amount of \$40,694,000 of Biorefinery Assistance Program Account funds pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriates Act, 2014, Public Law 113-76, Division A, Title VII, GP 741.

c/ Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, PL 113-235, dated December, 16, 2014, GP 716(5) blocks S&E to be spent to run the program in excess of \$30,000,000 for 2015.

d/ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, PL 114-113, dated December, 18, 2015, GP 714(4) blocks S&E to be spent to run the program in excess of \$27,000,000 of the funding appropriated for the program for 2016.



RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Mandatory Guaranteed Biorefinery Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	<u>2014 Actual</u> Amount	<u>2015 Actual</u> Amount	<u>2016 Enacted</u> Amount	<u>2017 Estimate</u> Amount
Georgia.....	\$70,000	\$70,000	-	-
Louisiana.....	91,000	10,000	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$198,885 <u>a/</u>	\$201,153 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	161,000	80,000	198,885	201,153

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>2014</u> Actual	<u>2015</u> Actual	<u>2016</u> Enacted	<u>2017</u> Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	<u>\$46,397</u>	<u>\$17,746</u>	<u>\$44,590</u>	<u>\$41,860</u>
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	<u><u>46,397</u></u>	<u><u>17,746</u></u>	<u><u>44,590</u></u>	<u><u>41,860</u></u>

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Enacted		Inc. or Dec.		2017 Estimate	
	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs
Mandatory Appropriations:										
Repowering assistance payments..... <u>a/</u>	\$12,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bioenergy program for advanced biofuel payments..... <u>b/</u>	15,000	-	\$15,000	-	\$15,000	-	-	-	\$15,000	-
Total Adjusted Approp.....	27,000	2	15,000	2	15,000	2	-	-	15,000	2
Rescissions, Transfers and Seq. (Net).....	-27,000	-	-15,000	-	-15,000	-	-	-	-15,000	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2
Transfers In:										
Commodity Credit Corporation.....	27,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	-
Total.....	27,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	-	-	-	15,000	-
Rescission..... <u>c/d/e/</u>	-8,000	-	-8,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sequestration.....	-	-	-1,095	-	-1,020	-	+\$1,020	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	51,131	-	21,834	-	9,298	-	-2,245	-	7,053	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	-	-	500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Available.....	70,131	2	28,239	2	23,278	2	-1,225	-	22,053	2
Bal. Available, EOY .....	-21,834	-	-9,298	-	-7,053	-	-447	-	-7,500	-
Total Obligations.....	48,297	2	18,941	2	16,225	2	-1,672	-	14,553	2

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Enacted		Inc. or Dec.		2017 Estimate	
	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs
Mandatory Obligations:										
Repowering assistance payments..... <u>a/</u>	-	-	\$4,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bioenergy program for advanced biofuels payments..... <u>b/</u>	\$48,297	-	14,504	-	\$16,225	-	-\$1,672	-	\$14,553	-
Total Obligations.....	48,297	2	18,941	2	16,225	2	-1,672	-	14,553	2
Bal. Available, EOY .....	21,834	-	9,298	-	7,053	-	+447	-	7,500	-
Total Available.....	70,131	2	28,239	2	23,278	2	-1,225	-	22,053	2
Transfers In:										
Commodity Credit Corporation.....	-27,000	-	-15,000	-	-15,000	-	-	-	-15,000	-
Total.....	-27,000	2	-15,000	2	-15,000	2	-	-	-15,000	2
Rescission..... <u>c/d/e/</u>	8,000	-	8,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sequestration.....	-	-	1,095	-	1,020	-	-1,020	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-51,131	-	-21,834	-	-9,298	-	+2,245	-	-7,053	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	-	-	-500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation.....	-	2	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2

Project Statement Footnotes

- a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 9004 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$12,000,000 for 2014, to remain available until expended.
- b/ Mandatory funding provided by section 9005 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$15,000,000 for 2014 through 2018, to remain available until expended.
- c/ Rescission of all unobligated balances of Repowering Assistance Payment funds pursuant to P.L.113-6, Division A, Title III, GP 738.
- d/ Rescission of unobligated balance in the amount of \$8,000,000 of Bioenergy for Advanced Biofuels Payment funds pursuant to P.L. 113-6, Division A, Title VII, GP 734.
- e/ Rescission of unobligated balance in the amount of \$8,000,000 of Repowering Assistance Payment funds pursuant to Sec. 748 of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, HR 83, dated December 16, 2014.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Mandatory Repowering Assistance Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
California.....	-	\$3,000	-	-
Oregon.....	-	1,437	-	-
Obligations.....	-	4,437	-	-

Mandatory Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	\$42	\$48	-	-
Arizona.....	5	4	-	-
Arkansas.....	29	154	-	-
California.....	449	1,220	-	-
Colorado.....	4,851	53	-	-
Connecticut.....	131	36	-	-
Delaware.....	34	-	-	-
Florida.....	-	350	-	-
Georgia.....	545	73	-	-
Hawaii.....	114	9	-	-
Idaho.....	18	45	-	-
Illinois.....	39	436	-	-
Indiana.....	1,759	692	-	-
Iowa.....	1,688	892	-	-
Kansas.....	1,297	1,926	-	-
Kentucky.....	2,751	654	-	-
Louisiana.....	633	763	-	-
Maine.....	784	28	-	-
Maryland.....	79	120	-	-
Massachusetts.....	115	6	-	-
Michigan.....	2	36	-	-
Minnesota.....	17	1,095	-	-
Mississippi.....	983	64	-	-
Missouri.....	309	1,551	-	-
Montana.....	14,897	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	-	640	-	-
Nevada.....	3,539	24	-	-
New Hampshire.....	46	170	-	-
New Jersey.....	571	-	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	1	-	-
New York.....	-	13	-	-
North Carolina.....	60	12	-	-
North Dakota.....	265	-	-	-
Ohio.....	-	553	-	-
Oklahoma.....	750	158	-	-
Oregon.....	611	46	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	436	870	-	-
Rhode Island.....	2,649	19	-	-
South Carolina.....	308	4	-	-
South Dakota.....	8	0	-	-
Tennessee.....	4	882	-	-
Texas.....	79	518	-	-
Utah.....	6,141	-	-	-
Vermont.....	49	3	-	-
Virginia.....	11	70	-	-
Washington.....	538	207	-	-
West Virginia.....	500	7	-	-
Wisconsin.....	7	56	-	-
Wyoming.....	153	-	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$16,225 <u>a/</u>	\$14,553 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	48,297	14,504	16,225	14,553

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions...	\$48,297	\$18,941	\$16,225	\$14,553
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	48,297	18,941	16,225	14,553

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

### Rural Energy for America Program

- 1 For the cost of a program of loan guarantees and grants, under the same terms and conditions as authorized by section 9007 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (7 U.S.C. 8107), [\$500,000] \$18,515,000:  
*Provided*, That the cost of loan guarantees, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

This change adds the words “and grants” as the budget proposes grant funding.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

	Loan Level	Subsidy	Grants
Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$75,754,000	\$3,515,000	\$15,000,000
2016 Enacted.....	7,576,000	500,000	-
Change in Appropriation.....	68,178,000	3,015,000	15,000,000

Summary of Increases and Decreases

(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Change	2016 Change	2017 Change	2017 Estimate
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Guaranteed renewable energy loans.....	\$3,500	-\$2,150	-\$850	+\$3,015	\$3,515
Renewable energy grants.....	-	-	-	+15,000	15,000
Total Discretionary Appropriations.....	3,500	-2,150	-850	+18,015	18,515
Mandatory Appropriations					
Guaranteed renewable energy loans.....	25,000	-15,000	-	+5,000	15,000
Renewable energy grants.....	21,500	+16,500	-	-5,500	32,500
Renewable energy feasibility studies.....	1,000	-1,000	-	-	-
Renewable energy audits and technical assistance.....	2,500	-500	-	+500	2,500
Total Mandatory Appropriations.....	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Total.....	53,500	-2,150	-850	+18,015	68,515

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs
<b>Discretionary Appropriations:</b>															
Guaranteed renewable energy loans.....	a/	\$12,760	\$3,500	5	\$12,760	\$1,350	5	\$7,576	\$500	6	+\$68,179 (1)	+\$3,015 (3)	-	\$75,754	\$3,515 6
Renewable energy grants.....		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+15,000 (2)	+15,000	-	15,000	15,000 -
Subtotal.....		12,760	3,500	5	12,760	1,350	5	7,576	500	6	+83,179	+18,015	-	90,754	18,515 6
<b>Mandatory Appropriations:</b>															
Guaranteed renewable energy loans.....	a/b/	91,141	25,000	10	94,518	10,000	10	151,515	10,000	11	+171,761	+5,000	-	323,276	15,000 11
Renewable energy grants.....	b/	21,500	21,500	71	38,000	38,000	71	38,000	38,000	79	-5,500	-5,500	+2	32,500	32,500 81
Renewable energy feasibility studies.....	b/	1,000	1,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- -
Renewable energy audits and technical assistance.....	b/	2,500	2,500	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,000	2,000	-	+500	+500	-	2,500	2,500 -
Subtotal.....		116,141	50,000	81	134,518	50,000	81	191,515	50,000	90	+166,761	-	+2	358,276	50,000 92
Total Adjusted Approp.....		128,901	53,500	86	147,278	51,350	86	199,091	50,500	96	+249,939	+18,015	+2	449,030	68,515 98
Rescissions, Transfers and Seq. (Net).....	c/	-116,141	-50,000	-	-134,518	-50,000	-	-191,515	-50,000	-	-166,761	-	-	-358,276	-50,000 -
Total Appropriation.....		12,760	3,500	86	12,760	1,350	86	7,576	500	96	+83,179	+18,015	+2	90,754	18,515 98
<b>Transfers In:</b>															
Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).....		116,141	50,000	-	134,518	50,000	-	191,515	50,000	-	+166,761	-	-	358,276	50,000 -
Total.....		116,141	50,000	-	134,518	50,000	-	191,515	50,000	-	+166,761	-	-	358,276	50,000 -
Sequestration.....		-	-	-	-9,820	-3,650	-	-13,023	-3,400	-	+13,023	+3,400	-	-	- -
Bal. Available, SOY.....		57,519	24,762	-	154,485	57,422	-	91,869	10,688	-	-76,547	-6,681	-	15,322	4,007 -
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	c/d/e/	8,185	7,018	-	11,589	5,620	-	11,526	3,743	-	+1,984	-303	-	13,510	3,440 -
Total Available.....		194,604	85,280	86	303,533	110,741	86	289,463	61,531	96	+188,399	-3,584	+2	477,862	75,962 98
Lapsing Balances.....		-	-	-	-116	-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- -
Bal. Available, EOY.....		-125,781	-57,422	-	-59,172	-10,688	-	-11,798	-4,007	-	-1,981	+309	-	-13,779	-3,698 -
Total Obligations.....		68,824	27,858	86	244,244	100,041	86	277,665	57,524	96	+186,418	-3,275	+2	464,083	72,264 98

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RURAL ENERGY FOR AMERICA PROGRAM

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate			
	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	Program Level	Budget Authority	SYs	
Discretionary Obligations:																
Guaranteed renewable energy loans.....	a/	\$12,760	\$3,500	5	\$12,644	\$1,338	5	\$7,576	\$500	6	+\$68,179 (1)	+\$3,015 (3)	-	\$75,754	\$3,515	6
Renewable energy grants.....		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+15,000 (2)	+15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-
Subtotal.....		12,760	3,500	5	12,644	1,338	5	7,576	500	6	+83,179	+18,015	-	90,754	18,515	6
Mandatory Obligations:																
Guaranteed renewable energy loans.....	a/b/	43,689	11,984	10	148,622	15,724	10	228,121	15,056	11	+107,008	+494	-	335,129	15,550	11
Renewable energy grants.....	b/	12,374	12,374	71	80,979	80,979	71	39,863	39,863	79	-4,384	-4,384	+2	35,479	35,479	81
Renewable energy audits and technical assistance.....	b/	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	-	2,105	2,105	-	+615	+615	-	2,720	2,720	-
Subtotal.....		56,064	24,358	81	231,601	98,703	81	270,089	57,024	90	+103,239	-3,275	+2	373,328	53,749	92
Total Obligations.....		68,824	27,858	86	244,244	100,041	86	277,665	57,524	96	+186,418	+14,740	+2	464,083	72,264	98
Lapsing Balances.....		-	-	-	116	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....		125,781	57,422	-	59,172	10,688	-	11,798	4,007	-	+1,981	-309	-	13,779	3,698	-
Total Available.....		194,604	85,280	86	303,533	110,741	86	289,463	61,531	96	+188,399	+14,431	+2	477,862	75,962	98
Transfers In.....		-116,141	-50,000	-	-134,518	-50,000	-	-191,515	-50,000	-	-166,761	-	-	-358,276	-50,000	-
Sequestration.....		-	-	-	9,820	3,650	-	13,023	3,400	-	-13,023	-3,400	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....		-57,519	-24,762	-	-154,485	-57,422	-	-91,869	-10,688	-	+76,547	+6,681	-	-15,322	-4,007	-
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	c/d/e/	-8,185	-7,018	-	-11,589	-5,620	-	-11,526	-3,743	-	-1,984	+303	-	-13,510	-3,440	-
Total Appropriation.....		12,760	3,500	86	12,760	1,350	86	7,576	500	96	+83,179	+18,015	+2	90,754	18,515	98



Project Statement Footnotes

- a/ The subsidy rate is based on a guarantee fee of 1% and annual fee of .25%.
- b/ Includes mandatory funding provided by section 9007 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$50 million for 2014, \$50 million for 2015, 2016, and 2017. The funds are to remain available until expended.
- c/ For 2014, actual recoveries, Other (Net), of the \$7,018, budget authority amount, \$441 is for subsidy and \$6,577 is for grants.
- d/ For 2014, actual recoveries, Other (Net), of the \$7,018, budget authority amount, \$441 is for subsidy and \$6,577 is for grants.
- e/ For 2016, estimated recoveries, Other (Net), of the \$3,743, budget authority amount, \$550 is for subsidy and \$3,193 is for grants.

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$68,179,000 for rural energy for America program (REAP) guaranteed loans (\$7,576,000 available in 2016).

Base funds for the program continue to generate kilowatt-hours of alternative energy. The 2017 request will support a total program level of \$75.78 million for guaranteed loans, projecting to result in 168 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy generation/savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 100,800 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalence. Since 2009, the Rural Business Service authorized 10,753 awards under the Rural Energy for America Program, saving or generating 10.5 million megawatt hours of energy.

The REAP request provides loan guarantees to farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to assist with purchasing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements to their physical plants.

Continuation of this program is critical because the program:

- Supports Presidential initiatives for a secure energy future.
- Enhances rural prosperity by facilitating sustainable renewable energy development.

The REAP guaranteed loan program provides significant leverage of Federal funds and greatly enhances access to a growing number of agricultural producers and small rural businesses that can greatly benefit from this program.

Expanding renewable energy production creates green jobs, improves the environment, and provides numerous opportunities to enhance rural prosperity. USDA provides financial and technical assistance to aid in sustainably producing and distributing renewable resources. This assistance goes to farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, small businesses, rural utilities, tribal governments, and rural municipalities and covers biomass, solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal technologies as well as providing support for energy efficiency/conservation improvements.

The 2014 Farm Bill provides \$50 million for loans and grants in mandatory budget authority for this program projecting to result in 1,165 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy generation/savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 603,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalence.

- (2) An increase of \$15,000,000 for rural energy for America program grants (\$0 available in 2016).

Base funds for the REAP grant program will continue to generate kilowatt-hours of alternative energy. In 2017, funding for the grant program of \$15 million is projected to result in 120 million kilowatt hours of renewable energy generation/savings and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an estimated 72,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalence.

REAP provides grants to farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses to assist with purchasing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements to their physical plants. For the last three years this program has seen an increase interest from small businesses in looking to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and diversify power generation and fuel production. Renewable energy projects funded by USDA grants improve the local economy by creating new jobs at energy plants, enhancing the tax base, and increasing local business profits. In addition funds allowed many agricultural producers and rural small business owners to decrease their energy consumption and increase their profit margins.

Expanding renewable energy production creates green jobs, improves the environment, and provides numerous opportunities to enhance rural prosperity. USDA provides financial and technical assistance to aid in sustainably producing and distributing renewable resources. This assistance goes to farmers, ranchers, forest landowners, small businesses, rural utilities, tribal governments, and rural municipalities and covers biomass, solar, wind, hydro, and geothermal technologies as well as providing support for energy efficiency/conservation improvements.

The 2014 Farm Bill provides an additional \$25 million in mandatory budget authority for this program.

- (3) An increase of \$3,015,000 for rural energy for America program guaranteed loan subsidy (\$500,000 available in 2016).

The increase in subsidy for this program is due to the increase in the requested loan level, and this level of budget authority will support a loan level of \$75.8 million.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Discretionary Rural Energy for America Program Guaranteed Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Alaska.....	-	\$31	-	-
Florida.....	-	2,363	-	-
North Carolina.....	\$12,760	10,250	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$7,576 <u>a/</u>	\$75,754 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	12,760	12,644	7,576	75,754
Lapsing Balances.....	-	117	-	-
Total, Adjusted Approp....	12,760	12,760	7,576	75,754

Discretionary Rural Energy for America Program Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$15,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	-	-

Mandatory Rural Energy for America Program Guaranteed Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Arizona.....	-	\$5,000	-	-
Hawaii.....	-	550	-	-
Missouri.....	-	3,375	-	-
Nebraska.....	\$25	-	-	-
New York.....	-	316	-	-
North Carolina.....	42,440	139,271	-	-
Ohio.....	-	110	-	-
Virginia.....	1,225	-	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$228,121 <u>a/</u>	\$335,129 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	43,689	148,622	228,121	335,129

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Mandatory Rural Energy for America Program Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	\$179	\$1,857	-	-
Alaska.....	143	699	-	-
Arizona.....	167	1,187	-	-
Arkansas.....	147	609	-	-
California.....	429	5,845	-	-
Colorado.....	126	691	-	-
Connecticut.....	148	898	-	-
Delaware.....	142	936	-	-
Florida.....	287	420	-	-
Georgia.....	390	4,108	-	-
Hawaii.....	142	545	-	-
Idaho.....	161	1,137	-	-
Illinois.....	270	1,566	-	-
Indiana.....	354	1,752	-	-
Iowa.....	842	3,710	-	-
Kansas.....	237	936	-	-
Kentucky.....	325	2,155	-	-
Louisiana.....	226	1,198	-	-
Maine.....	190	1,784	-	-
Maryland.....	177	1,206	-	-
Massachusetts.....	158	1,870	-	-
Michigan.....	462	2,262	-	-
Minnesota.....	566	2,228	-	-
Mississippi.....	288	1,847	-	-
Missouri.....	327	1,978	-	-
Montana.....	168	748	-	-
Nebraska.....	169	1,786	-	-
Nevada.....	41	738	-	-
New Hampshire.....	164	1,163	-	-
New Jersey.....	127	991	-	-
New Mexico.....	90	1,110	-	-
New York.....	317	2,691	-	-
North Carolina.....	399	3,379	-	-
North Dakota.....	147	461	-	-
Ohio.....	364	2,365	-	-
Oklahoma.....	229	1,421	-	-
Oregon.....	205	1,358	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	358	2,165	-	-
Rhode Island.....	80	857	-	-
South Carolina.....	122	236	-	-
South Dakota.....	169	1,119	-	-
Tennessee.....	327	2,210	-	-
Texas.....	399	2,148	-	-
Utah.....	129	921	-	-
Vermont.....	122	1,555	-	-
Virginia.....	281	2,143	-	-
Washington.....	152	1,364	-	-
West Virginia.....	215	848	-	-
Wisconsin.....	273	1,902	-	-
Wyoming.....	67	239	-	-
Guam.....	-	319	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	163	1,241	-	-
Virgin Islands.....	125	55	-	-
Other Countries.....	88	19	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$39,863 <u>a/</u>	\$35,479 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	12,374	80,979	39,863	35,479

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Mandatory Rural Energy for America Program Energy Audits and Technical Assistance  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
California.....	-	\$20	-	-
Colorado.....	-	50	-	-
Florida.....	-	99	-	-
Georgia.....	-	73	-	-
Illinois.....	-	90	-	-
Indiana.....	-	100	-	-
Kentucky.....	-	67	-	-
Maine.....	-	100	-	-
Massachusetts.....	-	98	-	-
Michigan.....	-	100	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	100	-	-
Missouri.....	-	100	-	-
Nebraska.....	-	71	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	83	-	-
North Carolina.....	-	154	-	-
Ohio.....	-	40	-	-
Oklahoma.....	-	100	-	-
Oregon.....	-	70	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	-	100	-	-
South Dakota.....	-	2	-	-
Tennessee.....	-	100	-	-
Texas.....	-	99	-	-
Washington.....	-	94	-	-
Wisconsin.....	-	88	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$2,105 <u>a/</u>	\$2,720 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	2,000	2,105	2,720

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

Discretionary		2014	2015	2016	2017
		Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	\$27,858	\$100,041	\$57,524	\$72,264
99.9	Total, new obligations.....	27,858	100,041	57,524	72,264

NOTE: Amounts include mandatory and discretionary funding.

[RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

Rural Cooperative Development Grants

For rural cooperative development grants authorized under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), [~~\$22,050,000~~]\$22,250,000, of which \$2,500,000 shall be for cooperative agreements for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas program: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$3,000,000 shall be for grants for cooperative development centers, individual cooperatives, or groups of cooperatives that serve socially disadvantaged groups and a majority of the boards of directors or governing boards of which are comprised of individuals who are members of socially disadvantaged groups; and of which \$10,750,000, to remain available until expended, shall be for value-added agricultural product market development grants, as authorized by section 231 of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 (7 U.S.C. 1632a).

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$22,250,000
2016 Enacted.....	22,050,000
Change in Appropriation.....	<u>200,000</u>

Summary of Increases and Decreases  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Change	2016 Change	2017 Change	2017 Estimate
Discretionary Appropriations					
Rural cooperative development grants.....	\$5,800	-	-	+\$200	\$6,000
Appropriate technology transfer for rural areas agreements.....	2,250	+\$250	-	-	2,500
Grants to assist minority producers.....	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Value-added agriculture product marketing development grants.....	11,250	-3,187	-	-	8,063
Agricultural marketing resource center grants.....	750	-213	-	-	537
Value-added agricultural product beginning & socially disadvantaged farmers & ranchers.....	1,500	-425	-	-	1,075
Value-added agricultural product marketing development mid-tier chains.....	1,500	-425	-	-	1,075
Total Discretionary Appropriations.....	26,050	-4,000	-	+200	22,250
Mandatory Appropriations					
Value-added agriculture product marketing development grants.....	47,250	-47,250	-	-	-
Agricultural marketing resource center grants.....	3,150	-3,150	-	-	-
Value-added agricultural product beginning & socially disadvantaged farmers & ranchers.....	6,300	-6,300	-	-	-
Value-added agricultural product marketing development mid-tier chains.....	6,300	-6,300	-	-	-
Total Mandatory Appropriations.....	63,000	-63,000	-	-	-
Total.....	89,050	-67,000	-	+200	22,250



RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Project Statement

Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Enacted		Inc. or Dec.		2017 Estimate	
	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs
<b>Discretionary Appropriations:</b>										
Rural cooperative development grants.....	\$5,800	-	\$5,800	-	\$5,800	-	+\$200	(1)	-	\$6,000
Appropriate technology transfer for rural areas agreements.....	2,250	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	-	(2)	-	2,500
Grants to assist minority producers.....	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	(3)	-	3,000
Value-added agricultural product marketing development grants.....	11,250	-	8,063	-	8,063	-	-	(4)	-	8,063
Agricultural marketing resource center grants.....	750	-	537	-	537	-	-	(4)	-	537
Value-added agricultural product beginning & socially disadvantaged farmers & ranchers.....	1,500	-	1,075	-	1,075	-	-	(4)	-	1,075
Value-added agricultural product marketing development mid-tier chains.....	1,500	-	1,075	-	1,075	-	-	(4)	-	1,075
Subtotal.....	26,050	27	22,050	27	22,050	33	+200	-	-	22,250
33										
<b>Mandatory Appropriations:</b>										
Value-added agricultural product marketing development grants..... a/	47,250	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Agricultural marketing resource center grants..... a/	3,150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Value-added agricultural product beginning & socially disadvantaged farmers & ranchers..... a/	6,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Value-added agricultural product marketing development mid-tier chains..... a/	6,300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal.....	63,000	7	-	7	-	9	-	-	-	9
Total Adjusted Appropriations.....	89,050	34	22,050	34	22,050	42	200	-	-	22,250
42										
Rescissions, Transfers, and Seq. (Net).....	-63,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation.....	26,050	34	22,050	34	22,050	42	+200	-	-	22,250
42										
<b>Transfers In:</b>										
Commodity Credit Corporation.....	63,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal.....	63,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	13,857	-	78,396	-	45,551	-	-28,984	-	-	16,567
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	2,804	-	3,053	-	1,706	-	-86	-	-	1,620
Total Available.....	105,711	34	103,499	34	69,307	42	-28,870	-	-	40,437
42										
Lapsing Balances.....	-0	-	-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unobligated balances rescinded..... b/	-	-	-	-	-	-	-22	-	-	-22
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-78,396	-	-45,551	-	-16,567	-	+14,328	-	-	-2,240
Total Obligations.....	27,315	34	57,948	39	52,740	43	-14,564	-	-	38,176
42										

a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 6203 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$63,000,000 for 2014, to remain available until expended.

b/ A rescission of unobligated balances in the amount of \$21,597 is proposed for this account in 2017.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Project Statement  
Obligations Details and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual		2015 Actual		2016 Enacted		Inc. or Dec.		2017 Estimate	
	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs	Amount	SYs
Discretionary Obligations:										
Rural cooperative development grants.....	\$5,800	-	\$5,800	-	\$5,800	-	+\$200 (1)	-	\$6,000	-
Appropriate technology transfer for rural areas agreements.....	2,250	-	2,500	-	2,500	-	- (2)	-	2,500	-
Grants to assist minority producers.....	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	-	- (3)	-	3,000	-
Value-added agricultural product marketing development grants.....	16,008	-	22,442	-	10,412	-	-712 (4)	-	9,700	-
Agricultural marketing resource center grants.....	204	-	1,623	-	1,045	-	-444 (4)	-	601	-
Value-added agricultural product beginning & socially disadvantaged farmers & ranchers.....	-	-	-	-	1,075	-	225 (4)	-	1,300	-
Value-added agricultural product marketing development mid-tier chains.....	-	-	-	-	1,075	-	- (4)	-	1,075	-
Subtotal.....	27,262	31	35,366	27	24,907	33	-731	-	24,176	33
Mandatory Obligations:										
Value-added agricultural product marketing development grants..... a/	53	-	21,533	-	25,500	-	-11,500	-	14,000	-
Agricultural marketing resource center grants..... a/	-	-	1,050	-	2,333	-	-2,333	-	-	-
Subtotal.....	53	8	22,582	7	27,833	9	-13,833	-	14,000	9
Total Obligations.....	27,315	39	57,948	43	52,740	43	-14,564	-1	38,176	42
Recoveries, Other (Net).....	-2,804	-	-3,053	-	-1,706	-	+86	-	-1,620	-
Lapsing Balances.....	0	-	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unobligated balances rescinded..... b/	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	22	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	78,396	-	45,551	-	16,567	-	-14,328	-	2,240	-
Total Available.....	102,907	39	100,446	43	67,601	43	-28,784	-1	38,817	42
Transfers In.....	-63,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	-13,857	-	-78,396	-	-45,551	-	+28,984	-	-16,567	-
Total Appropriation.....	26,050	39	22,050	43	22,050	43	+200	-1	22,250	42

a/ Mandatory funding provided by section 6203 of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Public Law 113-79, dated February 7, 2014. The Act provides funds from the Commodity Credit Corporation of \$63,000,000 for 2014, to remain available until expended.

b/ A rescission of unobligated balances in the amount of \$21,597 is proposed for this account in 2017.

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$200,000 for rural cooperative development grants (\$5,800,000 available in 2016).

Base funding in addition to the \$200,000 increase requested for the rural cooperative development grant (RCDG) program will assist approximately 365 cooperatives or mutually owned businesses.

Cooperatives offer an alternative to investor-owned companies through which those using the entity's goods or services are actively involved in the governance of the organization. Over the last decade, Rural Development has used the RCDG program to develop a network of cooperative development centers, whose trained staff work with of new and emerging cooperatives covering a broad range, including traditional farm supply, marketing, dependent care, conversions of traditional companies to employee ownership.

- (2) No change in funding for appropriate technology transfer for rural areas agreements (\$2,500,000 available in 2016).

Base funds for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas (ATTRA) will be used for a competitive grant program that will assist businesses through a nonprofit entity that will deliver publications and resources to producers. This project provides information to farmers and other rural users on a variety of sustainable agricultural practices that include both cropping and livestock operations. This program supports USDA strategic goals by providing services that help farmers, ranchers, market gardeners, extension agents, researchers, educators, farm organizations, and others involved in agriculture, especially those who are economically disadvantaged or belong to traditionally underserved communities working within their community for sustainable agriculture.

In 2015, ATTRA:

- Delivered over 13,000 research letters, technical publications, electronic media (CDs, DVDs, jump drives), illustrated guides, and other materials at no charge in response to client queries.
- Provided at least two million ATTRA publications, resource lists and other educational resources that are read online or through downloads of HTML and PDF, multimedia presentations, and other educational media from the ATTRA website.
- Maintained current website traffic rates of approximately 600,000 visits per year and two million page views per year, and maintain the quality of visits to our website by keeping the content fresh, high-quality, and up-to-date.
- Completed 20 new or significantly updated publications or other educational materials on priority topics that meet continuing client demand.
- Provided at least eight webinars which will reach at least 1,500 participants.
- Organized, presented, and/or facilitated presentations, workshops, field days or other speaking engagements in at least 25 locations across the U.S. attended by at least 15,000 people.
- Monitored and communicated practical information about changes in Federal and regional agricultural programs, especially those changes affecting sustainable agriculture practices, local foods, marketing, and farm energy management that have a direct impact on our farmer, rancher, and Cooperative Extension clients.
- Partnered with nongovernmental organizations and various USDA programs to implement collaborative educational services and program development activities related to sustainable agriculture.
- Provided, on average, assistance to over 2,200,000 agricultural producers and businesses.
- Supported six regional offices to provide information and technical assistance on a wide array of agricultural topics.
- Provided clients one-on-one technical assistance on sustainable agriculture and marketing.

(3) No change in funding for grants to socially disadvantaged group grants (\$3,000,000 available in 2016).

Base funding for this program will assist approximately 20 cooperatives or mutually owned businesses. The socially disadvantaged group grant (SDGG) provides technical assistance to socially disadvantaged agricultural producers through eligible cooperative development centers, cooperatives and associations of cooperatives. Technical assistance provided to socially disadvantaged producers includes activities such as market research; product and/or service improvement; legal advice and assistance; feasibility studies, business plans, marketing plan development; and training. The program supports the USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

(4) No change in funding for value added producer grants (\$10,750,000 available in 2016).

It is estimated that 85 producers will be assisted with the requested funds in 2017. RD will continue to efficiently addressing demand and assisting as many producers with planning funding or working capital funding to establish or run value-added agricultural marketing ventures.

Base funds for the value-added agriculture product market development grants (VAPG) program continue to assist rural Americans by helping farmers, groups of farmers, and farmer-owned cooperatives add value to their products, allowing producers to build economic gains that then circulate through the local economy. This program provides priority to applicants proposing to increase the development of local and regional food systems. The program supports the USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

The VAPG funding will also support the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center, which is an electronic, national resource for producers interested in value-added agriculture. The Center provides resources such as web site information regarding commodities and products, markets and industries and renewable energy, value added business and economic analysis tools, and outreach activities including workshops, seminars, and newsletters and responding to webmail inquiries.

In 2015, RD obligated 259 VAPG awards for a total of \$46.6 million that are projected to assist approximately 6,000 businesses (independent producers). The total includes awards made to the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC).

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Cooperative Development Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alaska.....	-	\$200	-	-
California.....	\$400	400	-	-
Colorado.....	200	200	-	-
Hawaii.....	200	200	-	-
Illinois.....	72	200	-	-
Indiana.....	200	200	-	-
Kentucky.....	200	200	-	-
Massachusetts.....	200	200	-	-
Michigan.....	200	200	-	-
Minnesota.....	600	600	-	-
Mississippi.....	72	200	-	-
Montana.....	391	200	-	-
Nebraska.....	200	200	-	-
North Carolina.....	400	-	-	-
North Dakota.....	400	400	-	-
Ohio.....	272	281	-	-
Oregon.....	121	200	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	200	200	-	-
South Dakota.....	72	200	-	-
Texas.....	200	200	-	-
Virginia.....	400	319	-	-
Washington.....	400	400	-	-
Wisconsin.....	400	400	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$5,800 <u>a/</u>	\$6,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	5,800	5,800	5,800	6,000

Appropriate Technology Transfer Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Montana.....	\$2,250	\$2,500	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$2,500 <u>a/</u>	\$2,500 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	2,250	2,500	2,500	2,500

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Grants to Assist Minority Producers  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	389	\$175	-	-
Alaska.....	-	175	-	-
Arizona.....	188	-	-	-
Arkansas.....	169	-	-	-
California.....	200	212	-	-
Hawaii.....	197	175	-	-
Louisiana.....	200	-	-	-
Maryland.....	-	172	-	-
Massachusetts.....	236	143	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	350	-	-
Mississippi.....	400	316	-	-
New Mexico.....	363	306	-	-
South Carolina.....	300	350	-	-
South Dakota.....	-	134	-	-
Texas.....	197	175	-	-
Virginia.....	-	141	-	-
Washington.....	160	175	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$3,000 <u>a/</u>	\$3,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Value-Added Agricultural Product Marketing Development Grants - Discretionary  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Alabama.....	\$300	\$664	-	-
Alaska.....	91	48	-	-
Arizona.....	209	547	-	-
Arkansas.....	30	249	-	-
California.....	200	2,344	-	-
Connecticut.....	-	250	-	-
Delaware.....	-	749	-	-
Florida.....	-	557	-	-
Georgia.....	1,194	3,230	-	-
Hawaii.....	42	358	-	-
Idaho.....	-	799	-	-
Illinois.....	341	\$630	-	-
Indiana.....	130	610	-	-
Iowa.....	193	1,415	-	-
Kansas.....	384	705	-	-
Kentucky.....	212	605	-	-
Louisiana.....	200	250	-	-
Maine.....	472	248	-	-
Maryland.....	430	1,508	-	-
Massachusetts.....	-	200	-	-
Michigan.....	1,206	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	994	-	-	-
Mississippi.....	-	250	-	-
Missouri.....	1,529	-	-	-
Montana.....	26	-	-	-
Nebraska.....	176	6	-	-
Nevada.....	106	-	-	-
New Hampshire.....	128	-	-	-
New Jersey.....	50	-	-	-
New Mexico.....	50	-	-	-
New York.....	611	1,498	-	-
North Carolina.....	717	149	-	-
North Dakota.....	62	-	-	-
Ohio.....	19	-	-	-
Oklahoma.....	276	322	-	-
Oregon.....	-	862	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	164	113	-	-
Rhode Island.....	-	-	-	-
South Carolina.....	539	-	-	-
South Dakota.....	274	-	-	-
Tennessee.....	497	50	-	-
Texas.....	361	187	-	-
Utah.....	75	-	-	-
Vermont.....	245	186	-	-
Virginia.....	1,625	872	-	-
Washington.....	1,129	629	-	-
West Virginia.....	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin.....	343	1,351	-	-
Guam.....	9	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	256	-	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$10,412 a/	\$9,700 a/
Obligations.....	16,008	22,442	10,412	9,700

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Value-Added Agricultural Marketing Resource Center Grants - Discretionary  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Iowa.....	\$204	\$1,623	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$1,045 <u>a/</u>	\$601 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	204	1,623	1,045	601

Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants - Beginners and Socially Disadvantaged Farmers  
and Ranchers - Discretionary  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$1,075 <u>a/</u>	\$1,300 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	1,075	1,300

Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants - Mid-Tier Chains - Discretionary  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$1,075 <u>a/</u>	\$1,075 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	1,075	1,075

Value-Added Agricultural Marketing Resource Center Grants - Mandatory  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Iowa.....	-	\$1,050	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	\$2,333 <u>a/</u>	-
Obligations.....	-	1,050	2,333	-

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.



RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Value-Added Agricultural Product Marketing Development Grants - Mandatory  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
California.....	\$53	-	-	-
Massachusetts.....	-	\$300	-	-
Michigan.....	-	851	-	-
Minnesota.....	-	1,055	-	-
Mississippi.....	-	500	-	-
Missouri.....	-	1,461	-	-
Nebraska.....	-	315	-	-
New Hampshire.....	-	96	-	-
New Jersey.....	-	550	-	-
New Mexico.....	-	709	-	-
New York.....	-	1,818	-	-
North Carolina.....	-	471	-	-
North Dakota.....	-	124	-	-
Ohio.....	-	199	-	-
Oregon.....	-	1,185	-	-
Pennsylvania.....	-	577	-	-
South Carolina.....	-	1,130	-	-
South Dakota.....	-	304	-	-
Texas.....	-	962	-	-
Utah.....	-	250	-	-
Vermont.....	-	784	-	-
Virginia.....	-	3,097	-	-
Washington.....	-	831	-	-
West Virginia.....	-	50	-	-
Wisconsin.....	-	2,198	-	-
Wyoming.....	-	30	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	-	1,683	-	-
Other Countries.....	-	3	-	-
Undistributed.....	-	-	25,500 <u>a/</u>	14,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	53	21,533	25,500	14,000

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	\$27,315	\$57,948	\$52,740	\$38,176
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	27,315	57,948	52,740	38,176

NOTE: Amounts include mandatory and discretionary funding.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES GRANTS

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	Inc. or Dec.	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Rural empowerment zones and enterprise communities grants.....	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	\$33	\$33	\$33	-\$33	-
Total Available.....	33	33	33	-33	-
Unobligated balances rescinded..... a/	-	-	-33	+33	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-33	-33	-	-	-
Total Obligations.....	-	-	-	-	-

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	Inc. or Dec.	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Rural empowerment zones and enterprise communities grants.....	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bal. Available, SOY.....	\$33	\$33	\$33	-\$33	-
Total Available.....	33	33	33	-33	-
Unobligated balances rescinded..... a/	-	-	-33	+33	-
Bal. Available, EOY.....	-33	-33	-	-	-
Total Appropriations.....	-	-	-	-	-

a/ The amounts are rescinded pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, Public Law 114-113, signed December 18, 2015, in accordance with section 739.

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriation language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

### Rural Business Investment Program Account

For loans and grants for the rural business investment program, as authorized by section 384F(b)(3)(A) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$6,577,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That the cost of the loan guarantees, including the cost of modifying such loans, shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

	<u>Loan Level</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>	<u>Grants</u>
Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$20,600,000	\$2,577,000	\$4,000,000
2016 Enacted.....	-	-	-
Change in Appropriation.....	<u>20,600,000</u>	<u>2,577,000</u>	<u>4,000,000</u>

Summary of Increases and Decreases  
(Dollars in thousands)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2014 Actual</u>	<u>2015 Change</u>	<u>2016 Change</u>	<u>2017 Change</u>	<u>2017 Estimate</u>
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Rural business investment program guaranteed loans.....	-	-	-	+\$2,577	\$2,577
Rural business investment programs grants.....	-	-	-	+4,000	4,000
Total.....	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>+6,577</u>	<u>6,577</u>

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL BUSINESS INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level
Discretionary Appropriations:															
Rural business investment program guaranteed loans.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+\$20,600 (1)	+\$2,577 (3)	\$20,600	\$2,577	\$20,600	\$2,577	
Rural business investment programs grants.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+4,000 (2)	+4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+24,600	+6,577	24,600	6,577	24,600	6,577	
Total Available.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+24,600	+6,577	24,600	6,577	24,600	6,577	
Total Obligations.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+24,600	+6,577	24,600	6,577	24,600	6,577	

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual			2015 Actual			2016 Enacted			Inc. or Dec.			2017 Estimate		
	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level	Budget Authority	Program Level
Discretionary Appropriations:															
Rural business investment program guaranteed loans.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+\$20,600 (1)	+\$2,577 (3)	\$20,600	\$2,577	\$20,600	\$2,577	
Rural business investment programs grants.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+4,000 (2)	+4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Total Obligations.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+24,600	+6,577	24,600	6,577	24,600	6,577	
Total Available.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+24,600	+6,577	24,600	6,577	24,600	6,577	
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+24,600	+6,577	24,600	6,577	24,600	6,577	

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

- (1) An increase of \$20,600,000 for the rural business investment program loans (\$0 available in 2016).

The rural business investment program (RBIP) guaranteed loan program promotes economic development in rural areas by helping to meet the equity capital investment needs of smaller enterprises located in such areas. USDA licenses newly formed for-profit investment fund entities as Rural Business Investment Companies (RBICs). These companies are necessary to invest capital into rural communities that are usually bypassed by larger equity investors. RBICs use the equity raised in capitalizing their fund to make equity, and equity-like, investments mostly in smaller enterprises located primarily in rural areas. RBIP is administered in partnership with the Small Business Administration (SBA).

In 2017, the budget proposes \$20.6 million in available RBIP guaranteed loans, or debentures, which will enable RD to license one or more leveraged RBICs, and, when combined with their private equity match requirement, will provide approximately \$30 million in total capital for investments in mostly smaller enterprises in rural America over the life of the funds.

The program supports USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

- (2) An increase of \$4,000,000 for the rural business investment program grants (\$0 available in 2016).

Operational assistance grants will be used by RBICs to provide management, marketing, and other technical assistance that assists a smaller enterprise with its business development, and indirectly supports the RBICs' capital investment in the enterprise.

The program supports USDA Strategic Goal of assisting rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving.

- (3) An increase of \$2,577,000 for the rural business investment program guaranteed loan subsidy (\$0 available in 2016).

The 2017 budget requests \$2.6 million in budget authority. This level of funding will support \$20.6 million in guaranteed loans.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Rural Business Investment Program Guaranteed Loans  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$20,600 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	-	20,600

Rural Business Investment Program Grants  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual Amount	2015 Actual Amount	2016 Enacted Amount	2017 Estimate Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$4,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	-	4,000

a/ Totals cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	-	-	-	\$6,577
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	-	-	-	6,577

## RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

The estimates include appropriations language for this item as follows (new language underscored; deleted matter enclosed in brackets):

### Healthy Foods Financing Initiative

For necessary expenses of the Secretary to support projects that provide access to healthy food in underserved areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-income communities, \$1,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the cost of loans and grants that is consistent with section 4206 of the Agricultural Act of 2014.



RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

Lead-Off Tabular Statement

Budget Estimate, 2017.....	\$1,000,000
2016 Enacted.....	-
Change in Appropriation.....	<u>1,000,000</u>

Summary of Increases and Decreases

(Dollars in thousands)

	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Healthy Food Financing Initiative.....	-	-	-	+\$1,000	\$1,000
Total.....	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

HEALTHY FOOD FINANCING INITIATIVE

Project Statement  
Adjusted Appropriations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	Inc. or Dec.	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Discretionary Appropriations:					
Healthy Food Financing Initiative.....	-	-	-	+\$1,000 (1)	\$1,000
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	-	+1,000	1,000
Total Available.....	-	-	-	+1,000	1,000
Total Obligations.....	-	-	-	+1,000	1,000

Project Statement  
Obligations Detail and Staff Years (SYs)  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	Inc. or Dec.	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Level	Amount	Amount
Discretionary Obligations:					
Healthy Food Financing Initiative.....	-	-	-	+\$1,000 (1)	\$1,000
Total Obligations.....	-	-	-	+1,000	1,000
Total Available.....	-	-	-	+1,000	1,000
Total Appropriation.....	-	-	-	+1,000	1,000

### Justification of Increases and Decreases

(1) An increase of \$1,000,000 for healthy food financing initiative (\$0 available in 2016).

The 2017 budget provides funding for multi-year healthy food financing initiative that will increase the availability of affordable, healthy foods in underserved rural communities to create and preserve quality jobs and revitalize low-income communities, particularly through the development or equipping of grocery stores and other healthy food retailers. This program was authorized in the 2014 Farm Bill. For this initiative, USDA will make available \$1 million in financial and technical assistance to community development financial institutions, other nonprofits, public agencies, and businesses with sound strategies for addressing the healthy food needs of communities. These organizations will use Federal grants, below-market rate loans, loan guarantees and tax credits to attract private sector capital for an even greater investment in projects that increase access to fresh produce and other healthy foods. The goal is to support efforts to provide access to healthy foods in underserved areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-income communities.

RD will work in close coordination with USDA's Food and Nutrition Service and Agricultural Marketing Service. Working with its Federal partners, RD will expand healthy food access for families participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The vast majority of SNAP participants are children, elderly or adults living in households where members are employed in low-wage jobs.

The funds will be targeted to severely underserved low- and moderate-income communities. Most often low-income communities are less attractive, under the conventional financing, to retailers of healthy food. However, effective local programs have shown that well-targeted financing and technical assistance can create viable business outcomes and access to healthier foods and create new markets for farmers, but also create jobs and support broader development efforts to revitalize distressed communities.

Through loans, grants and technical assistance, RD can provide assistance to low- and moderate-income communities for supporting market planning and promotion efforts as well as infrastructure and operational improvements designed to stimulate consumer demand, enhance marketing, expand demand and retail outlets for farm products, and increase availability of locally and regionally produced foods.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Healthy Food Financing Initiative  
Geographic Breakdown of Obligations  
(Dollars in thousands)

State/Territory	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
	Amount	Amount	Amount	Amount
Undistributed.....	-	-	-	\$1,000 <u>a/</u>
Obligations.....	-	-	-	1,000

a/ Total cannot be distributed at this time.

Classification by Objects  
(Dollars in thousands)

	2014 Actual	2015 Estimate	2016 Enacted	2017 Estimate
41.0 Grants, subsidies, and contributions.....	-	-	-	\$1,000
99.9 Total, new obligations.....	-	-	-	1,000

## **RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE**

### Status of Programs

The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS) programs provide direct loans, loan guarantees, grants, technical assistance and payments designed to increase economic opportunity in rural America. Rural Development (RD) State and field office staffs work collaboratively with political and business leaders to leverage RD resources.

RBS promotes economic development by supporting loan guarantees to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. RBS offers technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations. RBS programs are committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through these programs, we touch rural America in many ways.

### **Business and Industry Guaranteed (B&I) Loan Program**

#### Current Activities:

The B&I Guaranteed Loan Program is one of the major tools that RD employs to facilitate business growth in rural areas. The B&I Guaranteed Loan Program provides funding through small or regional scale lenders to ensure rural communities have access to capital. In 2015, RD issued 369 B&I loan guarantees totaling \$1.044 billion assisting 430 rural businesses, and creating or saving 15,840 jobs.

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

In 2015 Aspen Mountain Real Estate received a \$19 million loan to build a new 16-bed, 51,500 square foot medical facility with four operating rooms and two procedure rooms in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The doctors practicing there will be offering specialty medicine in fields such as pain management, ophthalmology, orthopedics, etc.

In February 2015, IntegriCo was awarded a \$7.5 million loan to build a composite crosstie manufacturing plant in Cullen, Louisiana. IntegriCo immediately created 75 new jobs at an average wage of \$15.38 hourly, which is substantial in rural, economically distressed areas. IntegriCo plans to create as many as 250 jobs over the next five years. After the loss of a major manufacturer several years ago due to outsourcing, this area has been starving for an opportunity of this magnitude.

### **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)**

#### Current Activities:

REAP provides assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to complete a variety of projects, including renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, renewable energy development assistance and energy audits. In 2015, REAP funded 1,945 projects totaling \$244.1 million (\$82.9 million in grants and \$161.2 million in loan guarantees) with \$17 million in budget authority. Of this total, the Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program of REAP funded five projects with \$12.6 million in discretionary loan guarantee funding (with \$1.3 million in budget authority) and 1,940 projects with \$231.5 million in mandatory funds; \$82.9 million in grants and \$148.6 million in loans (with \$15.7 million in budget authority). When operational, the 2015 REAP projects are expected to generate/save approximately 1,070 million kilowatt hours (kWh).

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

Niagara Cave, Inc., was awarded a \$29,066 grant to install a 37.8 KW solar array to offset electrical usage of their family owned private cave operation located in Harmony, Minnesota. The solar array will generate 49,500 kWh of energy annually and provide 100% of the electrical needs for the cave operation, with additional energy being sold to the local electric cooperative that serves the cave. The project will save the operation over \$5,440 in electrical cost per year and generate another \$450 in revenue per year by selling excess power to the grid.

Parker Marine Enterprises, Inc., a rural small business employing approximately 100 people in Beaufort, North Carolina was awarded a \$42,775 grant to replace lighting in their boat manufacturing facility. The new lighting upgrades will save over 30% in annual energy usage at the facility which assists the company in reducing their long term operating costs.

#### **Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)**

##### Current Activities:

The IRP lends money to economic development intermediaries (non-profits and public bodies) who re-lend it to rural businesses (ultimate recipients) that might not otherwise be able to obtain such financing. The program supports sustainable economic development and helps create or retain jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities. In 2015, IRP issued 30 loans totaling \$18.9 million to intermediaries to establish revolving loan funds to assist 642 businesses and to create or save 14,450 jobs.

##### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

The Northern Communities Investment Corporation received \$1 million to provide a low-interest loan to relend for business and community development in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom Rural Economic Area Partnership Zone.

The Vermont Small Business Development Corporation received \$1 million to provide low-interest loans to business and community development organizations to assist 16 businesses retain and/or create 63 jobs,

#### **Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program (RMAP)**

##### Current Activities:

The RMAP program supports the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises that consist of 10 or less employees. Direct loans and technical assistance grants are made to select Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs), through a competitive grant program specified in regulation. In 2015, a total of \$1.5 million in loans was obligated to 4 RMAP applicants. The \$3.4 million in RMAP grants was provided to 61 applicants to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises.

##### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

CommunityWorks, Inc. received a \$400,000 loan and \$100,000 grant to capitalize a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund that makes microloans to rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises as well as to provide technical assistance for these same rural entities across the 46 counties of South Carolina.

#### **Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program**

##### Current Activities:

The REDLG program provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which, in turn, relend the funds to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The program

funds business start-up, expansion, business incubators, education and training facilities and equipment, community development assistance, health care and other projects that support rural economic development.

In 2015, REDLG issued 37 loans totaling \$38.6 million creating or saving 1,620 jobs. In addition, 33 grants totaling \$9.2 million were made to qualifying utilities assisting 30 businesses and creating or saving 545 jobs.

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

West River Electric Association, Inc. received a \$720,000 loan to finance the Wall School District Athletic Complex in Wall, South Dakota. The project will create 40 new jobs.

United Electric Cooperative, Inc. received a \$200,000 loan to provide a zero-interest loan to DMR Plastics in Missouri, to assist with financing the expansion of their plastic material recycling business. The project will create and or save 10 jobs.

Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative received a \$300,000 grant to re-lend to Northeast South Dakota Health Care Foundation to help fund medical equipment for the Milbank Area Hospital located in Milbank, South Dakota. Project will create 11 new jobs and assist in supporting 102 jobs.

### **Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program**

#### Current Activities:

RBDG provides grant to support towns, communities, State agencies, etc. in providing targeted technical assistance, training, and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenues. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities. In 2015, the opportunity type portion of RBDG issued 64 grants to residents and businesses in 36 States totaled \$5.3 million and created or saved more than 905 jobs. The enterprise type portion of RBDG awarded 404 grants totaling \$25.5 million and created or save about 10,740. In total, these grants assisted 3,908 businesses in creating or saving 11,645 jobs.

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

The University of Alaska Fairbanks received a \$134,809 grant to provide technical assistance for business planning to the Native Village of Sayoonga to evaluate different production strategies to guide the development of a comprehensive meat industry.

Eastern Oklahoma State College received a \$199,000 grant to establish a Native American Agribusiness incubator facility and demonstration/retail outlet building in Wilburton, Oklahoma that specializes in vegetable and horticulture plants that use aquaponics.

### **Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG) Program**

#### Current Activities:

The VAPG program helps agricultural producers grow their businesses by turning raw commodities into value-added products, expanding marketing opportunities and developing new uses for existing products. In 2015, the VAPG Program funded 363 grants for a total of \$43.9 million. These grants created or saved 3,127 jobs, assisted 2,659 businesses and 2,548 farmers.

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

The San Xavier Cooperative Association in Tucson, Arizona received a \$52,206 planning award to determine the feasibility of the farmer cooperative producing various types of flour, providing cold storage and establishing a central market to sell products locally.

Fifer Orchards, Inc. of Camden Wyoming, Delaware received a \$200,000 grant to expand the local market for asparagus, strawberries, and tomatoes. Specifically, funds are being used to increase marketing efforts and allow the organization to process, package and deliver their local produce.

Bohemian Creamery in Sebastopol, California was awarded a \$100,000 grant to produce, sell and market goat whey sodas and soft-serve frozen yogurt.

North Cove Mushroom in Brightwood, Virginia was awarded a \$250,000 grant to process and market locally produced mushrooms into prepared foods and medicinal products.

#### **Agricultural Marketing Resource Center (AgMRC)**

##### Current Activities:

AgMRC provides funding for the maintenance of a virtual resource for national information for value added agriculture. In addition to supporting the value-added producer grant program, AgMRC provides a wealth of information on commodities and products including: agriculture-tourism, aquaculture, energy, forestry, fiber, grains and seeds. Additionally, AgMRC provides prospective value added producers with resources and information on markets and industries as well as tools to assist with developing feasibility studies and business plans. Through its Web site, AgMRC offers tips and information for agricultural producers looking to start a business, how to get prepared, and strategies and analysis for developing a successful business. The funds awarded provide the resources, research and other support to maintain the AgMRC Web site. Funding for 2015 was \$1,623,243, all of which was awarded.

##### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

AgMRC project links producers with electronically available information and resources. AgMRC virtual services are available to independent producers, processors and service providers with critical information to build successful value-added agricultural enterprises.

#### **Rural Cooperative Development Grants (RCDG) Program**

##### Current Activities:

These centers work with and support new cooperative businesses. RCDG are awarded to non-profit groups and higher education institutions. The recipients will use the funds to operate centers to develop or expand rural businesses, especially cooperatives and mutually-owned businesses. The funding can be used to conduct feasibility studies, create and implement business plans, offer technical assistance, establish low-interest loans, and help rural businesses develop new markets for their products and services. In 2015 these centers assisted more than 716 small businesses and cooperatives create/or save more than 848 jobs. In 2015, grants totaling approximately \$5.8 million were made to 30 centers.

##### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

The Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, received a \$200,000 technical assistance grant to help rural Latino farmers form cooperatives as a way to promote economic development. LEDC has trained Latino farmers in cooperative organization and management, including farm incubation equipment sharing, which enables them to move from migrant work to year-round positions, and creates pathways for low-wage farmworkers to become farm owners.



The Cooperative Development Institute, Inc. in Massachusetts received a \$200,000 grant to provide technical assistance and training for business conversions to cooperatives and to start up and establish co-ops in the worker, food systems, social and energy sectors.

In Oregon, the Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation (CASA of Oregon) received a \$200,000 grant to provide technical assistance and training to seven manufactured housing cooperatives so that they remain in compliance with annual lender requirements. The funds will assist owners of manufactured dwellings in forming non-profit cooperatives, enabling them to convert their parks from investor-owned into resident-owned, creating safe and affordable dwellings, and a stabilized community.

The Kohala Center, Inc. in Hawaii received a grant of \$200,000 to provide cooperative and business development technical assistance to rural areas throughout Hawaii to combat the physical isolation and dependence on imported food and energy. Funds will be used to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers, emerging food hubs, and local food distributors and linking them to local institutional buyers.

In Virginia, the Cooperative Development Foundation received a grant of \$119,185 to provide technical assistance for the organization and development of home health care cooperatives in rural areas. Home care and health care workers, a fast growing workforce, are plagued by low wages and minimal benefits. Grant funds will be used to create new tools and resources that facilitate the creation of new home care cooperatives, facilitate the growth of existing home health care cooperatives, which will ultimately improve the quality of home care, and transform the workers into worker-owners.

### **Appropriate Technology Transfer to Rural America (ATTRA)**

#### Current Activities:

The ATTRA program, also called the National Sustainable Agriculture Information Service, provides sustainable agriculture information to those engaged in or serving commercial agriculture, such as farmers, ranchers, extension agents, farm organizations, and farm-based businesses. In 2015, \$2.5 million was obligated to fund ATTRA.

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

Work for the ATTRA project takes place in six locations throughout the United States. The ATTRA project is staffed by more than 20 National Center for Appropriate Technology agricultural specialists with diverse backgrounds in livestock, horticulture, soils, organic farming, integrated pest management, farm energy, and other sustainable agriculture specialties. It provides information and other technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, extension agents, educators, and others involved in sustainable agriculture across the United States.

### **Small Socially-Disadvantaged Producer Grants (SSDPG) Program**

#### Current Activities:

The SSDPG program provides grants to cooperatives, groups of cooperatives, and cooperative development centers to provide technical assistance to small, socially disadvantaged producers. In 2015, the SSDPG Program awarded \$3 million in grants to 19 organizations that created 126 jobs, assisted 429 businesses and assisted 350 farmers.

#### Selected Examples of Recent Progress:

South Central Farmers' Health Education Fund, in Sun Valley, California, received a \$37,400 grant to determine the feasibility of raising tilapia and growing plants in a recirculated aquaponics system.

North Leupp Family Farms Inc., in Leupp, Arizona, received a \$174,946 grant to provide technical assistance to at least 30 socially disadvantaged producers on the Navajo Nation. The technical assistance includes assessing

producer needs, helping producers use modern technology, developing marketing strategies and connecting producers to other USDA programs.

Northcountry Cooperative Foundation in Minneapolis, Minnesota was awarded \$175,000 to provide technical assistance that will help three socially-disadvantaged cooperatives improve their water and sewer system operations in order to house cooperative members; conduct a complete evaluation of the current storm shelter that will lead to a redesign to maximize access and value to the community; and evaluate if the development of community solar arrays is a viable option to reduce electric utility costs for cooperative members.

Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council in Rapid City, South Dakota, received \$134,259, to provide technical assistance for training of best practices in development of disease management programs for Tribal buffalo herds.

Summary of Budget and Performance  
Statement of Department Goals and Objectives

USDA's Rural Business-Cooperative Service offers programs to support business development and job training opportunities for rural residents.

Our programs help provide the capital, technical support, educational opportunities and entrepreneurial skills that can help rural residents start and grow businesses or access jobs in agricultural markets and in the bio-based economy.

USDA and our public and private partners are connecting rural residents to the global economy by:

1. Supporting business growth and development;
2. Facilitating sustainable renewable energy development;
3. Developing regional food systems;
4. Generating and retaining jobs through recreation and natural resource restoration, conservation, and management;
5. Increasing access to broadband.

These investments support the nation's long-term prosperity by ensuring that rural communities are self-sustaining, repopulating and thriving economically. The RBS has one strategic goal and one strategic objective.

**USDA Strategic Goal 1:** *Assist rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, re-populating, and economically thriving. Two key objectives Rural Development supports are (1) to enhance rural prosperity; and (2) to create thriving communities.*

**USDA Strategic Objective 1.1:** *Enhanced capital formation and opportunities provided to agricultural producers and rural businesses.*

USDA exceeded the target for this performance measure by more than 20 percent. The Department's efforts to create and save jobs included the following for FY2015:

- Funding projects of highest priority, which is reflected when jobs are created and saved, while emphasizing quality production in loan and grant making;
- Emphasizing the importance of correlating the data used in priority scoring applications with those used in reporting performance measures;
- Providing additional guidance and training to agency field offices to reinforce Guaranteed Loan System (GLS) data integrity, combined with weekly monitoring by the national office; and
- Extending the processing time for grants of \$20,000 or less from 15 to 60 days, thereby ensuring a more comprehensive agency review.

**Key Performance Measures**

Annual Performance Goals, Indicators, and Trends	2011	2012	2013	2014	Fiscal Year 2015			2016 Target	2017 Target
					Target	Actual	Result		
1.1.1** Number of jobs created or saved through USDA financing of businesses	64,935	52,468	44,419	41,202	41,202	52,697	MET	40,877	55,100
Cost*	\$1,490,025	\$1,151,738	\$1,041,713	\$1,231,607	\$1,233,838	\$1,233,838		\$1,002,446	\$1,046,502

<p>Allowable Data Range for Met: The tolerance range for the measure to be “met” is 5 percent or from 37,642 to 41,605. Jobs data are projected based on historic results. The number of jobs created/saved by each project is gathered when projects are obligated in the Guaranteed Loan System (GLS) data warehouse. Final job counts are verified later in the life of the project upon closing the loan and grant.</p> <p>*Amounts in thousands.</p> <p>**The programs summarized in the table include: B&amp;I, RBDG, Delta regional grants, Rural Child Poverty, HFFI, IRP, RBIP, RMAP, and all Cooperative Program grants. REDLG are not included in the Cost, as the funding is from the cushion of credit. However the job numbers include REDLG activities.</p>
<b>Data Assessment of Performance Measure 1.1.1</b>
<p>Date Source – Grantees and lenders will verify and report the performance measures as required by the specific RBS program and data will be recorded in GLS. All jobs created must be directly related to the project funded or financed by RBS programs. It is imperative that when reviewing the estimated numbers of jobs, the jobs are not indirect jobs created or saved and can be verified by RBS agency staff.</p>
<p>Completeness of Data — Business program data are considered final and complete.</p>
<p>Reliability of Data — Data for jobs created or saved are obtained by State office staff from borrowers and lenders. They are entered into the GLS when obligations are recorded. Overall, the data on jobs created and saved are reliable.</p>
<p>Quality of Data — While the quality of the data on jobs created and saved is satisfactory, USDA seeks to improve the data quality, and, as previously mentioned, is refining the policy for how jobs created and saved are counted. The new policy will provide the States with definitive guidance that will increase consistency of the data. For example, the policy provides specific direction on how to quantify jobs.</p>

### **Analysis of Results:**

RBS will meet the strategic goal and objective noted above, by investing financial resources and providing technical assistance to businesses and cooperatives. RBS worked with these communities to establish strategic alliances and partnerships that leverage public, private, and cooperative resources to create jobs and stimulate rural economic activity. RBS exceeded the target for this performance measure by more than 20 percent. RBS expects to meet the proposed FY 2017 performance measures based on current funding levels. Lower than expected funding levels will decrease the opportunities for job creation / saving. Due to the timing of allocation of funds and the application period, some programs may not obligate funds until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

### **Additional Performance Information/Challenges for the Future:**

While rural communities are diverse and their economic challenges vary based on the condition of the industries that drive their economies, generally speaking, for more than a decade, those that rely heavily on the manufacturing and agricultural industries have struggled to remain competitive in the global economy. Furthermore, rural areas typically have underdeveloped public services that make it difficult to attract or retain businesses. The persistent lack of well-paying job opportunities — and the related local tax base ramifications — place many rural county and municipal governments under great stress.

### **Program Evaluations:**

No reports were completed for FY 2015.

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE  
Strategic Goal Funding Matrix  
(Dollars in thousands)

Program	<u>2014</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Enacted</u>	<u>Increase or</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Estimate</u>
<b>Department Strategic Goal 1:</b> Assist Rural Communities to Create Prosperity so they are self-sustaining and economically thriving					
<b>Department Objective 1:</b> Enhance Rural Prosperity, including leveraging capital markets to increase government's investment in rural America					
Rural Business-Cooperative Service:					
Program Loan Level.....	\$1,156,565	\$1,173,723	\$974,526	\$50,926	\$1,025,452
Budget Authority.....	117,034	107,929	70,904	40,832	111,736
Staff Years.....	377	372	428	13	441
<b>Department Objective 2:</b> Increase Agricultural Opportunities by Ensuring a Robust Safety Net, creating new markets, and supporting a competitive agricultural system					
Rural Business-Cooperative Service:					
Program Loan Level.....	27,315	57,948	22,050	200	22,250
Budget Authority.....	27,315	57,948	22,050	200	22,250
Staff Years.....	27	34	42	0	42
<b>Department Objective 3:</b> Contribute to the Expansion of the Bioeconomy by supporting development, production, and consumption of renewable energy and biobased products					
Rural Business-Cooperative Service:					
Program Loan Level.....	278,121	343,185	437,106	121,109	558,215
Budget authority.....	122,551	136,728	115,500	-12,385	103,115
Staff Years.....	103	103	115	3	118
Total Cost, Strategic Goal 1.....	266,900	302,605	208,454	28,647	237,101
Staff Years, Strategic Goal.....	507	509	585	16	601

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE

Full Cost by Department Strategic Goal  
(Dollars in thousands)

**Department Strategic Goal: Assist rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving**

	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
<u>Rural Business programs:</u>				
<u>Guaranteed Business and Industry Loans and Rural Business</u>				
<u>Investment Program Loans</u>				
Program Level.....	\$1,084,020	\$1,044,113	\$919,768	\$892,244
Budget Authority.....	75,773	53,354	35,687	35,779
Administrative costs (direct).....	15,339	16,064	16,970	17,334
Indirect costs.....	7,218	6,884	7,273	7,429
Total Costs.....	98,330	76,302	59,930	60,542
FTEs.....	155	179	180	186
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	12,149	15,840	13,025	11,674
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	8.09	4.82	4.60	5.19
<u>NADBank Guaranteed Business and Industry Loans</u>				
Budget Authority.....	114	100	-	-
Administrative costs (direct).....	541	581	614	627
Indirect costs.....	255	249	263	269
Total Costs.....	910	930	877	896
FTEs.....	5	5	5	5
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	NA	NA	NA	NA
<u>Delta Regional Authority Grant</u>				
Program Level.....	-	3,000	3,000	-
Budget Authority.....	-	3,000	3,000	-
Total Costs.....	-	3,000	3,000	-
<u>Rural Business Enterprise Grants</u>				
Program Level.....	31,748	-	-	-
Budget Authority.....	31,748	-	-	-
Administrative costs (direct).....	8,120	8,560	-	-
Indirect costs.....	3,821	3,669	-	-
Total Costs.....	43,689	12,229	-	-
FTEs.....	82	-	-	-
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	8,037	-	-	-
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	5.44	-	-	-

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	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
<u>Rural Business programs:</u>				
<u>Rural Business Opportunity Grants</u>				
Program Level.....	1,676	-	-	-
Budget Authority.....	1,676	-	-	-
Administrative costs (direct).....	2,165	2,272	-	-
Indirect costs.....	1,019	974	-	-
Total Costs.....	4,860	3,246	-	-
FTEs.....	22	-	-	-
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	422	-	-	-
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	11.52	-	-	-
<u>Rural Business Development Grants Program</u>				
Program Level.....	-	27,834	24,000	30,000
Budget Authority.....	-	27,834	24,000	30,000
Administrative costs (direct).....	180	211	11,666	11,917
Indirect costs.....	85	91	5,001	5,108
Total Costs.....	265	28,136	40,667	47,025
FTEs.....	2	107	123	126
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	-	12,401	8,568	8,325
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	-	2.27	4.75	5.65
<u>Intermediary Relending Program</u>				
Program Level.....	18,889	18,890	18,888	18,889
Budget Authority.....	4,082	5,818	5,217	5,476
Administrative costs (direct).....	4,511	4,756	5,024	5,132
Indirect costs.....	2,123	2,038	2,153	2,199
Total Costs.....	10,716	12,612	12,394	12,807
FTEs.....	46	46	54	55
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	14,450	14,451	14,449	14,450
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	0.74	0.87	0.86	0.89
<u>Rural Economic Development Loans - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	85,600	38,648	33,077	85,000
Budget Authority.....	7,233	4,935	4,429	12,079
Administrative costs (direct).....	1,805	1,902	2,010	2,053
Indirect costs.....	849	815	861	880
Total Costs.....	9,887	7,652	7,300	15,012
FTEs.....	18	18	21	22
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	3,985	1,620	1,602	3,450
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	2.48	4.72	4.56	4.35

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	2014	2015	2016	2017
Rural Business programs:	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
<u>Microenterprise Assistance Loans - Discretionary</u>				
Program Level.....	-	-	-	23,419
Budget Authority.....	-	-	-	2,904
Administrative costs (direct).....	-	-	-	-
Indirect costs.....	-	-	-	-
Total Costs.....	-	-	-	2,904
FTEs.....	-	-	-	6
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	-	-	-	5,678
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	-	-	-	0.51
<u>Microenterprise Assistance Loans - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	17,700	1,550	13,239	6,048
Budget Authority.....	1,108	199	1,500	750
Administrative costs (direct).....	1,083	1,163	1,228	1,254
Indirect costs.....	510	498	526	538
Total Costs.....	2,701	1,860	3,254	2,542
FTEs.....	11	11	12	7
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	1,471	1,011	3,210	1,466
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	1.84	1.84	1.01	1.73
<u>Guaranteed Biorefinery Loans - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	161,000	80,000	223,015	-
Budget Authority.....	42,898	17,746	50,000	-
Administrative costs (direct).....	1,444	1,532	1,619	1,654
Indirect costs.....	679	657	694	709
Total Costs.....	45,021	19,935	52,313	2,363
FTEs.....	15	15	17	18
<u>Renewable Energy for America Loans - Discretionary</u>				
Program Level.....	12,760	12,644	7,576	75,754
Budget Authority.....	3,500	1,338	500	3,515
Administrative costs (direct).....	502	528	558	570
Indirect costs.....	236	226	239	244
Total Costs.....	4,238	2,092	1,297	4,329
FTEs.....	5	5	6	6
Performance Measure:				
KWH saved/generated(in million) .....	12	28	17	168
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	353	75	76	26



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	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
<u>Rural Business programs:</u>				
<u>Renewable Energy for America Loans - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	43,689	148,622	151,515	323,276
Budget Authority.....	11,984	15,724	10,000	15,000
Administrative costs (direct).....	953	1,004	1,061	1,083
Indirect costs.....	449	430	455	464
Total Costs.....	13,386	17,158	11,516	16,547
FTEs.....	10	10	11	11
Performance Measure:				
KWH saved/generated (in millions).....	29	407	415	885
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	462	42	28	19
<u>Rural Economic Development Grants - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	9,280	9,213	12,000	12,000
Budget Authority.....	-	9,213	-	-
Administrative costs (direct).....	1,805	1,902	2,010	2,053
Indirect costs.....	849	815	861	880
Total Costs.....	2,654	11,930	2,871	2,933
FTEs.....	18	18	21	21
Performance Measure:				
Jobs created/saved.....	688	545	1,000	1,000
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	3.86	21.89	2.87	2.93
<u>Energy Assistance Payments - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	48,297	18,941	15,000	15,000
Budget Authority.....	48,297	18,941	15,000	15,000
Administrative costs (direct).....	180	211	223	228
Indirect costs.....	85	91	96	98
Total Costs.....	48,562	19,243	15,319	15,326
FTEs.....	2	2	2	2
Performance Measure:				
KWH produced (in thousands).....	6,090,000	7,069,370	6,600,000	6,600,000
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Renewable Energy for America Grants - Discretionary</u>				
Program Level.....	-	-	-	15,000
Budget Authority.....	-	-	-	15,000
Administrative costs (direct).....	-	-	-	-
Indirect costs.....	-	-	-	-
Total Costs.....	-	-	-	15,000
FTEs.....	-	-	-	-
Performance Measure:				
KWH saved/generatedproduced (in Millions).....	-	-	-	120
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	-	-	-	125.00

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	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
<u>Rural Business programs:</u>				
<u>Renewable Energy for America Grants - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	12,374	82,979	40,000	35,000
Budget Authority.....	12,374	82,979	40,000	35,000
Administrative costs (direct).....	7,023	7,398	7,815	7,983
Indirect costs.....	3,305	3,170	3,349	3,421
Total Costs.....	22,702	93,547	51,164	46,404
FTEs.....	71	71	79	81
Performance Measure:				
KWH saved/generated (in millions).....	1,025	663	320	280
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	22.15	141.10	159.89	165.73
<u>Microenterprise Grants</u>				
Program Level.....	2,532	3,475	2,250	4,250
Budget Authority.....	2,532	3,475	2,250	4,250
Administrative costs (direct).....	1,083	1,163	1,228	1,254
Indirect costs.....	510	498	526	538
Total Costs.....	4,125	5,136	4,004	6,042
FTEs.....	11	11	12	13
<u>Rural Cooperative Development Grants</u>				
Program Level.....	5,799	5,800	5,800	6,000
Budget Authority.....	5,799	5,800	5,800	6,000
Administrative costs (direct).....	722	740	782	798
Indirect costs.....	340	317	335	342
Total Costs.....	6,861	6,857	6,917	7,140
FTEs.....	7	7	9	9
Performance Measure:				
Groups Assisted 1/ .....	-	-	-	-
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	-	-	-	-
<u>Grants to Assist Minority Producers</u>				
Program Level.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Budget Authority.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Costs.....	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
<u>Appropriate Technology Transfer</u>				
Program Level.....	2,250	2,500	2,500	2,500
Budget Authority.....	2,250	2,500	2,500	2,500
Total Costs.....	2,250	2,500	2,500	2,500
<u>Value Added Grants - Mandatory</u>				
Program Level.....	53	22,582	-	-
Budget Authority.....	53	22,582	-	-
Administrative costs (direct).....	702	740	782	798
Indirect costs.....	330	317	335	342
Total Costs.....	1,085	23,639	1,117	1,140
FTEs.....	7	7	9	9
Performance Measure:				
Number businesses assisted 2/.....	809	1,400	-	-
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	1.34	16.89	-	-

**Department Strategic Goal: Assist rural communities to create prosperity so they are self-sustaining, repopulating, and economically thriving**

	2014	2015	2016	2017
	Actual	Actual	Enacted	Estimate
<u>Rural Business programs:</u>				
<u>Value Added Grants - Discretionary</u>				
Program Level.....	16,212	24,066	10,750	10,750
Budget Authority.....	16,212	24,066	10,750	10,750
Administrative costs (direct).....	2,007	2,114	2,233	2,281
Indirect costs.....	944	906	957	977
Total Costs.....	19,163	27,086	13,940	14,008
FTEs.....	20	20	24	24
<u>Healthy Food and Financing Initiative</u>				
Program Level.....	-	-	-	1,000
Budget Authority.....	-	-	-	1,000
Total Costs.....	-	-	-	1,000
<u>Rural Youth Poverty</u>				
Program Level.....	-	-	-	25,000
Budget Authority.....	-	-	-	25,000
Total Costs.....	-	-	-	25,000
Total Costs.....	-	-	-	-
<u>Total, Rural Business-Cooperative Service Programs</u>				
Program Level.....	1,556,879	1,547,856	1,485,378	1,584,131
Budget Authority.....	270,633	302,604	213,633	223,003
Administrative costs (direct).....	50,165	52,841	55,823	57,019
Indirect costs.....	23,607	22,645	23,924	24,438
Total Costs, All Strategic Goals.....	344,405	378,090	293,380	304,460
Total FTEs, All Strategic Goals.....	507	532	585	601
Performance Measure:				
Measure.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cost per measure (unit cost).....	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A