



Economy

Business Development

- ☒ US Small Business Administration (SBA) funding programs
- ☒ US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Community Services Community Economic Development (CED) Program
- USDA link to rural business development grants

Employment Rate

- ☒ US Department of Labor (USDOL) Employment and Training Division, Adult Services

Poverty Rate

- US Department of Labor (USDOL) information on how to get certifications
- Links to food assistance programs across US government

Ecosystem

Brownfields Development

- US EPA links to Brownfield grant funding opportunities

Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Auto Use

- EPA list of energy resources for state, local, and tribal governments

Environmentally Sound Waste Reduction

US EPA program in Washington state to direct usable food from schools to community food banks.

Private organization, RecycleBank, works with communities to implement an online rewards program for recycling

Energy Use Strategies (Energy Consumption per Household)

US EPA program providing resources concerning energy strategies for states, communities and tribes

Information on how different cities cut their energy use

Drinking Water Quality

US EPA program offering federal funding for water and wastewater systems after national disasters and other incidents that disrupt services.

Social

Voting Guide

US Election Assistance Commission guide to voting in federal elections

Elementary Reading Proficiency

Suggestions to improve reading skills and interest

Environmental Justice, Risk, and Exposure

US EPA Environmental Justice program grants for community-based organizations, and local and tribal organizations concerning environmental justice issues

US EPA Environmental Justice program providing assistance to organizations concerning local environmental and/or public health issues.

US EPA examples of environmental Justice using Environmental Justice Showcase Communities for the different EPA regions

Food Security

US federal government nationwide food assistance programs

USDA report providing a toolkit of measurement tools for assessing community food security.

US EPA program in Washington state to direct usable food from schools to community food banks.

USDA Food Environment Atlas, a mapping tool for county level data on access and proximity to food as well as socioeconomic characteristics

Access to Healthy Food

Resources to provide better access to healthy food

US Department of the Treasury new markets tax credits program which enhances community development and economic growth through tax credits to attract private investment to distressed communities.

The Rural Health Information Hub, funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, is a national clearinghouse relating to rural health issues to be a national clearinghouse on rural health issues.

Park Space within Walking Distance

US EPA guide to Smart Growth in Small Towns and Rural Communities

Suggestions from the National Park and Recreation Association to create miniparks

Number of Children with Asthma

Suggestions for helping children with asthma from the Los Angeles Breathmobile Program

US Department of Housing and Urban Development Healthy Homes initiative to help children and families

Obesity

Resources to Manage Obesity for Oregon

Resources to help prevent obesity in rural areas.

Air Quality

US EPA site. "My Community" indicates current air quality, air polluting facilities and UV light index for your community

US EPA guidelines to identify and reduce air pollutants, including approximate costs to implement and maintain changes

Housing and Transportation Costs

USDA assistance for single family homes

VA assistance for single family homes and other benefits

US HUD "Good Neighbor Next Door Program" to assist homeownership in community revitalization areas

US HUD Direct home loan program for Native Americans

US HUD general home loan program

Federal Transit Administration program for rural transportation assistance

US DOT National Rural Assistance Transit Assistance Program offering national rural transit resources

Transportation Safety

US DOT information on pedestrian and bicycle safety

Access to Bike and Pedestrian Trails

US DOT transportation grants for rural areas

Walkability

Citizens' Institute on Rural Design resources for small rural community development

Farm Development

USDA resources for small farmers and those starting small farms

USDA grants and loans for farmers

USDA links to sources of funding for farm or home-based renewable energy projects

Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education information clean energy farming