



COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide

USDA and its Federal partners have programs that can be used to provide immediate and long-term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. These programs can support recovery efforts for rural residents, businesses and communities through:

- technical, training, and management assistance;
- financial assistance; and
- state and local assistance.

This resource matrix organizes funding opportunities identified in stimulus bills and other federal resources that can help support rural America. Opportunities are categorized by customer and assistance type.



For more information on the immediate actions USDA is taking to respond to COVID-19, visit usda.gov/coronavirus.

To learn about USDA's COVID-19 response for rural communities, visit rd.usda.gov/coronavirus.





For the latest news from the CDC on COVID-19, visit coronavirus.gov.

NEW: Resources to address substance use disorder (SUD) and the opioid crisis, visit Rural Community Toolbox ruralcommunitytoolbox.org.


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<p>For-Profit Businesses: Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, sole proprietorships, Lenders, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Agriculture Marketing Service: FAQ's: Related to COVID-19 impact on the Fruit and Vegetable industry • SBA: COVID-19 Small Bus Guidance and Loan Resources • Small Business Development Centers: Small Business Resources • Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE): Small Business Resource Hub • SCORE: Remote mentoring • Benefits.gov Coronavirus resources • DOL: Families First Coronavirus Response Act Notice-FAQS • FDA-COVID-19-Related Guidance Documents for Industry, FDA Staff, and Other Stakeholders • NEW: FEMA Planning Starter Kit for Returning to Full Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Loan Guarantee • USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs • SBA Paycheck Protection Program • SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan • SBA: COVID-19 Small Bus Guidance and Loan Resources • DOL: National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants • DOL: Wage and Hour Division: COVID-19 and the American Workplace • IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments • USDA RD Rural Energy for American Program-Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Fact Sheet • USDA RD Single Family Home Loan Guarantees Fact Sheet • NEW: USDA RD Business and Industry CARES Act Program • NEW: National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership Grants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond • Coronavirus.Gov-Breakdown of Assistance • USDA Multi-Family Housing Direct Loan COVID-19 Fact Sheet • NEW: SBA Federal Contracting Guidance for Small Businesses impacted by COVID-19 • NEW: SBA-Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance for qualified small businesses and U.S. agricultural businesses





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Agricultural Producers and Ranchers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Continues Focus on Service During COVID-19 Outbreak • H-2A Visa Program COVID-19 Related Resources • Farm Loan Discovery Tool • Farm Service Agency: Guaranteed Loans-Lender Toolkit • USDA Agriculture Marketing Service: FAQ's: Related to COVID-19 impact on the Fruit and Vegetable industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers.gov: Funding for Farmers, Ranchers, and forest landowners • Farm Loan Discovery Tool • USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs • Find your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office • SBA Paycheck Protection Program • IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments • USDA Rural Energy for American Program-Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Fact Sheet • NEW: USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program • NEW: USDA RD Business and Industry CARES Act Program • NEW: USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Overview of Local & Regional Food Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers.gov Latest Updates and Resources • AMS-USDA Farmers to Families Food Box (part of Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program) • NEW: US Dept. of Veterans Affairs-COVID-19 Response • NEW: USDA FSA Expands Set-Aside Loan for Customers Impacted • NEW: SBA-Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance for qualified small businesses and U.S. agricultural businesses





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<p>Government Entities: State, County or local governments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Data and Analysis • USDA FAS Overseas Office Directory • USDA FAS Programs • FNS Coronavirus Website • National Park Service Public Health Update • FEMA: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response • FEMA Coronavirus Rumor Control • Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points: CDC • FCC: Service Providers Pledge(s) • Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency: Critical Infrastructure Guidance • NEW: US Dept. of Veterans Affairs Support of States • NEW: FEMA Planning Starter Kit for Returning to Full Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Response to COVID-19 • Meals to You: Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty (FNS Announcement) • USDA Rural Development: COVID-19 Resource Website • USDA Rural Development ReConnect Program • VA Homeless Housing Assistance • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Coronavirus Resources • Emergency Medical Services EMS.gov: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources • HUD: COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets • EPA: Water Utility Resources • DOJ: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) • DOJ: Office of Justice Programs (OJP) • DOJ: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) • USDA RD Water and Environmental Programs COVID-19 Fact Sheet • NEW: US Economic Development Administration CARES Act Recovery Assistance • NEW: EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) - COVID-19 Resources • FCC: Home Network Tips for the Coronavirus Pandemic • Appalachian Regional Commission: Real-Time Data Maps Spread of Coronavirus at Regional Level • USA.Gov State Specific COVID-19 Resources: Links to each State from this site • Food and Nutrition Service: Response to COVID-19 (WIC/SNAP etc) • USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Deferral Fact Sheet • CDC Resources for Parks and Recreational Facilities • NEW: CDC Communication Toolkit for Migrants, Refugees, and Other Limited English Proficient Populations • NEW: NOAA Fisheries Coronavirus Funding-those with coastal and marine fishery participants




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<p>Nonprofits: Economic Dev. Corps., universities, schools, libraries, faith-based organizations, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources • FNS: How to become a Summer Site Sponsor • U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) - COVID-19 Resources • CDC: Information for Healthcare Professionals • US Dept. of Health & Human Services: Child Care and Development Fund • FNS: COVID-19 Congregate Meal Waivers & Q&As on Summer Meal Delivery Using Existing Authority • NEW: FEMA Planning Starter Kit for Returning to Full Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) • SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan • U.S. Economic Development Administration • US Dept of Labor: The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) Career Services and Training Grants and Housing Grants • NIFA Grant: Rapid Response to Novel Coronavirus Impacts across Food and Agricultural Systems • USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Deferral Fact Sheet • NEW: National Endowment for the Arts-CARES Act Grants for Organizations • NEW: US Economic Development Administration CARES Act Recovery Assistance • NEW: EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FNS: How to become a Summer Site Sponsor • DOE COVID-19 Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel • FEMA: COVID-19 Response-How can I help? • Food and Nutrition Service: Response to COVID-19 (WIC/SNAP etc) • FCC-COVID-19 Telehealth Program • AMS-USDA Farmers to Families Food Box (part of Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program) • USDA Multi-Family Housing Direct Loan COVID-19 Fact Sheet • NEW: SBA and Treasury Department Announce \$10 Billion for CDFIs to Participate in the Paycheck Protection Program
<p>Cooperatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Cooperative Programs Site: Publications and Research 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBA Paycheck Protection Program • SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan • Farm Service Agency: Loans to For-Profit Farm Cooperatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA RD Funded Rural Cooperative Development Center listing • USDA Multi-Family Housing Direct Loan COVID-19 Fact Sheet





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Individuals/Households:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) • ChooseMyPlate: Food Planning during the Coronavirus Pandemic • VA: Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) • COVID-19: Social Insurance and Other Income-Support Options for Those Unable to Work • Workplace Leave and Unemployment Insurance for Individuals Affected by COVID-19 • Food Safety and Inspection Service: Common questions about Food Safety and COVID-19 • US. Dept of Health and Human Services: American Sign Language COVID-19 Resource links • NEW: Coronavirus and Other Disability Focused Federal Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Finder: Connects families to feeding sites • USDA RD Single Family Guaranteed Housing Loan Program Website • USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder • DOL: Wage and Hour Division: COVID-19 and the American Workplace • VA: Housing Assistance • VA: Homeless Housing Assistance • IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments • USDA RD Rural Home Loans (Direct Program) Fact Sheet • USDA Multi-Family Housing Direct Loan COVID-19 Fact Sheet • HUD Single Family Home Mortgage Resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA: COVID-19 Response-How can I help? • USDA National Hunger Hotline • Foods and Nutrition Service: Find Meals for Kids • US Dept of Health and Human Services: Administration for Community Living (Older Adults and People with Disabilities) • Medicare.gov's COVID-19 information for beneficiaries • Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Protecting Finances Information/Resources • USAJobs hiring to help respond to COVID-19 national emergency • NEW: National Park Service Find your Park-Operating Status

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<p>Health: Hospitals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration SAMHSA: Coronavirus (COVID-19) • Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services • CDC-COVID-19 Fact Sheet • Medicare Telehealth Frequently Asked Questions • HHS Partnership Office-Preventive Practices and FAQs for Faith-based and Community Leaders • HHS-What do Older Adults and People with Disabilities Need to Know? • Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program (CTAP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services • HHS Awards \$100 Million to Health Centers for COVID-19 Response • VA Public Health Response to COVID-19 • HHS COVID-19 Tribal funding • IRS Coronavirus Tax Relief and Economic Impact Payments • USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Deferral Fact Sheet • USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Deadline July 13th • FCC-COVID-19 Telehealth Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHS-CMS Long-Term Care Nursing Homes Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit • Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions – Federal Office of Rural Health Policy • NEW: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Worker Training Program/Protecting Yourself Resources (also En Español)

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<p>Federally recognized Tribes, or Tribal organizations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Response to COVID-19 • Intertribal Agriculture Council: COVID-19 Resources • Indian Health Service: Coronavirus (COVID-19) • FEMA: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response • COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country: National Congress of American Indians • HUD COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets • Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country • US Dept. of Health & Human Resources: Office of Child Care-Child Care and Development Fund • Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) • NEW: FEMA Planning Starter Kit for Returning to Full Operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) • USDA Rural Development. ReConnect Program • USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) • Institute of Museum and Library Services: Grants to expand digital network access etc. • HUD Native American Programs: IHBG and ICDBG funds • Indian Health Services: Increased funding in multiple programs • Bureau of Indian Affairs: Indian Affairs Operation of Indian Programs • \$8 billion set-aside for tribal nations from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to use for expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency • SBA: COVID-19 Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources • USDA RD Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Deferral Fact Sheet • USDA RD Water and Environmental Programs COVID-19 Fact Sheet • NEW: US Economic Development Administration CARES Act Recovery Assistance • NEW: NOAA Fisheries Coronavirus Funding-those with coastal and marine fishery participants • NEW: EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Urban Development (HUD) COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets • EPA: Water Utility Resources • DOJ: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) • DOJ: Office of Justice Programs (OJP) • DOJ: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) • FCC-COVID-19 Telehealth Program • USDA Multi-Family Housing Direct Loan COVID-19 Fact Sheet • NEW: HUD Office of Native American Programs Recovery Programs-FAQS updated • NEW: SBA and Treasury Department Announce \$10 Billion for CDFIs to Participate in the Paycheck Protection Program • NEW: Coronavirus and Other Disability Focused Federal Resources • NEW: USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Overview of Local & Regional Food Funding

Glossary of Terms

CARES Act: [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act](#)

FAQS: [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Data

- **NEW:** [Census Bureau Launches COVID-19 Data Hub](#)
- [ESRI Impact Planning for COVID-19: Community Indicators related to decision making around COVID-19 Impact](#)
- [Tableau Data Visualization Hub \(looking at data from multiple perspectives\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Data Repository](#)
- [COVID-19 Model by Johns Hopkins University](#)
- [John Hopkins Corona Virus Resource Center - COVID Tracking](#)
- [COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic – world aggregate of cases and by country breakdown](#)
- [COVID-19 Data Center from Data World](#)

NEW: Denotes a new resource link added since last version 07/07/2020.

Additional Federal Agency COVID-19 Resources

Acronym	Definition
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
CHCO	Chief Human Capital Officers Council
CFPB	Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)
CNCS	Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)
CISA	Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
DAU	Defense Acquisition University
DeCA	Defense Commissary Agency
USDA	Department of Agriculture (USDA)
DoD	Department of Defense (DoD)
DOE	Department of Energy (DOE)
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
DHS	Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration Diversion Control Division
DOL	Department of Labor (DOL)
DOS	Department of State (DOS)
USDOT	Department of the Treasury
ODNI	Director of National Intelligence
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EXIM	Export-Import Bank of the United States
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
BOP	Federal Bureau of Prisons
FCC	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
FDIC	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
ED	Federal Student Aid
FTC	Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Acronym	Definition
FTA	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
FDA	Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
GSA	General Services Administration (GSA)
IA	Indian Affairs
IMLS	Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS)
IRS	Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
MSPG	Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB)
MCFP	Military Community and Family Policy
NA	National Archives
NCPC	National Capital Planning Commission
NPS	National Park Service
NREL	National Renewable Energy Laboratory
NSF	National Science Foundation (NSF)
NMCPHC	Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center
USNRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
ASPR	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
OPM	Office of Personnel Management
SBA	Small Business Administration (SBA)
USDA RD	USDA Rural Development
TSA	Transportation Security Administration
USAID	U.S. Agency for International Development
USCIS	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)
USFA	U.S. Fire Administration
USNORHCOM	U.S. Northern Command
USPTO	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
USSOCOM	U.S. Special Operations Command
WHS	Washington Headquarters Services

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