
**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-
TIONS ACT, 2002**

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the provisions of laws relating to the activities of the Department, \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended. \$10,000,000

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT

For necessary expenses in planning and carrying out projects for resource conservation and development and for sound land use pursuant to the provisions of section 32(e) of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U.S.C. 1010-1011; 76 Stat. 607); the Act of April 27, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 590a-f); and the Agriculture and Food Act of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3451-3461), \$48,048,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$50,000 shall be available for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109. 48,048,000

FORESTRY INCENTIVES PROGRAM

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, to carry out the program of forestry incentives, as authorized by the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2101), including technical assistance and related expenses, \$6,811,000, to remain available until expended, as authorized by that Act. [Total, *Natural Resources Conservation Service*, \$961,409,000.] [Total, *title II, Conservation Programs*, \$962,139,000.] 6,811,000

TITLE III

RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

For necessary salaries and expenses of the Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development to administer programs under the laws enacted by the Congress for the Rural Housing Service, the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, and the Rural Utilities Service of the Department of Agriculture, \$623,000. 623,000

RURAL COMMUNITY ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For the cost of direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 1926, 1926a, 1926c, 1926d, and 1932, except for sections 381E-H, 381N, and 381O of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, \$806,557,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$83,545,000 shall be for rural community programs described in section 381E(d)(1) of such Act; of which \$646,512,000 shall be for the rural utilities programs described in sections 381E(d)(2), 306C(a)(2), and 306D of such Act; and of which \$76,500,000 shall be for the rural business and cooperative development programs described in sections 381E(d)(3) and 310B(f) of such Act: *Provided*, That of the total amount appropriated in this account, \$24,000,000 shall be for loans and grants to benefit Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, including grants for drinking water and waste disposal systems pursuant to section 306C of such Act, of which \$4,000,000 shall be available for community facilities grants to tribal colleges, as authorized by section 306(a)(19) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, and of which \$250,000 shall be available for a grant to a qualified 806,557,000

national organization to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in order to promote economic development: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated for rural community programs, \$6,000,000 shall be available for a Rural Community Development Initiative: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be made available to qualified private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations proposing to carry out a program of financial and technical assistance: *Provided further*, That such intermediary organizations shall provide matching funds from other sources, including Federal funds for related activities, in an amount not less than funds provided: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated for the rural business and cooperative development programs, not to exceed \$500,000 shall be made available for a grant to a qualified national organization to provide technical assistance for rural transportation in order to promote economic development; and \$2,000,000 shall be for grants to Mississippi Delta Region counties: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated for rural utilities programs, not to exceed \$20,000,000 shall be for water and waste disposal systems to benefit the Colonias along the United States/Mexico border, including grants pursuant to section 306C of such Act; not to exceed \$24,000,000 shall be for water and waste disposal systems for rural and native villages in Alaska pursuant to section 306D of such Act, with up to 1 percent available to administer the program and up to 1 percent available to improve interagency coordination may be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”; not to exceed \$17,465,000, shall be for technical assistance grants for rural water and waste systems pursuant to section 306(a)(14) of such Act, of which \$5,250,000 shall be for Rural Community Assistance Programs; and not to exceed \$11,000,000 shall be for contracting with qualified national organizations for a circuit rider program to provide technical assistance for rural water systems: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, not to exceed \$37,624,000 shall be available through June 30, 2002, for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones; of which \$1,163,000 shall be for the rural community programs described in section 381E(d)(1) of such Act, of which \$27,431,000 shall be for the rural utilities programs described in section 381E(d)(2) of such Act, and of which \$9,030,000 shall be for the rural business and cooperative development programs described in section 381E(d)(3) of such Act: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated for rural community programs, not to exceed \$25,000,000 shall be to provide grants for facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression (Public Law 106-387), with 5 percent for administration and capacity building in the State rural development offices: *Provided further*, That of the amount appropriated \$30,000,000 shall be to provide grants in rural communities with extremely high energy costs: *Provided further*, That any prior year balances for high cost

energy grants authorized by section 19 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901(19)) shall be transferred to and merged with the “Rural Utilities Service, High Energy Costs Grants” account: *Provided further*, That of the funds appropriated by this Act to the Rural Community Advancement Program for guaranteed business and industry loans, funds may be transferred to direct business and industry loans as deemed necessary by the Secretary and with prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT SALARIES AND EXPENSES

(INCLUDING TRANSFERS OF FUNDS)

For necessary expenses for carrying out the administration and implementation of programs in the Rural Development mission area, including activities with institutions concerning the development and operation of agricultural cooperatives; and for cooperative agreements; \$133,722,000: *Provided*, That this appropriation shall be available for employment pursuant to the second sentence of section 706(a) of the Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 2225), and not to exceed \$1,000,000 may be used for employment under 5 U.S.C. 3109: *Provided further*, That not more than \$10,000 may be expended to provide modest nonmonetary awards to non-USDA employees: *Provided further*, That any balances available from prior years for the Rural Utilities Service, Rural Housing Service, and the Rural Business-Cooperative Service salaries and expenses accounts shall be transferred to and merged with this appropriation. [Total, Rural Development, \$940,279,000.]

\$133,722,000

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE

RURAL HOUSING INSURANCE FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of direct and guaranteed loans as authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949, to be available from funds in the rural housing insurance fund, as follows: \$4,217,816,000 for loans to section 502 borrowers, as determined by the Secretary, of which \$1,079,848,000 shall be for direct loans, and of which \$3,137,968,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; \$32,324,000 for section 504 housing repair loans; \$114,068,000 for section 515 rental housing; \$99,770,000 for section 538 guaranteed multi-family housing loans; \$5,090,000 for section 524 site loans; \$11,778,000 for credit sales of acquired property, of which up to \$1,778,000 may be for multi-family credit sales; and \$5,000,000 for section 523 self-help housing land development loans.

14,485,846,000

For the cost of direct and guaranteed loans, including the cost of modifying loans, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, as follows: section 502 loans, \$182,274,000 of which \$142,108,000 shall be for direct loans, and of which \$40,166,000 shall be for unsubsidized guaranteed loans; section 504 housing repair loans, \$10,386,000; section 515 rental housing, \$48,274,000; section 538 multi-family housing guaranteed loans, \$3,921,000; section 524 site loans, \$28,000; multi-family credit sales of acquired property, \$750,000; and section 523 self-help housing land development loans, \$254,000: *Provided*, That of the total amount appropriated in this paragraph, \$11,656,000

182,274,000

10,386,000

48,274,000

3,921,000

28,000

750,000

254,000

¹Total loan authorizations.

shall be available through June 30, 2002, for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones.

\$422,241,000 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$422,241,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”.

Of the amounts made available under this heading in chapter 1 of title II of Public Law 106-246 (114 Stat. 540) for gross obligations for principal amount of direct loans authorized by title V of the Housing Act of 1949 for section 515 rental housing, the Secretary of Agriculture may use up to \$5,986,197 for rental assistance agreements described in the item relating to “Rental Assistance Program” in such chapter: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985, as amended.

In making available for occupancy dwelling units in housing that is provided with funds made available under the heading referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Secretary of Agriculture may give preference to prospective tenants who are residing in temporary housing provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of an emergency.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

701,004,000 For rental assistance agreements entered into or renewed pursuant to the authority under section 521(a)(2) or agreements entered into in lieu of debt forgiveness or payments for eligible households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Housing Act of 1949, \$701,004,000; and, in addition, such sums as may be necessary, as authorized by section 521(c) of the Act, to liquidate debt incurred prior to fiscal year 1992 to carry out the rental assistance program under section 521(a)(2) of the Act: *Provided*, That of this amount, not more than \$5,900,000 shall be available for debt forgiveness or payments for eligible households as authorized by section 502(c)(5)(D) of the Act, and not to exceed \$10,000 per project for advances to nonprofit organizations or public agencies to cover direct costs (other than purchase price) incurred in purchasing projects pursuant to section 502(c)(5)(C) of the Act: *Provided further*, That agreements entered into or renewed during fiscal year 2002 shall be funded for a 5-year period, although the life of any such agreement may be extended to fully utilize amounts obligated.

[*Total, Rural Housing Insurance Fund, \$1,369,132,000.*]

MUTUAL AND SELF-HELP HOUSING GRANTS

35,000,000 For grants and contracts pursuant to section 523(b)(1)(A) of the Housing Act of 1949 (42 U.S.C. 1490c), \$35,000,000, to remain available until expended (7 U.S.C. 2209b): *Provided*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$1,000,000 shall be available through June 30, 2002, for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones.

RURAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For grants and contracts for very low-income housing repair, supervisory and technical assistance, compensation for construction defects, and rural housing preservation made by the Rural Housing Service, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1474, 1479(c), 1490e, and 1490m, \$38,914,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$1,200,000 shall be available through June 30, 2002, for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones. \$38,914,000

FARM LABOR PROGRAM ACCOUNT

For the cost of direct loans, grants, and contracts, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. 1484 and 1486, \$31,431,000, to remain available until expended, for direct farm labor housing loans and domestic farm labor housing grants and contracts. 31,431,000
 [Total, Rural Housing Service, \$1,474,477,000.]

RURAL BUSINESS—COOPERATIVE SERVICE

RURAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For the principal amount of direct loans, as authorized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C. 9812(a)), \$38,171,000. ¹ 38,171,000

For the cost of direct loans, \$16,494,000, as authorized by the Rural Development Loan Fund (42 U.S.C. 9812(a)), of which \$1,724,000 shall be for Federally Recognized Native American Tribes and of which \$3,449,000 shall be for Mississippi Delta Region counties (as defined by 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: *Provided further*, That of the total amount appropriated, \$2,730,000 shall be available through June 30, 2002, for the cost of direct loans for authorized empowerment zones and enterprise communities and communities designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as Rural Economic Area Partnership Zones. 16,494,000

In addition, for administrative expenses to carry out the direct loan programs, \$3,733,000 shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for “Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses”. 3,733,000
 [Total, Rural Development Loan Fund, \$20,227,000.]

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING RESCISSION 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, \$14,966,000. ¹ 14,966,000

For the cost of direct loans, including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, \$3,616,000. 3,616,000

Of the funds derived from interest on the cushion of credit payments in fiscal year 2002, as authorized by section 313 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, \$3,616,000 shall not be obligated and \$3,616,000 are rescinded. (2)

¹ Loan authorization.

² Technical budget scoring, to limit mandatory account, excluded from bill totals.

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RURAL COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

\$7,750,000 For rural cooperative development grants authorized under section 310B(e) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1932), \$7,750,000, of which \$2,500,000 shall be available for cooperative agreements for the appropriate technology transfer for rural areas program: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$1,497,000 of the total amount appropriated shall be made available to cooperatives or associations of cooperatives whose primary focus is to provide assistance to small, minority producers and whose governing board and/or membership is comprised of at least 75 percent minority.

RURAL EMPOWERMENT ZONES AND ENTERPRISE COMMUNITIES GRANTS

14,967,000 For grants in connection with a second round of empowerment zones and enterprise communities, \$14,967,000, to remain available until expended, for designated rural empowerment zones and rural enterprise communities, as authorized by the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999 (Public Law 105-277).

[*Total, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, \$46,560,000.*]

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS LOANS PROGRAM
ACCOUNT

(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

¹4,565,934,000 Insured loans pursuant to the authority of section 305 of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935) shall be made as follows: 5 percent rural electrification loans, \$121,107,000; municipal rate rural electric loans, \$500,000,000; loans made pursuant to section 306 of that Act, rural electric, \$2,700,000,000; Treasury rate direct electric loans, \$750,000,000; 5 percent rural telecommunications loans, \$74,827,000; cost of money rural telecommunications loans, \$300,000,000; and loans made pursuant to section 306 of that Act, rural telecommunications loans, \$120,000,000.

3,689,000 For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modifying loans, of direct and guaranteed loans authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935 and 936), as follows: cost of rural electric loans, \$3,689,000, and the cost of telecommunication loans, 2,036,000 \$2,036,000: *Provided*, That notwithstanding section 305(d)(2) of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, borrower interest rates may exceed 7 percent per year.

36,000,000 In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the direct and guaranteed loan programs, \$36,000,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses".

[*Total, \$41,725,000.*]

¹Total loan authorizations.

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RURAL TELEPHONE BANK PROGRAM ACCOUNT
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

The Rural Telephone Bank is hereby authorized to make such expenditures, within the limits of funds available to such corporation in accord with law, and to make such contracts and commitments without regard to fiscal year limitations as provided by section 104 of the Government Corporation Control Act, as may be necessary in carrying out its authorized programs. During fiscal year 2002 and within the resources and authority available, gross obligations for the principal amount of direct loans shall be \$174,615,000.

¹\$174,615,000

For the cost, as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, including the cost of modifying loans, of direct loans authorized by the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 935), \$3,737,000.

3,737,000

In addition, for administrative expenses, including audits, necessary to carry out the loan programs, \$3,082,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses".

3,082,000

[Total, \$6,819,000.]

DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAM

For the principal amount of direct distance learning and telemedicine loans, \$300,000,000; and for the principal amount of broadband telecommunication loans, \$80,000,000.

¹300,000,000

¹80,000,000

For the cost of direct loans and grants, as authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa et seq., \$49,441,000, to remain available until expended, to be available for loans and grants for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas: *Provided*, That \$22,500,000 may be available for the continuation of a pilot project for a loan and grant program to finance broadband transmission and local dial-up Internet service in areas that meet the definition of "rural area" used for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program authorized by 7 U.S.C. 950aaa: *Provided further*, That the cost of direct loans shall be as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

49,441,000

LOCAL TELEVISION LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM ACCOUNT
(INCLUDING TRANSFER OF FUNDS)

For gross obligations for the principal amount of guaranteed loans, as authorized by title X of Public Law 106-553 for the purpose of facilitating access to signals of local television stations for households located in nonserved areas and underserved areas, \$258,065,000.

¹258,065,000

For the cost of guaranteed loans, including the cost of modifying loans as defined in section 502 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, \$20,000,000.

20,000,000

In addition, for administrative expenses necessary to carry out the guaranteed loan program, \$2,000,000, which shall be transferred to and merged with the appropriation for "Rural Development, Salaries and Expenses".

2,000,000

[Total, Rural Utilities Service, \$119,985,000.]

[Total, title III, Rural Economic and Community, \$2,581,924,000.]

¹Loan authorization.