



Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/rcdg.htm>

Rural Cooperative Development grants are made for establishing and operating centers for cooperative development for the primary purpose of improving the economic condition of rural areas through the development of new cooperatives and improving operations of existing cooperatives. The U.S. Department of Agriculture desires to encourage and stimulate the development of effective cooperative organizations in rural America as a part of its total package of rural development efforts.

DEADLINE: The 2009 deadlines have passed. Guidance for the next competitive cycle is not yet available.

Eligibility	Funding	Requirements	Additional Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nonprofit corporations including institutions of higher education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2008, 23 awards were given for a total of \$4,546,576. • The 2009 notice of funds availability can be found here: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/E9-9759.pdf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budget Information - Assurances - Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants - Executive Summary - Eligibility Description - Proposal Narrative - Project Title - Performance Evaluation Criteria - Verification of Matching Funds • The 2009 application guide can be found here: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/RCDG%202009%20Application%20Guide.doc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The state office and national office have different deadlines. Please see the navigation tool for detailed information: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/Navigate%20RCDG%20FY2009.doc • The list of 2008 grant recipients can be found here: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/rcdg/FY%202008%20RCDG%20Recipients.doc. • For more information, contact the rural development office your state or e-mail cpgrants@usda.gov.

