



Emergency Rural Development Grants for Rural Health Care

The Secretary of Agriculture has been allocated \$500 million in funding to establish an emergency pilot program for rural development to provide grants to eligible applicants

Funds can be used for costs, including those incurred prior to the issuance of the grant, at facilities that serve rural areas and located in rural areas to:

- Increase capacity for vaccine distribute
- Provide medical supplies to increase medical surge capacity
- Reimburse for revenue lost during the COVID-19 pandemic, including revenues losses incurred prior to the awarding of the grant
- Increase telehealth capabilities, including underlying health care information systems
- Construct temporary or permanent structures to provide health care services, including vaccine administration or testing
- Support staffing needs for vaccine administration or testing
- Engage in any other efforts to support rural development determination to be critical to address the COVID-19 pandemic, including nutritional assistance to vulnerable individuals,

Rural or rural area: any town that has less than 50,000 people