



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



# 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 the CARES Act 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](https://usda.gov/coronavirus).

For the latest news from the CDC on COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.gov](https://coronavirus.gov).





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| <p><b>For-Profit Businesses:</b> Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, sole proprietorships, etc.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Agriculture Marketing Service: FAQ's: Related to COVID-19 impact on the Fruit and Vegetable industry</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA: COVID-19 Small Bus Guidance and Loan Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Small Business Development Centers: Small Business Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE): Small Business Resource Hub</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SCORE: Remote mentoring</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Benefits.gov Coronavirus resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOL: Families First Coronavirus Response Act Notice-FAQS</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FDA-COVID-19-Related Guidance Documents for Industry, FDA Staff, and Other Stakeholders</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Rural Development Business and Industry Loan Guarantee</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA Paycheck Protection Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA: COVID-19 Small Bus Guidance and Loan Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOL: National Health Emergency Dislocated Worker Grants</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOL: Wage and Hour Division: COVID-19 and the American Workplace</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Coronavirus.Gov-Breakdown of Assistance</a></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Agricultural Producers and Ranchers:</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Continues Focus on Service During COVID-19 Outbreak</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">H-2A Visa Program COVID-19 Related Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Farm Loan Discovery Tool</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Farm Service Agency: Guaranteed Loans-Lender Toolkit</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Agriculture Marketing Service: FAQ's: Related to COVID-19 impact on the Fruit and Vegetable industry</a></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Farmers.gov: Funding for Farmers, Ranchers, and forest landowners</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Farm Loan Discovery Tool</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Farm Service Agency: Microloan Programs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Find your local Natural Resources Conservation Service office</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA Paycheck Protection Program</a></li> </ul>  |  |

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| <p><b>Government Entities:</b><br/>State, County or local governments</p>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Data and Analysis</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA FAS Overseas Office Directory</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA FAS Programs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FNS Coronavirus Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">National Park Service Public Health Update</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FEMA: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FEMA Coronavirus Rumor Control</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points: CDC</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FCC: Service Providers Pledge(s)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cybersecurity &amp; Infrastructure Security Agency: Critical Infrastructure Guidance</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Response to COVID-19</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Meals to You: Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty (FNS Announcement)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Rural Development: COVID-19 Resource Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Rural Development ReConnect Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">VA Homeless Housing Assistance</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): Coronavirus Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Emergency Medical Services EMS.gov: Coronavirus/COVID-19 Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">HUD: COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">EPA: Water Utility Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOJ: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOJ: Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOJ: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) - COVID-19 Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FCC: Home Network Tips for the Coronavirus Pandemic</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Appalachian Regional Commission: Real-Time Data Maps Spread of Coronavirus at Regional Level</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USA.Gov State Specific COVID-19 Resources: Links to each State from this site</a></li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Nonprofits:</b><br/>Economic Dev. Corps., universities, schools, libraries, faith-based organizations, etc.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FNS: How to become a Summer Site Sponsor</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) - COVID-19 Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">CDC: Information for Healthcare Professionals</a></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">U.S. Economic Development Administration</a></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">FNS: How to become a Summer Site Sponsor</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOE COVID-19 Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel</a></li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Cooperatives</b></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Cooperative Programs Site: Publications and Research</a></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SBA Paycheck Protection Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">SBA COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan</a></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA RD Funded Rural Cooperative Development Center listing</a></li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Individuals/Households:</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ChooseMyPlate: Food Planning during the Coronavirus Pandemic</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">VA: Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">COVID-19: Social Insurance and Other Income-Support Options for Those Unable to Work</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Workplace Leave and Unemployment Insurance for Individuals Affected by COVID-19</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Food Safety and Inspection Service: Common questions about Food Safety and COVID-19</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Food Finder: Connects families to feeding sites</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA RD Single Family Guaranteed Housing Loan Program Website</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Meals for Kids Site Finder</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOL: Wage and Hour Division: COVID-19 and the American Workplace</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">VA: Housing Assistance</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">VA: Homeless Housing Assistance</a></li> </ul> |   |

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| <p><b>Health:</b> Hospitals</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration SAMHSA: Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>CDC-COVID-19 Fact Sheet</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Medicare Telehealth Frequently Asked Questions</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>HHS Partnership Office-Preventive Practices and FAQs for Faith-based and Community Leaders</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>HHS-What do Older Adults and People with Disabilities Need to Know?</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Coronavirus Treatment Acceleration Program (CTAP)</u></a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>HHS Awards \$100 Million to Health Centers for COVID-19 Response</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>VA Public Health Response to COVID-19</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>FCC Expands Broadband Access in Response to COVID-19</u></a></li> <li>• <a href="#"><u>HHS COVID-19 Tribal funding</u></a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><u>HHS-CMS Long-Term Care Nursing Homes Telehealth and Telemedicine Tool Kit</u></a></li> </ul> |

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| <b>Federally-recognized Tribes, or Tribal organizations</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Response to COVID-19</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Intertribal Agriculture Council: COVID-19 Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Indian Health Service: Coronavirus (COVID-19)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">FEMA: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country: National Congress of American Indians</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Rural Development. ReConnect Program</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">USDA Rural Development. Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Institute of Museum and Library Services: Grants to expand digital network access etc.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">HUD Native American Programs: IHBG and ICDBG funds</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Indian Health Services: Increased funding in multiple programs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Bureau of Indian Affairs: Indian Affairs Operation of Indian Programs</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">\$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</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Housing and Urban Development (HUD) COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">EPA: Water Utility Resources</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOJ: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOJ: Office of Justice Programs (OJP)</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DOJ: Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)</a></li> </ul> |



# Glossary of Terms

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

**FAQS:** [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

## Data

- [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](#)

# 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)                             |
| 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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