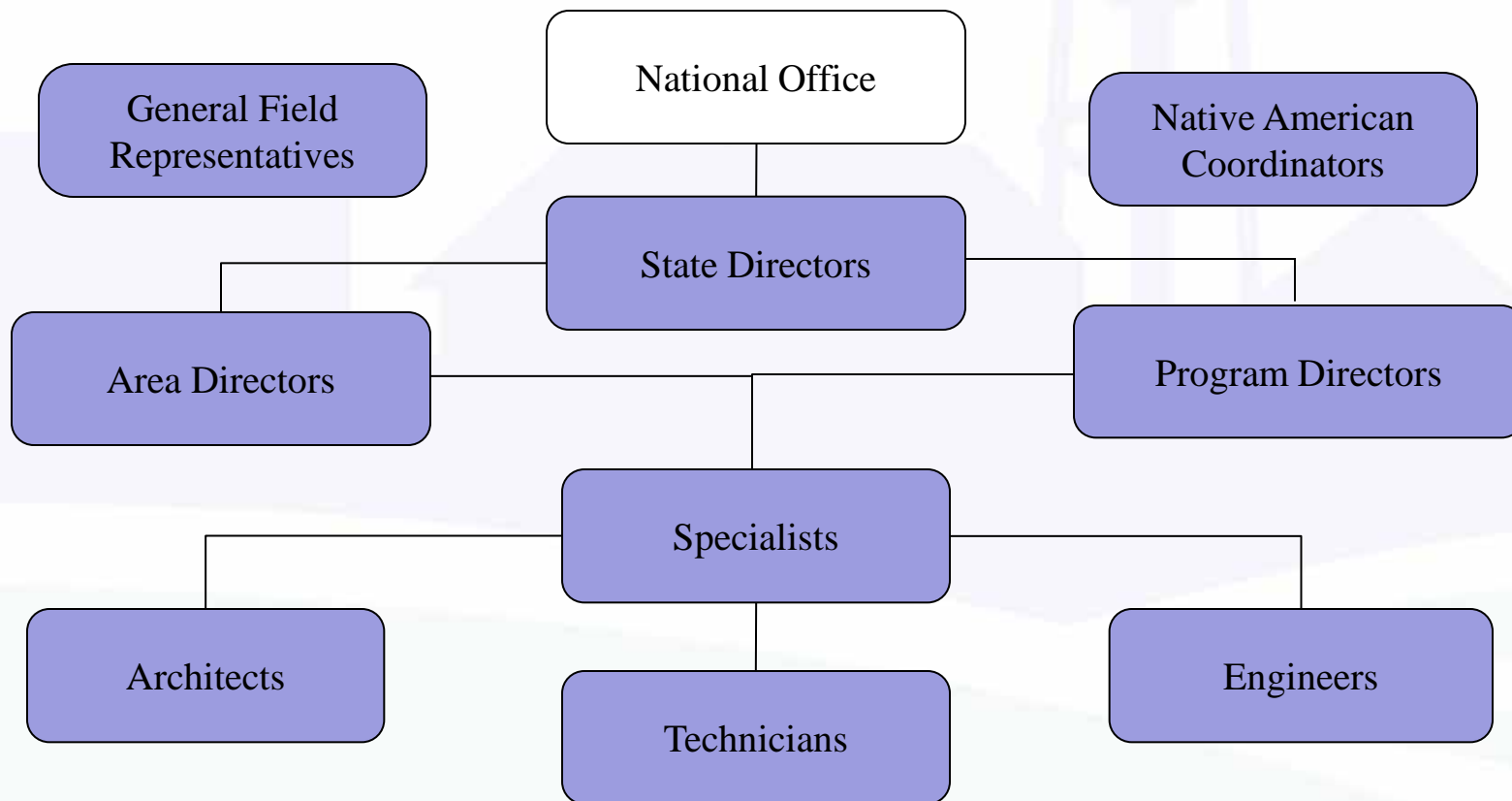


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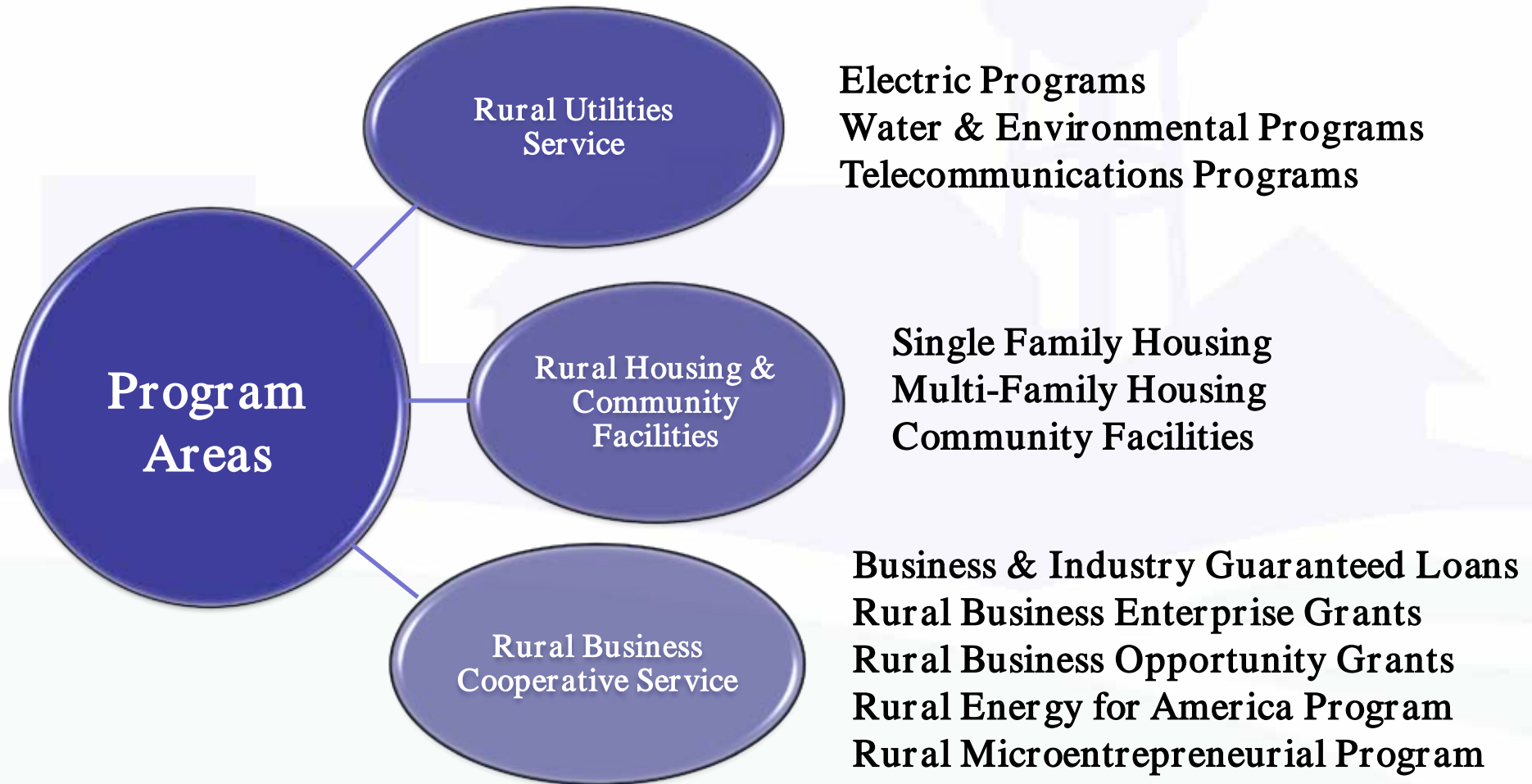
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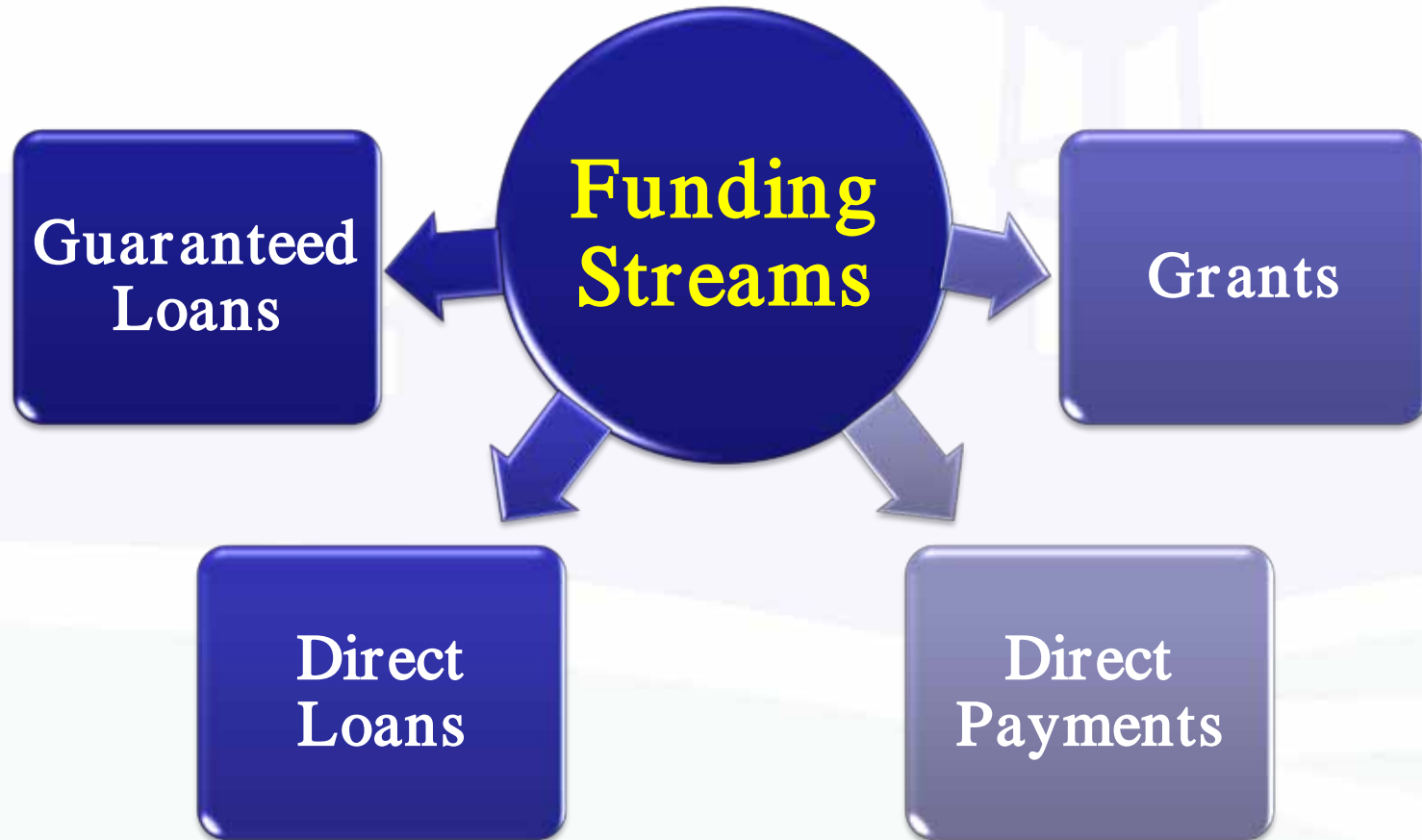
# USDA Rural Development Organizational Structure



# Rural Development Program Areas



# Rural Development Funding Streams



# Rural Energy for America Program

Purpose: The Section 9007 Grant Program provides grants for agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements.

- “REAP” or “9007”
- [Grants](#) and [Guaranteed Loans](#)
- Grants can be used to pay up to **25%** of total project costs
- **\$500,000** limit for renewable energy systems and **\$250,000** limit for energy efficiency improvements
  - Applications were due June 15, 2011
- [Energy Audit](#) and [Feasibility Study](#) grants are also available
  - Applications were due June 30, 2011
- [NOSA Published 4/14/11](#)
  - Never too early to contact our staff!



# Rural Energy for America Program

## Expanded definition of Rural Small Businesses for Tribes

These entities must operate independent of direct Government control except for Tribal business entities formed as **Section 17 Corporations** as determined by the Secretary of the Interior **or other Tribal business entities that have similar structures and relationships with their Tribal governments** as determined by the Agency. The Agency shall determine the small business status of such a Tribal entity without regard to the resources of the Tribal government.

- Tribal electric utilities are eligible
- [REAP Interim Final Rule \(4/14/11\)](#)



# Rural Business Enterprise Grants

“RBEG” Purpose: To finance & facilitate development of small & emerging private business enterprises.

- Rural Areas = 50,000 or less
- Tribes are eligible applicants
  - Grants don’t go directly to for-profit businesses!
- **FY 2011 = \$3,284,109** (legislative mandate for Tribes)
  - \$37 Million = regular program (Tribes are eligible)

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_rbeg.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_rbeg.html)



# Rural Business Opportunity Grants

“RBOG” Purpose: To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs, by making grants for economic planning in rural communities, technical assistance for rural businesses, or training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials.

- Rural Areas = 50,000 or less
- Tribes are eligible applicants
  - Grants don't go directly to businesses!
- **FY 2011 = \$1,062,772** (legislative mandate for Tribes)
  - Regular program – An additional \$1.5 Million (Tribes are eligible)

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_RBOG.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_RBOG.html)





# Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

“B&I” Purpose: To improve, develop or finance business, industry & employment and improve the economic & environmental climate in rural communities.

- Rural = 50,000 or less
- Tribes are eligible applicants
  - Tribally owned businesses are eligible
  - Businesses owned by tribal members are eligible
- Most loan guarantees are \$10 million or less (see handouts)
- 80% Maximum Guarantee (with certain exceptions)
- **FY 11 = \$1,099,076,588**

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_gar.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_gar.html)



# Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants

“REDLG” Purpose: The REDLG program provides funding to rural projects through local utility organizations.

- Tribes are not directly eligible
  - A utility that is a current (or past) RD Electric or Telecom Program Borrower
  - Not-for-profit utilities that are eligible to receive assistance from the RD Electric or Telecom Programs
- Zero interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses projects that will create & retain employment.
- Grant funds used to establish revolving loan funds.

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_redlg.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_redlg.html)



# Other RD Energy Programs To Consider

- [Biorefinery Assistance Program \(9003\)](#)
- [Repowering Assistance Program \(9004\)](#)
- [Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels - Payments to Advanced Biofuel Producers \(9005\)](#)
- [RUS Electric Programs](#)



# High Energy Cost Grant Program

The High Energy Cost Grant Program provides financial assistance for the improvement of energy generation, transmission, and distribution facilities serving eligible rural communities with home energy costs that are over 275% of the national average.



## Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this program:

- Eligible applicants include: Indian tribes, a tribally owned entity or an Alaska Native Corporation
- The proposed project must improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving an eligible community
- The administrative costs of the project must not exceed 4 percent

# Electric Programs

## Electric Loans

- FY12 ~\$6.1 Billion

## High Energy Cost Grant Program

- FY12 ~ \$0

## Contact:

- General Field Representatives
- National Office

## Additional information:

[www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP\\_HomePage.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UEP_HomePage.html)



# USDA Rural Development SUTA Provision



## Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA)

- Section 6105 of the Food, Conservation & Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill)
- Affects RUS Programs Only
  - Rural Electrification Program
  - Water & Waste Disposal Program
  - Telecommunications Program
- Conducted 27 consultation events & 3 webinars
  - Last 3 events were conducted in Guam, America Samoa and Saipan in May 2011
  - SUTA Language included in new Broadband Loan Program Regulation
  - Currently working on stand alone SUTA Regulation

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