

USDA Rural Development Energy Programs

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USDA Rural Development

4 Types of Program Delivery

- Guaranteed Loans
- Direct Loans
- Grants
- Payments

3 Program Areas

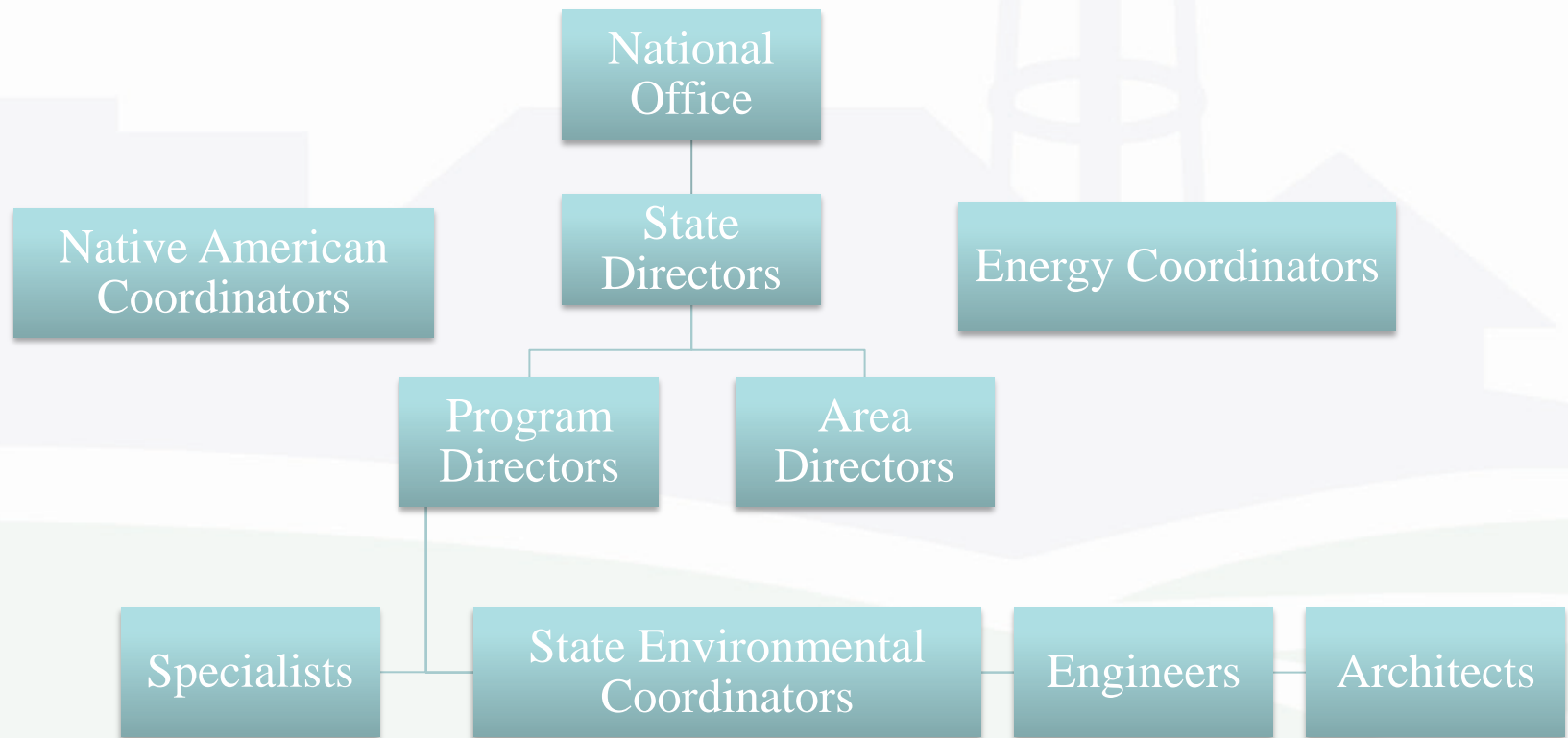
- Rural Business and Cooperative
- Rural Housing and Community Facilities
- Rural Utilities



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USDA Rural Development Organizational Structure



Energy Programs

- Biobased Market Program (9002)
- Biorefinery Assistance Program (9003)
- Repowering Assistance Program (9004)
- Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels (9005)
- Biodiesel Fuel Education Program (9006)
- **Rural Energy for America Program (9007)**

Energy Programs (Continued)

- Biomass Research and Development (9008)
- Rural Energy Self Sufficiency Initiative (9009)
- Feedstock Flexibility Program for Bioenergy Producers (9010)
- Biomass Crop Assistance Program (9011)
- Forest Biomass for Energy (9012)
- Community Wood Energy Program (9013)

Fact Sheet: [www.usda.gov/documents/FB08 Pub Mtg Renew Energy Factsheet.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/documents/FB08_Pub_Mtg_Renew_Energy_Factsheet.pdf)

Rural Energy for America Program

- Formerly Section 9006
- Established a grant and loan guarantee program to assist agriculture producers and rural small businesses in purchasing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements
- Establishes a grant program for energy audits, technical assistance and feasibility studies

Rural Energy for America Program

- Grants for Renewable Energy Systems
 - 25% of Project Cost
 - \$500,000 (\$2,500 minimum)
- Grants for Energy Efficiency Improvements
 - 25% of Project Cost
 - \$250,000 (\$1,500 minimum)
- Loan Guarantee Limits:
 - \$25 Million Cap (\$5,000 minimum)
 - Cap Federal share at 75% of project costs

Rural Energy for America Program

- Energy Audit Grants
 - \$100,000 Maximum
 - Energy Audits must be for ag producers and rural small businesses
 - Recipients of energy audits must pay at least 25% of cost
 - Tribes are eligible to apply
- Feasibility Study Grants
 - \$50,000 or 25% of total eligible project costs

Electric Programs

- Electric Loans
- High Energy Cost Grants
 - Average home energy costs must exceed 275% of the national average

USDA Rural Development ARRA Programs

- Business & Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loans
- Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEAG)
- Single Family Housing Direct Loans
- Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans
- Community Facility Direct Loans
- Community Facility Grants
- Water and Waste Direct Loans
- Water and Waste Grants
- Broadband Initiatives Program



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USDA Rural Development 2010 Appropriations for Tribes

- Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- Rural Business Opportunity Grants
- Intermediary Relending Program Loans
- Community Facilities-Tribal College Grants
- Water and Environmental Program Grants
- Rural Alaska Village Grant Program (Water)



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For More Information

USDA Rural Development Energy Coordinators

www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/EnergyCoordinatorList.doc

USDA Rural Development AI/AN Page

www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/aian

USDA Rural Development Recovery Act

www.rurdev.usda.gov/recovery.html

USDA Rural Development Offices

www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html



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