Limited Submissions Announcement

A limited submission opportunity is available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and has been posted to the [UTSA Limited Submission Opportunities webpage](#).

**USDA Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI) Program Overview**

The Agency encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the Rural Prosperity Task Force report to help improve life in rural America ([www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity](http://www.usda.gov/ruralprosperity)). Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships, and innovation.

Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

**Eligibility**

Qualified private organizations, nonprofit organizations (including faithbased and community organizations and philanthropic foundations), in accordance with 7 CFR part 16, and public (including tribal) intermediary organizations are eligible applicants.

**Application Limit**

Each applicant, whether singularly or jointly, may only submit one application for RCDI funds under this Notice.

**Award Amount**

The respective minimum and maximum grant amount is $50,000 and $250,000. Grant funds must be utilized within 3 years from date of the award.

**Cost-Share Requirement**

There is a matching requirement of at least equal to the amount of the grant. If this matching funds requirement is not met, the application will be deemed ineligible. See section D, Application and Submission Information, for required pre-award and post award matching funds documentation submission. Matching funds are cash or confirmed funding commitments that must be at least equal to the grant amount and committed for a period of not less than the grant performance period. These funds can only be used for eligible RCDI activities and must be used to support the overall purpose of the RCDI program. In-kind contributions such as salaries, donated time and effort, real and nonexpendable personal property and goods and services cannot be used as matching funds.
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**Timeline**

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**Limited Submissions Application Instructions**

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Questions? Please reference the [UTSA Limited Submissions website](http://www.utsa.edu) or contact LimitedSubmissions@utsa.edu