

## **RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

A multi-agency initiative, the Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) assists rural communities to solve problems that affect their fiscal economic or community viability. REDI: (1) responds to specific community needs and requests for assistance; (2) provides direct access and referrals to appropriate state agencies, as well as county and municipal government associations; (3) reviews and evaluates the impact of statutes and rules on rural communities and works to minimize adverse impact; (4) works with communities to improve their rural economies, finding ways to balance environmental and growth management issues with local needs; (5) assists communities in improving access to housing, health care and educational opportunities and (6) co-sponsors an annual conference for rural community leaders.

### **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS**

Rural communities.

### **TYPE OF ASSISTANCE**

Technical and financial assistance, primarily from state agencies.

### **AVAILABLE FUNDING**

N/A.

### **SOURCE OF FUNDS**

Liaison to resources at the federal, state and local level.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS/DEADLINES**

N/A.

### **MATCHING/OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

N/A.

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