

Rural Readiness Grant Program (RRGP)

Eligibility Definitions

Rural communities and tax-exempt organizations serving rural communities are eligible to apply for grant funds designed to **support collaborative planning and capacity building initiatives** that advance efforts to address local needs including, but not limited to, housing, broadband, placemaking, energy, transportation, health, infrastructure, economic development, and workforce. Multi-jurisdictional and multi-sector projects are encouraged.

Communities may apply as a 1) Rural Readiness Grant Program (RRGP) Eligible Rural Area or 2) a self-identified rural area.

1. **RRGP Eligible Rural Area:** Communities located in an eligible rural area, as defined in the [guidance available online here](#), **are not** required to reference additional programs or definitions.
2. **Self-identified Rural Area:** Communities may self-identify as rural if they can provide an example of another state or federal program that classifies them as rural. Applicants must specifically reference the state or federal program in their Letter of Intent.