



Rural Development
Finance Corporation
GROWING COMMUNITIES

2026 Grant Program

The Rural Development Finance Corporation (RDFC) is pleased to announce it has approved a 2026 grant allotment of **\$2,000** per member-cooperative to be used to support community owned entities, non-profits and community-based projects.

Process:

1. Contact your local electric or broadband cooperative for a grant application.
2. Complete the application and send it back to your local cooperative to be signed.
 - a. If your application is selected by your cooperative, it will be forwarded to the RDFC on your behalf for final approval.

Guidelines:

- **Eligible projects:** community owned businesses (café, grocery store, motel, other); community facilities (such as ambulance services, fire districts, recreation, hospital/clinic, community center, etc.); workforce development or community-based projects (such as school/youth projects) that benefit rural areas and lead to community betterment.
- **RDFC does not provide funds for medical fundraisers or general operating costs.**
- **Matching funds:** \$4 dollars of other funds to every \$1 of RDFC funds. *(for example: \$8,000 in matching funds needed for a \$2,000 grant request)*
- **Maximum/minimum grant amounts:** The minimum grant amount is \$1,000; the maximum is \$2,000.

Time frame: February 11, 2026 - November 30, 2026

For an application, assistance, or questions please contact your local electric or broadband cooperative.