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## Rural Energy Savings Program

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**What does this program do?**

The Rural Energy Savings Program (RESP) provides loans to rural utilities and other companies who provide energy efficiency loans to qualified consumers to implement durable cost-effective energy efficiency measures.

**Who may apply for this program?**

Eligible applicants under the RESP include current and former RUS borrowers, subsidiaries of current or former RUS borrowers, and entities that provide retail electric service needs in rural areas.

**What are the Types of Eligible Borrowers?**

RUS makes loans to corporations, states, territories, and subdivisions and agencies thereof; municipalities; people's utility districts; and cooperative, nonprofit, limited-dividend, or mutual associations that provide or propose to provide:

1. The retail electric service needs of rural areas, or
2. The power supply needs of distribution borrowers under the terms of power supply arrangements satisfactory to RUS, or
3. Eligible purposes under RESP, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage or energy conservation measures and related services, improvements, financing, or relending.

**What are the terms of the loans?**

- Up to 20 years at a 0% interest rate
- Up to 5% interest rate for relending to end users qualified consumers, for up to 10 years
- Up to 4% of the loan total may be used for startup costs

**What is an eligible area?**

We encourage you to contact us to determine whether your program would serve an eligible rural area.

**How may funds be used?**

Funds may be used for the purpose of implementing energy efficiency measures to decrease energy use or costs for rural families and small business.

**How do we get started?**

- Applications for this program will be accepted on a first come first serve basis until the depletion of available funding. Please see the funding announcement which provides detailed information on the RESP program.