

# **CTE Stakeholders Webinar**

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# Resources: Rural Schools

## Interagency

- Expand internal, external communications
- Collaborate to Increase Awareness/Access

### Challenges

- Shrinking State Budgets
- Limited capacity in some rural schools to compete for grants
- Facility improvements
- Teacher recruitment and retention
- Technology
- Broadband

### Initiatives

- Outreach
- Technical assistance
- Interagency collaboration to inform rural school districts of resources
- Direct outreach to school districts

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Federal Program	Details	Example of Success
<p><b>U.S. Department of Agriculture – Community Facilities Program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans and grants, <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF_CF.html</a></li> <li>Public schools, vocational schools, charter schools, child care centers, and colleges are eligible, <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/hs/cf/essent_facil.htm">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/hs/cf/essent_facil.htm</a></li> <li>Grant uses include purchase of equipment required for a facility's operation, including school buses, <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF_Grants.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HAD-CF_Grants.html</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Proposed FY2011 Budget:</b>            \$295 million – Direct Loans            \$206 million – Guaranteed Loans            \$30 million– Grants Program</p> <p><b>ARRA:</b> Huge increase in educational facilities due to \$1.3 billion ARRA investment for Community Facilities Program.</p> <p><b>FY2010:</b> 427 educational facilities were built or improved for more than \$350 million</p> <p><b>FY2009:</b> 259 educational facilities for \$160 million.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> USDA Rural Development state offices, <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html</a></p>	<p><b>Dillon County, SC</b> – Using ARRA Funds: \$32,000,000 (\$31,500,000 Direct Loan; \$500,000 Grant) and leveraging \$28.2 million in private sector funding. Improving education in three School Districts in Dillon County by constructing 2 new schools, expanding and renovating 2 existing school facilities in a persistent poverty county.</p> <p><b>Mississippi</b> – USDA awarded a \$54,200 grant to Institute of Community Services, Inc. to purchase a school bus for a head-start center.</p>

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<p><b>USDA Rural Housing Service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loans and grants, <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP_Subject_HousingAndCommunityAssistance.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP_Subject_HousingAndCommunityAssistance.html</a></li> <li>Single Family Direct loans are limited to families with incomes less than 80 percent of area median income.</li> <li>** RHS is the only Federal agency that provides direct loans for this purpose.</li> <li>Guaranteed loans are limited to families with incomes up to 115% of area median income.</li> <li><a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP_Subject_HousingAndCommunityAssistance.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/LP_Subject_HousingAndCommunityAssistance.html</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Proposed FY2011 Budget:</b>  <b>FY2011 Budget:</b>            \$1.2 billion – Direct Loans            \$12 billion – Guaranteed Loans</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Local or State Rural Development Office,  <a href="http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&amp;agency=rd">http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&amp;agency=rd</a></p>	<p><b>In Urbana, MO,</b> Ms. Carolina George is a bi-lingual teacher with a Master’s Degree in reading in her 7th year teaching. Carolina teaches high school Spanish and is the school librarian in an under-served area. She is a single mother of a 9-year-old son and wanted to live close to her school. Dallas County is a very low income county (\$29,300 AMI for a family of 2). She qualified for a 33-year Direct Loan, 100% financing and no down payment with an interest rate of 4.25% to purchase the home for \$78,000.</p>

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<p><b>USDA</b> Distance Learning and Telemedicine loans and grants program. The DLT program was designed specifically to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America,  <a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLT.html">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLT.html</a></p>	<p><b>Proposed FY2011 Budget: \$30 million</b>            Through competitive and noncompetitive loans, grants and loan/grant combinations, advanced telecommunications technologies can used to provide enhanced learning opportunities for rural residents.  <b>Contact:</b> Local or State Rural Development Office,  <a href="http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&amp;agency=rd">http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&amp;agency=rd</a></p>	<p><b>Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine (USDA DLT Grant of \$498,494 with \$308,439 in matching contribution.)</b> This Distance Learning project provides video conferencing facilities to 25 schools in 18 communities in southern Maine. These are used in conjunction with video conferencing centers installed at the University of Maine in Orono to provide elementary and high school courses in addition to college-level coursework.</p>