USDA

-- Improving the quality of life of all rural Americans

-- Increasing economic opportunity in rural America

- **What does USDA Rural Development do?**
- Delivers a wide variety of loan and grant programs
- Essential Community Facilities–Only one of 43 funding programs delivered by local staff
- **Who does USDA Rural Development assist?**
- Communities with population of 20,000 or less
- Cities, Towns, Unincorporated areas
- Public Bodies, Indian Tribes, Nonprofit organizations

Current rates

Poverty 4.5%

Intermediate 4.25%

Market 4.00%

These rates are good today!!!

FIRE EQUIPMENT!!

What fire department doesn't need equipment?

Spokane Tribe Emergency Services Building

LOW INTEREST DIRECT LOANS AND LIMITED GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR:

NEW CONSTRUCTION

REMODELING/RENOVATION

EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES EQUIPMENT SUCH AS AMBULANCES, SPECIALIZED LAB EQUIPMENT, FIRE AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT, ETC.

Facilities financed by Rural Development are:

- designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering and architectural practices.
- must meet the requirements of Federal, State and local agencies.
- ADA access is required.

CREATIVITY IS A GOOD THING!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community Greenhouse

Recreation?

Kitchen Equipment

Do you have a food bank?

Community Center

Education?

Tribal Center

Public works equipment

Yes! We can fund these too

Soup Kitchens

Ladder Truck

Senior Center

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EMR

- EMR - Electronic Medical Records pilot
- Info available on website, handled by Steve and Joe who can give more detailed information.

Meeting the Needs of Rural Healthcare Through Distance Learning and Telemedicine

Telemedicine Examples:

- Link clinics and hospitals with radiology specialists
- Provide diagnostic mobile PCs to rural communities
- Provide home health monitoring
- Link mobile health units and ambulances to local clinics and hospitals

Distance Learning Examples

- Connect schools to share teaching resources
- Share teaching resources between colleges
- Deliver specialized continuing education courses
- Offer technology and job training

TEST TIME!

1. Who's eligible for assistance?
2. What projects are not eligible?
3. What is the population limit?
4. When should you begin talking with an RD Specialist?
5. Why is a public meeting about your project so important?

Contact us!

- Telephone
- Fax
- Email
- Face to face