



## HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES

*Established in 1995*

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### BY THE NUMBERS

**Total Investment**  
\$4.5 billion

**Dollars Leveraged**  
\$3.3 billion

**Affordable Homes**  
35,000

**Commercial, Industrial  
and Community Facilities**  
4 million sq. ft.

**Small Businesses Assisted**  
700

**Jobs Created**  
12,000

Rural LISC Service Area  
*highlighted in gold*



### **New Opportunities for Rural Communities** – Rural LISC believes in rural America.

We serve 89 partner organizations working to transform rural communities in 45 states. Rural LISC is dedicated to building the capacity of resident led community-based organizations and increasing their production, by generating resources and investing in their work. Here are examples of Rural LISC at work with partner organizations, employing elements of LISC’s comprehensive community development strategy to bring new opportunities to rural America:

**1. Stimulating Economic Activity** – Adams/Brown Counties Economic Opportunities, Inc., in Georgetown, Ohio, operates one of the largest nonprofit recycling centers in the state, with a new, green business offshoot, the Glass reFactory. Staff use an onsite furnace to melt glass bottles that come into the recycling facility and turn them into sun catchers and other unique, handmade keepsakes. Glass products with their nature-inspired themes are sold in specialty boutique shops across the country. Custom designs for business and school logos, special events and charitable organizations are also being developed.

**2. Increasing Family Income and Wealth** – Community Action Partnership of Northwest Montana in Kalispell developed a financial literacy program called “Free to Choo\$e”. Each participant who completes the 12 week family financial education is eligible to receive a \$300 line of credit at the local Credit Union, a partnership with a financial mentor and access to checking and savings accounts.

**3. Fostering Livable, Safe and Healthy Environments** – Fayette County Community Action Agency in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, grew the “healthy community” idea beyond its initial economic scope to include the health of residents, by creating a Healthy Living program. It expanded its medical and dental clinic twice to accommodate 8,000 patient visits a year, maintains a food bank to provide people with healthy food choices, and activated plans for healthy neighborhoods in Uniontown and nearby Brownsville.

**4. Improving Quality Education** – GROW South Dakota of Sisseton helped to create a 65,000 square foot addition to Rockyford School on South Dakota’s Pine Ridge Reservation, which enrolls nearly 500 students ranging from preschool through eighth grade in a location frequently ranked as one of America’s most impoverished communities. The renovation nearly doubled the school’s size to include a new gymnasium with seating for 750, 12 new classrooms, a resurfaced parking lot, a new playground and perhaps the most unique feature, a Legends Room where students can learn about their tribal heritage.

**5. Developing, Preserving and Investing in the Physical Environment** – Self-Help Enterprises in Visalia, CA, created Goshen Village, a “green” neighborhood development in rural Tulare County to enhance the overall quality of life for 56 farm workers and their families. In addition to homes, the new village offers space for after-school and computer programs for children, and basketball courts, athletic fields and playgrounds for active play time. Energy-efficient features include tiled roofs with 54 percent solar reflectance, radiant barriers in ceilings and placement of deciduous shade trees to reduce cooling costs.