

THE IMPACT: 1995 to Today

31,500

Affordable Homes
Created

600

Small
Businesses
Assisted



6,800

Jobs Created

3.8 MILLION

Square Feet of Commercial
& Community Facilities Built



20

Child Care Facilities Built

Serving **NEARLY 1,000**
Children



Over 90 community development corporations have received our help since 1995, including:

- 25 national training seminars.
- 24 regional workshops for nearly 1,850 participants.
- 28 regional Home Loan Partnership trainings.

LEARN MORE ABOUT RURAL ISSUES

You can play a vital role in protecting
and preserving rural America.
Contact us to learn how you can
support Rural LISC and its mission.

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*We believe in
rural America*

OUR MISSION

Rural LISC believes in rural America. We are committed to providing support for our communities, making them good places to live, work, do business and raise children. We believe that nonprofit community organizations play an essential role in achieving this mission. Rural LISC is dedicated to building the capacity of these groups and increasing their production, by generating resources and investing in their work.



For almost four decades, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) has been one of the largest community support organizations in the country. In 1995, it established a rural program to help struggling communities spread across huge swaths of the country to preserve their way of life and respond to new challenges.

By partnering with 77 nonprofit organizations in 44 states, Rural LISC helps residents identify priorities and opportunities — and delivers the most appropriate support to meet local needs.

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RURAL LISC PROVIDES

- Capacity building grants
- Loans and equity investments
- Training and technical assistance
- Public policy advocacy
- A support network connecting community-based rural groups to each other



WHY RURAL AMERICA?

America's future depends on the strength of rural areas: home to 20 percent of the population, the country's breadbasket, and its critical fresh water source.

A UNIQUE MODEL

Rural LISC assembles funding from banks, corporations, foundations and government agencies, like the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to help community-based organizations tackle local priorities. We also provide expertise and grants to these local partners so they can figure out how best to employ resources in *their* communities. Our unique structure also enables rural organizations to leverage that money with other investments to achieve remarkable impact.

Rural LISC's approach is comprehensive — we work with groups on housing, business, jobs, health and safety in the same place, at the same time. We call this *Building Sustainable Communities*.