RURAL LISC

Mission

With residents and partners, Rural LISC supports resilient and inclusive rural communities as great places to live, work, and innovate. Rural LISC strives to identify priorities and opportunities and deliver the most appropriate support to meet local needs. We achieve this through integrated strategies and programs focused on five pillars of rural community development: Creative Capital, Broadband & Infrastructure, Workforce Development, Housing, and Disaster Solutions.

Program

Established in April 1995, Rural LISC currently serves 146 partner organizations working to transform rural communities in 49 states and Puerto Rico.

Resources at Work

- As of December 31, 2022, Rural LISC has mobilized $582.2 million in grants and loans for partner organizations, with an additional $2.17 billion in affiliate financing.
- Close to $5.1 billion has been leveraged in financing for over 1,047 Rural LISC supported developments, bringing total new investments to nearly $7.8 billion dollars.
- $2.75 billion has been committed in and through partner organizations, including $99.9 million in capacity building and small business grants, $18.2 million in project and venture related grants and recoverable grants, $265.6 million in low-cost loans and loan guarantees, plus $2.37 billion invested by LISC affiliates.
- Rural LISC partner organizations leverage LISC support to enable new capacity building resources, resulting to date in nearly $210.7 million in matching funds raised by CDCs through more than 2,518 separate sponsorships.
- A groundbreaking public/private childcare partnership was established involving seven partner organizations developing nine childcare facilities.

Sources: Individual donors and some 130 private and public Supporters plus LISC, including LISC affiliated National Equity Fund and New Markets Support Company.

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CDC Production Results  
(As of 12/31/22)

Affordable Homes:  
• 1995 – To Date: 52,904 homes

Commercial & Community Facilities and Athletic Fields:  
• 1995 – To Date: 8.8 million square feet

Small Businesses Assisted/Jobs Created or Retained:  
• 1995 – To Date: 2,867 businesses/21,553 jobs

Child Care Facilities:  
• 1995 – To Date: 20 centers/nearly 2,922 children

FOC and Rural Works Highlights:  
• 2020-To Date: 3,806 individuals placed in Jobs

Technical Assistance & Training

The most important aspect of the Rural LISC program is the technical assistance and training we provide for our Partner CDCs. We have convened 30 national training seminars for Partner CDCs, while also offering six Asset Management trainings for Partner and other rural CDCs. In addition, 24 regional workshops have been held that have assisted nearly 1,850 participants from rural CDCs, private funders, lenders, and government. We have also arranged 28 regional Home Loan Partnership trainings on affordable home ownership for rural CDCs and USDA officials, with an average attendance of 100 participants at each training.

Newsletter & Web

• The monthly Rural eNews covers funding and financing opportunities, training, other resources and policy issues. It is emailed to more than 3,000 subscribers from rural community development organizations across the country.

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• The Rural LISC website can be found at: www.lisc.org/rural

Stakeholders in the Delta region meet to discuss economic strategies. | Pine Bluff, AR

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