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The Rural Development, through its community facilities program, provides funding for the Rural Emergency Responders Initiative to specifically strengthen the ability of rural communities to respond to local emergencies.

**Loan, grant or loan & grant funds are available based on the project and needs of the community.**

The community facilities program funds are used to support rural emergency responder efforts by financing needed equipment and services. These funds are available to public bodies, non-profit organizations, and recognized Indian tribes.

Funds may be used to finance equipment, vehicles, and/or buildings for the following types of projects:

**Fire Protection  
Rescue/Ambulance  
Law Enforcement  
Civil Defense/Early Warning  
Systems  
Mobile/Stationary  
Communications  
Emergency Responders  
Training Facilities  
Hospitals**

**Outpatient Care  
Physician's Clinics  
Migrant Health Centers  
Healthcare Office Buildings  
County Health Department Offices  
Food Preparation Distribution  
Centers  
Animal Shelters**

Rural Development, through its community facilities program, provides financial assistance to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation

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