

USDA Rural Development is seeking applications for the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) program.

RBEG's are available to public bodies, non-profit entities and Indian tribes who desire to facilitate and finance the development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas.

Grants may be used for technical assistance, the acquisition of land, buildings, and infrastructure to enhance business development and for the establishment of small business revolving loan funds.

Grant funds may only assist businesses located in communities of 50,000 populations and less.

Businesses being assisted by grant funds must meet the small and emerging private enterprise definition.

Applications submitted for state funding are selected based on a competitive scoring process. Applications that wish to compete for the state allocated funds are due by close of business March 31.

For more information regarding the RBEG program, please contact the local rural development office or visit: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm>. An application template is available by contacting rural development.

Please submit an application to: USDA Rural Development, 1202 S. Cottonwood, Suite 3, North Platte NE 69101

Please feel free to contact the North Platte Rural Development office 308-534-2360 or stop by at 1202 South Cottonwood, Suite 3 to discuss whether Rural Development's rural business enterprise grant (RBEG) program is beneficial.