



Rural Development - New Mexico

OVERVIEW of PROGRAMS

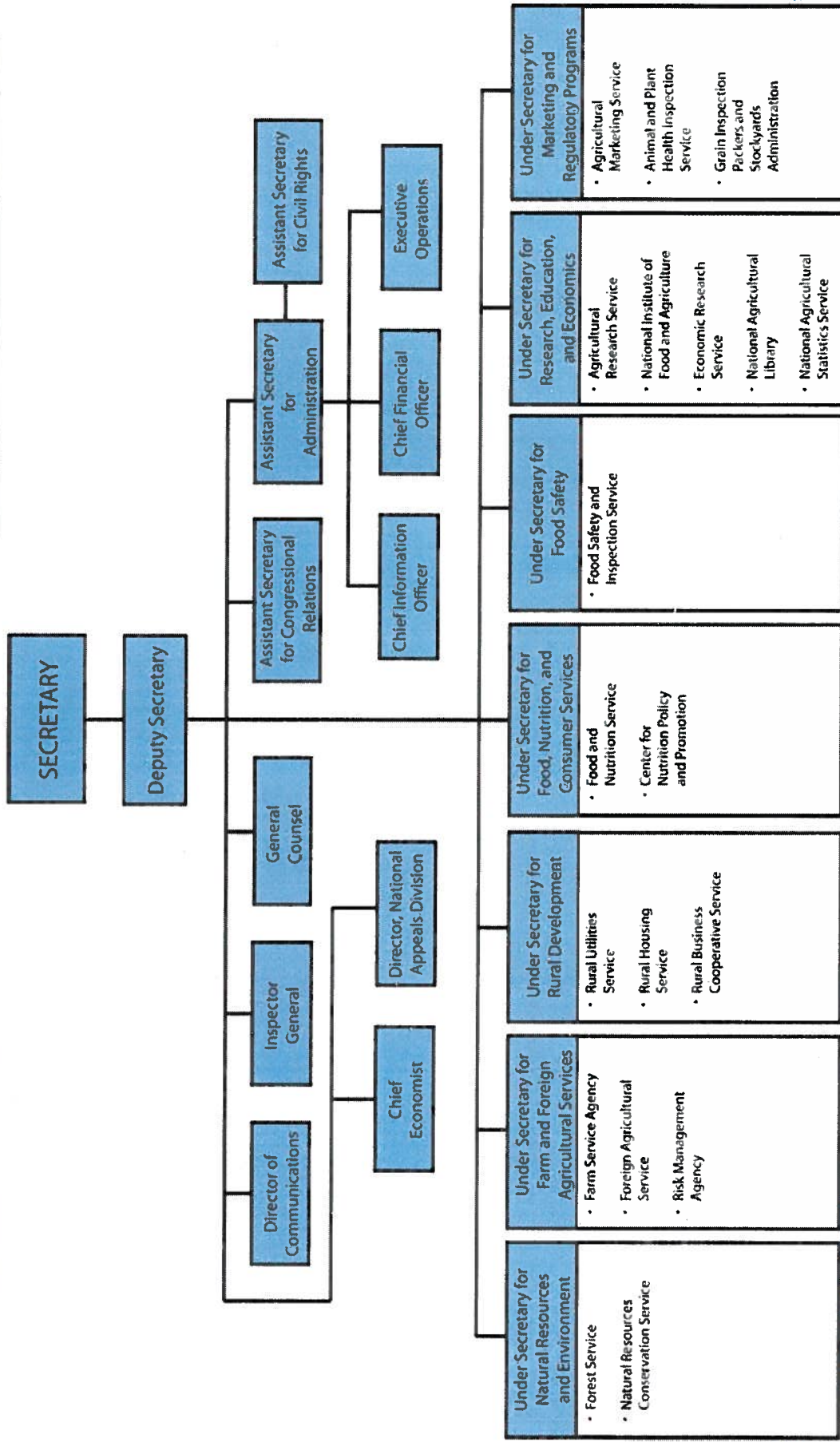
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Mission Statement

We provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues based on sound public policy, the best available science, and efficient management. Specifically Rural Development's (RD) mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for all rural Americans. It is driven primarily through USDA's Goal number 1: to Assist Rural Communities to Create Prosperity so They Are Self-Sustaining, Repopulating, and Economically Thriving.



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Vision Statement

To expand economic opportunity through innovation, helping rural America to thrive; to promote agriculture production sustainability that better nourishes Americans while also helping feed others throughout the world; and to preserve and conserve our Nation's natural resources through restored forests, improved watersheds, and healthy private working lands. RD's vision is to maximize our program benefits to support a rural America that is a healthy, safe, and prosperous place to live and work.



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Process

Rural Development will use over 40 loan and grant programs to create opportunities in housing, business, and infrastructure. Rural Development serves as a catalyst to improve conditions in rural America by offering technical assistance and increasing the flow of capital through leveraged partnerships. Successful rural economic development requires cooperation and coordination with local leaders, public and private sector partners, and educational institutions.



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Seven Strategies for Economic Development

Building 21st Century rural communities requires adoption of strategies that look not only within a community for defining its strengths and opportunities, but to regions where one community can compliment and draw upon the resources of another.

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Seven Strategies

Strategic Partners: The ole adage that there is strength in numbers especially holds true when you build strong and strategic alliances.

Capital Markets: Stimulating local economies requires the infusion of new investment opportunities.

Regional Food Systems: Building markets for local and regionally grown agricultural products makes great economic sense.

Regional Collaboration: Smaller, more remote rural communities do not have to be stand-alone economic engines in an oasis, each looking only from within for sustainability.



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Seven Strategies

Community Building: Creating great places to live, raise families, provide recreational opportunities, and infrastructure for high paying jobs is very important to our efforts at USDA.

Alternative Energy: America development and use of alternative energies is good for our country and good for our environment.

Broadband and Continuous Business Creation: Expanding access to high-speed broadband is one of our greatest challenges and our highest priority.



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Rural Development's Three Agencies

RD operates through three complementary agencies to meet its program and service mandates:

- *Rural Housing and Community Facilities Service*
- *Rural Business - Cooperative Services*
- *Rural Utilities Service*



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Rural Housing and Community Facilities Service

Community Facilities Programs - support for development of infrastructure, enhanced educational opportunities, and funding for development of essential facilities

Multi-Family Programs - establishment, revitalization, and funding of affordable rental units and encourage energy efficient, safe and attractive facilities for rural America.

Single Family Housing Programs funding of affordable and accessible homes in rural America. 100% financing through commercial lenders (guaranteed program) or subsidized financing for the construction, purchase, or rehabilitation of homes in rural America.



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Rural Business - Cooperative Services

Business and Industry:

Business and Industry Guarantee Loan Program (B&I)

Specialty Programs:

Intermediary Revolving Loan Program (IRP)

Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program (RBEG)

Rural Economic Development Loan/Grant Program (REDLG)

Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program (RMAP)

Cooperative Programs:

Value Added Producer Grant Program (VAPG)

Rural Cooperative Development Grant Program (RCDG)

Small Disadvantaged Minority Producers Grant (SMPG)

1890 Land Grant Institution Initiative (1890)

Research on The Economic Impact of Cooperatives (REIC)



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Energy Programs:

Biorefinery Assistance Loan Guarantees

Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels

Repowering Assistance Program

Rural Energy for America Program/Renewable Energy

Systems/Energy Efficiency Improvement Program (REAP/RES/EEI)

Rural Energy for America Program/Energy Audit and Renewable

Energy Development Assistant (REAP/EA & REDA)

Rural Energy for America Program/Feasibility (REAP/FEASIBILITY)

Rural Energy for America Program Guaranteed Loan Program (REAP
LOAN)



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Rural Utilities Service

Electric Programs support alternative, reliable, efficient and affordable energy and the infrastructure capacity, transmission, and systems to deliver these across rural communities.

Telecommunications and Broadband programs promote affordable, high-quality, broadband telecommunications service throughout rural America.

Water and Environmental Programs support safe, sustainable and affordable water and wastewater infrastructure and services designed to meet the current and future rural communities' needs.



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