



FY09 accomplishments

- ✓ *Helped 4,781 families buy their own homes*
- ✓ *Helped 345 families make essential home repairs*
- ✓ *Helped 2 communities fund water projects serving 3,359 households*
- ✓ *Created or saved 4,546 jobs*
- ✓ *Helped communities fund essential equipment including police cars, fire and garbage trucks, a chipper/shredder, an emergency warning system, an ambulance, and a HVAC system for the library. EMS safety equipment was purchased, as well as computers and playground equipment. Construction included renovation of an old high school and construction of a medical facility.*

Distance Learning and Telemedicine

This program helps rural areas obtain technology for health care and education. Four grants were made for \$1,002,298. It is administered out of Washington, D.C.



Rural Electric Programs

This program provides low interest loans to rural electric membership corporations. In Georgia, 11 projects received funding totaling \$1,172,335,000. It is administered out of Washington, D.C.

Note: Funding amounts include regular FY2009 funds and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.



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FY09 Annual Report Investment in rural Georgia: over \$1.97 billion

When life hands you lemons . . .



*Rural Development may be
able to help fund the sugar!*

Housing Programs

Rural Development home loan programs exploded in FY2009, most notably the guaranteed program. We more than tripled the number of families helped through lenders, with no staff increases.

Our direct program helps very low and low income families become homeowners. We are committed to reducing substandard housing in rural Georgia.



We have 15,600 units of affordable rental housing in Georgia. Approximately 8,000 of these units have project-based rental assistance, which assures the tenant does not have to pay



more than 30% of their monthly income for rent and utilities. Ninety-three percent of all units are occupied by very low income families. In addition, 54% of the units are occupied by elderly, disabled or handicapped tenants.

2009 investments in housing include:

Single Family Housing	Investment:	Families:
Guaranteed Home Loans	\$527,054,538	4,410
Direct Home Loans	\$41,425,226	371
Home Repair Loans & Grants	\$2,544,604	345
Multi-Family Housing		Units:
Preservation & Rehab (MPR)	\$1,245,982	47
Rental Assistance Payments	\$24,315,704	8,083
538 Guaranteed RRH	\$5,168,982	203
RD Voucher	\$409,548	369
Housing Preservation Grants	\$327,896	52

Community Programs

Community Programs can fund infrastructure, essential community facilities, equipment and technology for medicine and education. Communities need clean drinking water, as well as solid waste and wastewater facilities to thrive.



Community facility funds helped communities buy police cars, fire and garbage trucks, a chipper/shredder, an emergency warning system, an ambulance, a HVAC system for the library, EMS safety equipment, computers and playground equipment. Construction included renovation of an old high school and construction of a medical facility.

Community Programs funded:

Water & Waste Loans & Grants - 2 projects = \$24,181,300;
Serving 3,359 Georgia households

Community (CF) Loans & Grants - 65 funded = \$5,331,899
Economic Impact Initiative Grants - 12 funded = \$373,420

Appalachian Reg. Comm. Grants - 3 projects = \$608,225;
650 jobs created or saved

Key to the success of these programs is community commitment and support, as well as partnering with the private sector and non-profit organizations.

Business and Cooperative Programs

Business programs can transform deserving communities into places of opportunity and growth, providing jobs and stimulating the economy.

Business programs created or saved 4,446 jobs in rural Georgia in FY 2009! Loan guarantees can be made to a business through a lender. Funding is available to public bodies or other organizations that benefit the business community. Projects include cooperative development, tourism initiatives, downtown enhancement and infrastructure improvements.

Business Programs funded:

Business and Industry Guaranteed Loans (B&I)
17 projects =
\$58,920,625; *800 jobs created or saved*



Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) - 24 projects =
\$3,155,675; *2,183 jobs created or saved*

Projects included purchase of equipment and vehicles for vocational schools, renovation of several buildings including several historic theatres, funding construction of a farmer's market, establishing revolving loan funds and providing technical assistance.

Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG) - 1 project =
\$50,000

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP) - 1 project =
\$750,000; *152 jobs created or saved*

Rural Economic Development Loan and Grants (REDLG) -
5 projects = \$4,210,000; *753 jobs created or saved*

Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP)
REAP - 53 projects = \$12,804,760; *8 jobs created or saved*
Grant for Energy Audit 1 project= \$100,000

Section 9003 - Biorefinery Assistance Program - 1 project =
\$80 million

Cooperative Services
Technical Assistance was provided to three developing and three existing cooperatives.

