

2020 Programmatic and Language Appropriations Request

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Requesting Organization: National Rural Housing Coalition

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All Requests:

Agriculture	Rural Development	Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)

1. For Defense requests, please include line number (e.g., RDTE, A line 30):
2. This is request ___ of ___ submitted to this office.
3. This is request ___ of ___ in this bill.
4. Are you making this request to other offices
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Programmatic Funding Requests:

1. Amount requested:	\$8 million
2. Amount included in the President’s most recent budget:	0
3. Requested amount increase/decrease over the President’s most recent budget:	+\$8 million
4. Referencing President’s Budget for (use most recent available):	Rural Community Development Initiative
5. FY19 appropriated amount:	\$6 million
6. Requested amount increase/decrease in relation to FY19 appropriations:	+2 million

Justification for request:

RCDI grants are awarded to help nonprofit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

Rural Community Development Initiative grants may be used for, but are not limited to: training, sub-strategic plan development, and accessing alternative funding sources for community development

Report or Bill Language Requests:

7. The language being requested should be included in the: Bill

8. Language being requested: *Provided*, For the cost of rural community facilities grants as authorized by section 381 E and described under section 381(E) (d)(1) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act ... *Provided That \$8,000,000 of the amount appropriated under this heading shall be available for a Rural Community Development Initiative;* *Provided further*, That such funds shall be used solely to develop the capacity and ability of private, nonprofit community-based housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities, and Federally Recognized Native American Tribes to undertake projects to improve housing, community facilities, community and economic development projects in rural areas: *Provided further*, That such funds shall be made available to qualified private, nonprofit and public intermediary organizations proposing to carry out a program of financial and technical assistance: *Provided further*, That such

intermediary organizations shall provide matching funds from other sources, including Federal funds for related activities, in an amount not less than funds provided.

9. Justification for request: RCDI is the only federal program designed to help rural communities build their capacity to improve housing, community facilities, and economic development. For example in , Lewistown, Montana (population 5,918), RCDI technical assistance has gone to a small and emerging CDFI; helped 4 new businesses and expand one business and one nonprofit; created 49 new jobs; and secured some \$3.6 million in new federal, state, foundation and in-kind funding.

10. Has this language been included in previous Fiscal Years? If so, please provide reference information below.

Fiscal Year	Bill Number	Division	Title	Section	Page Number
FY 19	HJ Res 31	III	Rural Development	Rural Housing	50
FY 18	HR 1625	III	Rural Development	Rural Housing	21
FY 17	HR 244	III	Rural Development	Rural Housing	20