



U.S. Congressman Brad Carson
Second District of Oklahoma
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Guide to Federal Government Programs

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***“I strongly believe eastern Oklahoma deserves its fair share.”
-Congressman Brad Carson***

Since taking office as eastern Oklahoma’s Congressman, I have made it one of my top priorities to increase awareness of federal grant opportunities and to secure federal funding to the Second Congressional District.

Oklahoma is a land of tremendous opportunities and great promise. Across the Second District, we have seen phenomenal growth in the past decade, and our communities will continue to expand at a rapid pace. The Second District is at the crossroads of America, and business leaders are taking full advantage of our access to highways and ports. The unparalleled beauty and scenery in eastern Oklahoma, combined with our faith, hard-work ethic and character, contributes to our success.

It is essential our infrastructure and public services can keep pace with our communities’ growth. It is also critical we do not allow other communities to fall behind.

As your representative in Washington, I believe it is my obligation to work with community and business leaders to improve the quality of life for all eastern Oklahomans. By working together, we can ensure future generations have access to quality health care, affordable housing, safe communities, high-wage jobs, and a superior educational system.

I thank you for your efforts in working with me to improve the Second District. If I can ever be of any assistance to you or your community, please never hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,



Brad Carson
Member of Congress

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All requests for grant assistance can be directed to **Shane Jernigan** in Congressman Carson's Washington, D.C. or Claremore, Oklahoma offices. You can also reach him by e-mail at Shane.Jernigan@mail.house.gov.



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One of my top priorities in Congress has been to assist eastern Oklahoma in obtaining grant funding from the federal government. I recognize navigating the grant process can be difficult, and I want to work with you in providing additional information.

This form will help me provide you information of when grants are available, and how you can apply for these valuable funds. You can return this form to:

Congressman Brad Carson
Attention: Shane Jernigan
301 West First Street
Claremore, Oklahoma 74017
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If I can ever be of any assistance, please never hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

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Brad Carson
Member of Congress

Congressman Carson Grant Information Sign-Up Form

Agency: _____

Agency Head: _____

Grant Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Type of Grants your agency is looking for:



Locating Funding for Rural Community Development

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)

The CFDA is a comprehensive source for federal government assistance programs. The CFDA is found online at www.cfda.gov and hardcopies can be found at public libraries.

The CFDA provides program information including eligibility requirements for funding, how funding can be utilized, type of assistance (grant or loan), contact information, and post award requirements.

Please be advised, the CFDA does not provide application deadlines

The Federal Register

The Federal Register provides notifications indicating which federal programs are soliciting applications, and when the deadlines are to submit requests for funding. The Federal Register can be found online at <http://www.access.gpo.gov>. The link to the Federal Register is found under "Quick Links."

The Grantmanship Center (TGCI)

The Grantmanship Center provides information relating to the grants process, as well as a daily listing of grant announcements from the Federal Register. The TGCI can be accessed on the Internet at www.tgci.com.

Federal Government Programs for Rural Communities

The following pages highlight some beneficial programs for rural communities that local government bodies can apply. A full list of programs is attached following this section. The programs are organized by functional area, and list the CFDA number allowing for easy access to the program information.

Agriculture/Forestry/Fish and Game

10.672 Rural Development, Forestry, and Communities

FOREST SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To help rural areas analyze and assess forest resource opportunities, maximize local economic potential through market development and expansion, and diversify communities' economic base.

10.773 Rural Business Opportunity Grants

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs.

Business/Commerce

10.767 Intermediary Relending Program

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To finance business facilities and community development through direct loans

Civil Defense/Disaster Prevention/Emergency Preparedness

83.527 Community Disaster Loans

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OBJECTIVES:

To provide loans subject to Congressional loan authority, to any local government that has suffered substantial loss of tax and other revenue in an area in which the President designates a major disaster exists. The funds can only be used to maintain existing functions of a municipal operating character and the local government must demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

83.544 Public Assistance Grants

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OBJECTIVES:

To provide supplemental assistance to States, local governments, and political subdivisions to the State, Indian Tribes, Alaskan Native Villages, and certain Private Non-profit organizations in alleviating suffering and hardship resulting from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President.

83.548 Hazard Mitigation Grant

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OBJECTIVES:

To provide States and local governments financial assistance to implement measures that will permanently reduce or eliminate future damages and losses from natural hazards through safer building practices and improving existing structures and supporting infrastructure.

83.554 Assistance to Firefighters Grant

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

OBJECTIVES:

To provide direct assistance, on a competitive basis, to fire departments of a State or tribal nation for the purpose of protecting the health and safety of the public and firefighting personnel against fire and fire-related hazards.

Community Facilities

10.766 Community Facility Grant and Loan

RURAL HOUSING SERVICE (RHS), DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve community facilities providing essential services to rural residents.

Economic Development

10.768 Rural Business Enterprise Grants

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To facilitate the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities.

10.773 Rural Business Opportunity Grants

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs.

10.854 Rural Economic Development Loans

RURAL BUSINESS-COOPERATIVE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To promote rural economic development and job creation projects, including funding for project feasibility studies, start-up costs, incubator projects, and other reasonable expenses for the purpose of fostering rural development.

11.300 Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE

OBJECTIVES:

To promote long-term economic development in areas experiencing substantial economic distress. EDA provides Public Works investments to support the construction of rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and development facilities necessary to generate higher-skill, higher-wage jobs and private investment

14.227 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; OKLAHOMA
STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

OBJECTIVES:

To develop viable communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income.

Health Care

10.855 Distance Learning and Telemedicine Loans and Grants
RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

To encourage and improve the use of telemedicine, telecommunications, computer networks, and related advanced technologies to provide educational and medical benefits through distance learning and telemedicine projects to people living in rural areas and to improve rural opportunities.

93.224 Community Health Center
HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OBJECTIVES:

To support the development and operation of health centers which provide preventive and primary health care services, supplemental health and support services and environmental health services to medically underserved areas/populations. Priorities will be focused on providing services in the most medically underserved areas and

maintaining existing centers which are serving high priority populations. Centers must have demonstrated sound capacities in the following areas: fiscal and management capabilities; monitoring and assessment of project performance; development and implementation of mechanisms for improving quality of care; and maximization of third-party reimbursement levels, through improved project administration and management.

93.252 Community Access Program

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OBJECTIVES:

To assist communities and consortia of health care providers to develop the infrastructure necessary to fully develop or strengthen integrated health care systems of care that coordinate health services for the uninsured.

93.259 Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant

HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OBJECTIVES:

To make grants to public and private nonprofit entities for the purpose of carrying out research and demonstration projects with respect to improving the availability and quality of emergency medical services in rural areas.

Housing

14.250 Rural Housing and Economic Development

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVES:

To expand the supply of affordable housing and access to economic opportunities in rural areas.

14.235 Supportive Housing Program

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

OBJECTIVES:

The Supportive Housing Program is designed to promote the development of supportive housing and supportive services to assist homeless persons in the transition from homelessness and to enable them to live as independently as possible. Program funds may be used to provide: (i) transitional housing within a 24-month period as well as up to six months of follow-up services to former residents to assist their adjustment to independent living; (ii) permanent housing provided in conjunction with appropriate supportive services designed to maximize the ability of persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible; (iii) supportive housing that is, or is part of, a particularly innovative project for, or alternative method of, meeting the immediate and long-term needs of homeless individuals and families; (iv) supportive services for homeless individuals not provided in conjunction with supportive housing, and (v) safe havens for homeless individuals with serious mental illness currently residing on the streets who may not yet be ready for supportive services.

Justice/Law Enforcement

16.710 COPS Program

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OBJECTIVES:

Grants are to be made to increase police presence and improve cooperative efforts between law enforcement agencies and members of the community; to expand community policing efforts through the use of technology and other innovative strategies; to increase security and reduce violence in our nation's schools; to address crime and disorder problems; and to otherwise enhance public safety.

Public Works

11.301 Grants for Public Works and Economic Development Facilities

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE

OBJECTIVES:

To promote long-term economic development in areas experiencing substantial economic distress. EDA provides Public Works investments to support the construction of rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and development facilities necessary to generate higher-skill, higher-wage jobs and private investment

10.770 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants

RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OBJECTIVES:

Provide water and waste disposal facilities and services to low income rural communities whose residents face significant health risks.

Recreation

15.916 Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OBJECTIVES:

To provide financial assistance to the States and their political subdivisions for the preparation of Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORPs) and acquisition and development of outdoor recreation areas and facilities for the general public, to meet current and future needs.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE:

Project Grants.

USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS:

Acquisition and development grants may be used for a wide range of outdoor recreation projects, such as picnic areas, inner city parks, campgrounds, tennis courts, boat launching ramps, bike trails, outdoor swimming pools, and support facilities such as roads, water supply, etc. Facilities must be open to the general public and not limited to special groups. Development of basic rather than elaborate facilities is favored. Fund monies are not available for the operation and maintenance of facilities. Grants are also available to States only for revising and updating existing SCORPs preparation of new plans and for statewide surveys, technical studies, data collection and analysis and other planning purposes which are clearly related to SCORP refinement and improvement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Applicant Eligibility: For planning grants, only the State agency formally designated by the Governor or State law as responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan is eligible to apply. (Treated as States in this regard are the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam.) For acquisition and development grants, the above designated agency may apply for assistance for itself, or on behalf of other State agencies or political subdivisions, such as cities, counties, and park districts. Additionally, Indian tribes which are organized to govern themselves and perform the function of a general purpose unit of government qualify for assistance under the program. Individuals and private organizations are not eligible.

15.918 Disposal of Federal Surplus Real Property for Parks and Recreation

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OBJECTIVES:

To transfer surplus Federal real property for public park and recreation use, or for use of historic real property.

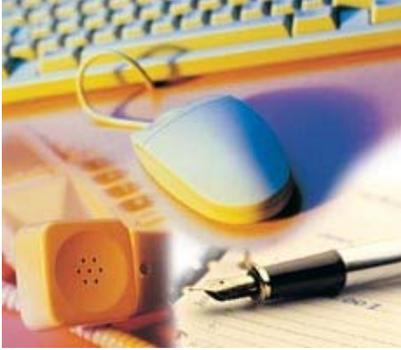
Transportation

20.106 Airport Improvement Program

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

OBJECTIVES:

To assist sponsors, owners, or operators of public-use airports in the development of a nationwide system of airports adequate to meet the needs of civil aeronautics.



AGENCY CONTACTS

This information can also be found on Congressman Brad Carson's website at www.carson.house.gov.

Agriculture

Farming is the backbone of the Second District, and it is Congressman Carson's intent to provide as much assistance to farming community as possible. The [U.S. Department of Agriculture](#) provides numerous services including loans to farmers, businesses and industry, financing of rural electric associations, crop insurance, maintenance of the U.S. forests and many other programs.

 [Department of Agriculture](#)

Cultural Affairs

Northeastern Oklahoma is rich in cultural diversity and history. Programs through the [National Endowment of the Arts](#), the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#), and the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#), provide grants for institutional support, preservation, educational services, and the promotion of the arts. There are also grants available to Native American tribes to preserve tribal culture and for arts development.

 [National Endowment of the Arts](#)
 [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)
 [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)

Disaster Prevention and Relief

In the event of a natural disaster, Congressman Carson will provide every possible resource to assist affected communities. The Congressman urges communities to contact his office as soon as possible after a disaster, so federal assistance can be expedited.

The [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) provides assistance to states and local communities to plan and prepare for disasters. FEMA, through the [National Flood Insurance Program](#), makes Federally backed flood insurance

available in communities that agree to adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage. The [U.S. Fire Administration](#) provides grants to fire departments for equipment, vehicles, and the development of fitness and training programs.

[The Rural Housing Service](#) assists qualified recipients in meeting emergency assistance needs resulting from natural disaster. Loans and grants may be used to repair or replace damaged property as a direct result of a natural disaster.

 [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#)

 [National Flood Insurance Program](#)

 [The U.S. Fire Administration](#)

 [Rural Housing Service](#)

Economic, Community and Rural Development

Congressman Carson is a strong advocate for economic growth for Northeastern Oklahoma. The Congressman recognizes that communities, businesses, tribal governments, education facilities, and local Chambers of Commerce must work together to improve infrastructure and provide job training in order to keep and attract businesses. Since taking office, the Congressman has secured funding for new water and a sewer line, worked with business leaders to plan a business incubator, and has sponsored an Empowerment Zone application.

The [Economic Development Administration](#) provides grants, loans and technical assistance to communities to develop industrial parks, improve infrastructure, and address long-term economic distress. Grants are made available to Tribal governments, local governments, regional economic districts, and nonprofit organizations.

The [Rural Development Administration](#) offers financial services to communities of less than 10,000 residents. Programs support such essential public facilities and services as water and sewer systems, housing, health clinics, emergency service facilities and electric and telephone service. Businesses can receive loans through banks and community-managed lending pools. Rural development offers technical assistance and information to help agricultural and other cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their member services, and to help communities undertake community empowerment programs.

The Department of [Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) provides the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to the [Oklahoma Department of Commerce](#). Towns and cities can apply directly to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for loans and grants for a range of economic and community development.

 [Economic Development Administration](#)

**Economic Development Administration
Austin Regional Office
327 Congress Avenue
Suite 200
Austin, TX 78701
512-381-8144**

 [Rural Development Administration](#)

**Oklahoma Rural Development State Office
100 USDA, Suite 108
Stillwater, OK 74074
405-742-1000**

 [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)
 [Oklahoma Department of Commerce](#)

**Oklahoma Department of Commerce
900 North Stiles
P.O. Box 26980
Oklahoma City, OK 73126-0980
800-879-6552**

Community leaders are urged to work with their Economic Development Districts to produce a long term economic plans. The Development Districts also will help provide technical assistance in preparing grant proposals. Counties are divided regionally into a Council.

Education

Congressman Carson recognizes one of the most important investments we can make is in education. The Congressman strongly encourages school districts to apply for grants through the [Department of Education](#). The Department allocates funding for after-school programs, bilingual education, to purchase technology and equipment, and to ensure schools are safe and drug free. There are also grants available to post-secondary education purposes, and for consortiums comprised of high learning institutions and school districts. The [Department of the Interior](#) also provides financial aid to eligible Indian students to enable them to attend accredited institutions of higher education.

In addition, the Department of Education administers the [Federal Student Financial Assistance](#) program. Aid is made available in the form of Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and Perkins Loans, which provide over \$42 billion a year to help millions of students pay for college. The toll free number of financial aid assistance is (800) 433-3243.

The [Department of the Interior](#) also provides financial aid to eligible Native American students to enable them to attend accredited institutions of higher education.

-  [Department of Education](#)
-  [Department of the Interior](#)
-  [Federal Student Financial Assistance](#)

Health Care

The [Department of Health and Human Services](#) has a multitude of grant programs to serve state and local governments, hospitals, research centers, and nonprofit organizations in areas related to disease education and prevention, facility planning and construction, general health and medical services, research, and program development. The [Department operates GrantsNet](#), which provides essential information regarding the grants process.

-  [Department of Health and Human Services](#)
-  [Department of Health and Human Services GrantsNet](#)

Housing

The federal government operates many programs designed to help individuals purchase, rent, and insure homes. The [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) provides technical assistance and informational brochures for renting, selling, and buying homes. Guaranteed and Insured loans are available to finance the purchasing or rehabilitation of homes. The Department also provides grants to local governments and non-profit organizations to make available quality housing. The [Department operates a grant information page](#), which lists available grants and general grant information.

The [Rural Housing Service](#) also provides Insured and Guaranteed loans for individuals living in rural areas. The Rural Housing Service also provides loans and grants to local governments, housing authorities, and non-profit organizations to assist in meeting housing needs.

Veterans, certain service personal, and some unmarried surviving spouses can obtain Guaranteed and Insured housing loans to assist in obtaining credit for the purchase, construction or improvement of homes on more liberal terms than are generally available to non-veterans. Information regarding this program can be obtained through the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

-  [Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)
-  [Department of Housing and Urban Development Grants Page](#)
-  [Rural Housing Service](#)
-  [Department of Veterans Affairs](#)

Law Enforcement

Congressman Carson works extensively with sheriff and police departments to ensure law enforcement officers have the necessary resources to protect our communities. The Federal government maintains many grant programs designed to hire more officers, purchase equipment, develop crime prevention and fighting programs, and provide training to law enforcement.

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) has two formula grants, the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Law Enforcement Assistance program and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant program, which assists departments in hiring officers and purchasing equipment. Oklahoma's funding is distributed through the [District Attorneys Council](#).

The [Office of Justice Programs](#) operates programs designed to develop law enforcement programs. Application kits, deadlines, and contact information can be found on the website.

The [Community Oriented Policing Service \(COPS\)](#) program assists law enforcement in hiring additional officers, to expand community-policing efforts through the use of technology and other innovative strategies.

Additional law enforcement and legal services can be found at the [Department of Justice Grants Page](#). Questions and requests for assistance relating to the Justice Department's grant programs can be addressed to the Department's Response Center at (800) 421-6770.

-  [U.S. Department of Justice](#)
-  [U.S. Department of Justice Grants Page](#)
-  [Office of Justice Programs](#)
-  [Community Oriented Policing Service](#)
-  [Oklahoma District Attorneys Council](#)

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Oklahoma City, OK 73106
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Native Americans

Oklahoma's Second Congressional District is home to more Native Americans than any other Congressional District, and Congressman Carson is the only enrolled Native American serving in the House of Representatives. Congressman Carson is an advocate for assistance to tribes to improve the quality of life of members.

Most Federal agencies have specific grant programs for tribal governments. Tribes are encouraged to inquire about Native American programs when contacting departments about grants and federal assistance. In addition, the [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#) provides tribes with grants, loans, and technical assistance.

 [U.S. Department of the Interior - Bureau of Indian Affairs](#)

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Muskogee, OK 74401
(918) 687-2296

Small Business

Congressman Carson is the only Oklahoman serving on the Small Business Committee, and he recognizes the importance small businesses have in the region's economy. The Congressman strongly encourages entrepreneurship and the development of small business.

The [Small Business Administration](#) is an independent federal agency that promotes small businesses. The SBA provides counseling and assistance services, and offers loans and loan guarantees to promising small businesses.

The [Rural Business-Cooperative Service](#) has a competitive grant program designed to facilitate the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities. The agency also provides loans to rural businesses.

The [Minority Business Development Agency](#) provides technical assistance to develop and maintain businesses. Grant funding is also available to minority businesses to enhanced access to the marketplace by identifying marketing and sales opportunities, financing resources, potential joint venture partners, timely market leads and other current business information.

 [Small Business Administration](#)

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Suite 1300
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
(405) 231-5521**

 [Rural Business-Cooperative Service](#)

**Oklahoma Rural Development State Office
100 USDA, Suite 108
Stillwater, OK 74074
405-742-1000**

 [Minority Business Development Agency](#)

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