

# THE RURAL REPORT | NOV 12 2025

Updates on Federal Action and Funding Opportunities  
Supporting Development in Rural Communities

## **Shutdown Deal Includes Full-Year Ag Funding and Farm Bill Extension**

The Senate has agreed to extend major agriculture policies through Fiscal Year 2026 as part of its deal to end the government shutdown. The amended continuing resolution passed in the Senate Monday night includes a full-year funding bill for USDA and FDA, ensuring that major anti-hunger programs will be fully funded after weeks of delayed and halted benefits.

The package includes money to reimburse USDA nutrition contingency reserves that the Department was ordered to access to pay for partial Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the shutdown. It also extends crucial agriculture programs that were set to expire at the end of the year, all but ensuring that consideration of any kind of farm bill will be punted to next year.

The House is expected to vote on the new CR later today.

## **SNAP Legal Battle Continues**

With the end of the government shutdown finally in sight, the Trump Administration remains embroiled in a legal standoff over SNAP benefit delivery. The Justice Department is appealing a lower-court decision that ordered USDA to issue full November benefits to the program's roughly 42 million participants. On Friday, the Supreme Court issued a temporary administrative stay of that decision, prompting the DOJ to request a permanent stay of the order. An update on the temporary stay is expected before the end of the week.

If the House passes the Senate-amended continuing resolution and ultimately restores appropriations, the litigation will likely be moot in the short term – at which point SNAP, the nation's largest anti-hunger initiative, would resume funding at existing levels without disruption. However, Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins is considering other ways to crack down on SNAP spending after the shutdown ends.

## Funding Opportunities

### [Community Development Block Grant Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD offers competitive grants to Indian tribes for the development of decent housing, suitable living environment and economic opportunities to advance viable Indian and Alaska Native communities. **Application deadline: 11/24/2025**

### [Farm to School Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Improves access to local foods in eligible Child Nutrition Program (CNP) sites through comprehensive farm to CNP programming that includes local sourcing and agricultural education efforts. **Application deadline: December 5, 2025**

### [Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage and solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. **Application deadline: Open**

### [On-Farm Labor Housing Loans](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development provides low-interest loans to eligible borrowers to develop or rehabilitate rental housing for very-low- to moderate-income farm laborers. **Application deadline: Open until funds are depleted**

### [USDA Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development supports zero-interest loans and grants for current and former eligible Rural Utilities Service borrowers who then use the funds to help local businesses finance projects that create/retain jobs or support community facility projects. **Application Deadline: Quarterly**

### [Intermediary Relending Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development provides funds to local lenders or “intermediaries” that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create new opportunities in rural communities. **Application deadline: Quarterly**

### [Community Facilities Programs](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development provides funding to develop or improve essential public services and facilities. Projects include fire and rescue stations, town halls, health care clinics, hospitals, childcare centers, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, public buildings, schools, libraries, and many other community-based initiatives. **Application Deadline: Open**

### [Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development provides grants to organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. **Application deadline: Open**