

A note on this initial Justice40 Covered Programs list

This is an inaugural list of programs covered under the Justice40 Initiative. The Justice40 Initiative was established by President Biden in Executive Order 14008 on *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*,¹ and last year, formal guidance, M-21-28,² *Interim Implementation Guidance for the Justice40 Initiative*, was issued. The M-21-28 guidance memo provided further direction to Federal agencies on the Initiative, while also identifying twenty-one pilot programs.

As detailed in the M-21-28 guidance memo, Justice40 covered programs are any Federal program that makes a covered investment in any one of the following seven categories: climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency, clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, training and workforce development, remediation and reduction of legacy pollution, and the development of critical clean water and wastewater infrastructure. Existing and new programs, including those created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, that make covered investments in any of these categories are considered Justice40 covered programs in line with current statute. As such, we expect this list to evolve over time as new Federal programs are created or existing Federal programs sunset.

Since the release of the Justice40 Initiative in the EO and subsequent M-21-28 guidance memo, the Federal government has been diligently applying the interim guidance and reviewing programs for inclusion into the Justice40 Initiative. With an eye toward transparency and marking the progress made thus far, we are releasing Justice40 covered programs list for the Department of Agriculture.

¹ Please see <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/02/01/2021-02177/tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad>

² Please see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/M-21-28.pdf>

Department of Agriculture

The Department of Agriculture has 65 covered programs.

Covered programs list for USDA

Agricultural Research Service (ARS)

1. ARS 1890 Faculty Research Program
2. ARS Outreach Activities Associated with Underserved/Underrepresented Populations
3. Clean Energy
4. Climate Change

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

5. Agriculture Risk Coverage Program
6. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
7. Conservation Reserve Program
8. Direct Farm Operating Loans
9. Farm Storage Facility Loan
10. FSA County Committees (Urban Agriculture Pilot Locations)
11. Grassland Conservation Reserve Program
12. Organic Certification Cost Share Program
13. Price Loss Coverage
14. Transition Incentives Program
15. Food Production and Conservation Business Center Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program
16. Dairy Margin Coverage
17. Guaranteed Conservation Loans

Forest Service

18. Abandoned Hard Rock Mine and Orphaned Oil and Gas Well Reclamation
19. Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program^{*,3}
20. Hazardous Fuels Management^{*,3}
21. Ecological Health Restoration Contracts^{*}
22. Financial Assistance to Facilities That Purchase and Process Byproducts for Ecosystem Restoration Projects^{*}
23. Landscape Scale Restoration Water Quality and Fish Passage^{*}
24. Recreation Sites^{*}
25. Restoration Projects Via States and Tribes^{*,3}
26. Restore Native Vegetation on Federal/Non-Federal Land^{*,3}
27. Revegetation Effort to Implement National Seed Strategy^{*}
28. Climate-related Training
29. Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership
30. Reducing Wildfire Risk to Tribes, Underserved, and Socially Vulnerable Communities
31. Tribal Authorities

* Denotes programs that received funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, P.L. 117-58.

³ These programs and funding line items are listed as covered under the Justice40 Initiative because of the inclusion criteria set. In practice, these items fund a broad array of different activities, and therefore will likely not be subject to the development of a comprehensive benefits methodology or reporting.

32. Urban and Community Forestry Program
33. Land and Water Conservation Fund

National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)

34. Bioproduct Research Program*
35. NIFA Workforce Development, Climate Research, and Extension Programs Benefitting Underserved Communities⁴

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

36. Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
37. Agricultural Management Assistance
38. Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations*
39. Watershed Rehabilitation Program*
40. Conservation Operations/ Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA)
41. Conservation Stewardship Program
42. Environmental Quality Incentives Program
43. Healthy Forest Reserve Program
44. Joint Chiefs Landscape Restoration Partnership (JCLRP)
45. Regional Conservation Partnership Program
46. Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production

Risk Management Agency (RMA)

47. Risk Management Education (RME) Partnership Program⁵
48. Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA)⁵

Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS)

49. Rural Energy for America Grant program
50. Rural Energy for America Loan program

Rural Housing Service (RHS)

51. Community Facilities Direct Loans
52. Community Facilities Grants
53. Multi-family Housing Section 521 Rental Assistance
54. Single Family Housing Direct Loans
55. Mutual and Self-Help Housing Grants

⁴ USDA NIFA has identified 14 programs that support workforce development, research, and extension in Justice40 priority areas. The 14 programs specifically benefit underserved communities (e.g. funding specifically for 1890 Institutions, 1994 Native American/Tribal Serving Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions etc.). To ensure that applicants and grantees of these programs are not burdened with additional administrative work or new reporting requirements, USDA will complete any administrative requirements associated with these programs being included in Justice40 at Headquarters. For these programs, at this time, there will be no change to Requests for Funding Applications or grantee application or reporting requirements.

⁵ Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) and Risk Management Education (RME) are functions under the broader crop insurance program and best suited to be included as Justice40 covered programs. Because the parameters of crop insurance are set by Congress and USDA does not retain discretion regarding which applicants receive benefits under crop insurance, USDA looks forward to engaging with Congress and crop insurance stakeholders to ensure the Federal Crop Insurance Program and crop insurance products offered provide underserved producers with the risk management tools they need to thrive and thus better align with the Justice40 initiative.

56. Loan Guarantee and Multi-Family Programs for Underserved Communities⁶

Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

- 57. Electric Infrastructure Program
- 58. High Energy Cost Grant
- 59. Rural Energy Savings Program
- 60. Water and Waste Direct Loan
- 61. Water and Waste Grant
- 62. Distributed Generation Energy Project Financing
- 63. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Loan Program
- 64. Energy Resource Conservation Program

Departmentwide

- 65. USDA Climate Hubs

⁶ Rural development administers several loan guarantee and housing programs (multifamily, community facilities, etc.) where the program is specially designed to benefit underserved communities and thus USDA plans to report on those programs under the Justice40 framework while ensuring that program applicants and beneficiaries will not be subject to any program changes or additional reporting requirements.