

Report on the Extent of USDA Support for Tribal Economic Development For Fiscal Year 2023

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OVERVIEW

On August 30, 2022, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) published a report on [Tribal Economic Development: Action is Needed to Better Understand the Extent of Federal Support](#) (GAO-22-105215). Through this report, GAO recommended that USDA’s Director of the Office of Tribal Relations, “in coordination with tribes, should establish a plan for periodically publicly reporting the amount of economic development assistance provided to tribal entities by USDA and using that analysis to improve assistance to tribal entities.”

The GAO publication described economic development across four programs administered by USDA Rural Development and all programs administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency. In accordance with the GAO recommendation and these references, this report will identify the number of obligations made and total obligation amount (in US dollar) for each of these programs:

- **USDA Farm Service Agency**
 - Direct Farm Operating and Ownership Loans
 - Guaranteed Farm Operating and Ownership Loans
 - Farm Programs
 - Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC)
 - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)
 - Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 (CFAP 2)
 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
 - Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC)
 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)
 - Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)
 - Emergency Relief Program (ERP)
 - Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program (FCSC)
 - Livestock Forage Disaster Assistance Program (LFP)
 - Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
 - Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)
 - Organic & Transitional Education & Certification Program (OTECP)
 - Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP)
 - Quality Loss Adjustment Program (TAP)
 - Tree Assistance Program (TAP)
- **USDA Rural Development**
 - Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)
 - Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)
 - Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)
 - Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)

TRIBAL ENTITIES

Where GAO did not define “tribal entities,” USDA intends to interpret this phrase broadly as any tribal entity that is eligible for the programs described in this report. For Farm Service Agency programs, applicants self-certify that they are American Indian or Alaska Native, which may include Central & South America. For Rural Development programs, this publication will list obligations where programs are serving identifiable tribal areas or where tribal nations including their arms or instrumentalities, tribal organizations, or tribal individuals are direct recipients.

Farm Service Agency Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23)

Direct Farm Operating and Ownership Loans Tribal Obligations

State	# Borrowers	# Obligations	\$ Obligated Amount
ALABAMA	13	13	\$1,519,000
ARIZONA	13	19	\$3,242,720
ARKANSAS	78	93	\$16,294,160
CALIFORNIA	17	20	\$1,239,810
COLORADO	5	10	\$476,460
FLORIDA	4	4	\$748,000
GEORGIA	22	27	\$4,403,470
HAWAII	3	4	\$74,800
IDAHO	3	3	\$339,000
ILLINOIS	2	2	\$168,000
INDIANA	1	2	\$120,000
IOWA	12	13	\$2,042,840
KANSAS	27	35	\$4,714,700
KENTUCKY	31	41	\$3,177,000
LOUISIANA	6	9	\$1,212,600
MAINE	1	1	\$20,000
MASSACHUSETTS	1	1	\$50,000
MICHIGAN	3	3	\$15,000
MINNESOTA	6	9	\$523,500
MISSISSIPPI	2	2	\$55,000
MISSOURI	13	19	\$2,767,960
MONTANA	49	70	\$4,462,020
NEBRASKA	25	32	\$3,838,483
NEVADA	3	5	\$418,520
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1	1	\$42,790
NEW MEXICO	7	9	\$302,700
NEW YORK	6	10	\$905,000
NORTH CAROLINA	14	21	\$1,855,970
NORTH DAKOTA	14	20	\$1,521,700
OHIO	2	2	\$760,000
OKLAHOMA	665	864	\$122,197,676
OREGON	2	2	\$625,000
PENNSYLVANIA	4	5	\$717,800
SOUTH CAROLINA	12	13	\$2,031,800
SOUTH DAKOTA	61	74	\$8,887,550
TENNESSEE	20	24	\$2,607,290
TEXAS	53	69	\$12,619,290
UTAH	4	4	\$279,000
VERMONT	3	3	\$179,345
VIRGINIA	10	10	\$1,701,610

Farm Service Agency Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23) *(continued)*

**Direct Farm Operating and Ownership Loans Tribal Obligations
(Continued)**

State	# Borrowers	# Obligations	\$ Obligated Amount
WASHINGTON	10	17	\$3,323,300
WEST VIRGINIA	21	25	\$1,084,750
WISCONSIN	4	4	\$132,500
Grand Total	1,253	1,614	\$213,698,114

Farm Service Agency Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23) *(continued)*

Guaranteed Farm Operating and Ownership Loans Tribal Obligations

State	# Borrowers	# Obligations	\$ Obligated Amount
ALABAMA	3	3	\$1,143,500
ARKANSAS	11	13	\$7,342,100
CALIFORNIA	2	2	\$2,248,250
GEORGIA	2	2	\$635,800
IDAHO	5	7	\$869,428
INDIANA	1	1	\$40,000
KANSAS	7	7	\$2,146,132
KENTUCKY	4	6	\$3,006,200
LOUISIANA	6	11	\$4,965,544
MINNESOTA	2	2	\$1,000,000
MONTANA	7	8	\$1,312,069
NEW MEXICO	1	1	\$100,000
NORTH CAROLINA	3	3	\$3,698,100
NORTH DAKOTA	1	1	\$125,000
OHIO	2	2	\$448,106
OKLAHOMA	53	71	\$42,528,998
OREGON	1	1	\$900,000
SOUTH DAKOTA	6	8	\$1,315,562
TENNESSEE	4	4	\$3,266,430
TEXAS	2	2	\$2,650,000
VERMONT	1	1	\$1,300,000
WASHINGTON	2	3	\$1,242,000
WYOMING	1	1	\$676,000
Grand Total	127	160	\$82,959,219

Farm Service Agency Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23) *(continued)*

Farm Programs Total Tribal Obligations

Program	FY22 #Obligations	FY22 Obligated Amount	FY23 #Obligations	FY23 Obligated Amount
Agriculture Risk Coverage-Price Loss Coverage (ARC/PLC)	37,760	\$3,220,979	42,757	\$605,571
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)	454	\$4,596,201	435	\$5,892,721
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP)	1	\$13,441	-	\$ -
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP2)	75	\$8,016,384	-	\$ -
Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC)	136	\$2,189,555	143	\$7,326,945
Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)	84	\$1,076,268	121	\$1,836,351
Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP)	2	\$7,275	-	\$ -
Emergency Relief Program (ERP)	3,971	\$98,795,881	110	\$6,586,300
Emergency Relief Program (ERP) 2	-	\$ -	616	\$21,817,681
Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSCSC)	1	\$3,047	2	\$1,008
Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)	8,146	\$59,606,823	8,615	\$96,753,904
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)	223	\$877,331	473	\$3,015,485
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)	5,502	\$10,874,498	8,352	\$26,198,574
Organic & Transitional Education & Certification Program (OTECP)	111	\$30,878	31	\$12,585
Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP)	2	\$ -	-	\$ -
Quality Loss Adjustment Program (QLA)	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Tree Assistance Program (TAP)	14	\$55,815	24	\$44,270

Rural Development Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23)

Rural Development Tribal Obligations by State

State	Program	Obligation Count	Obligation \$ Amount
Alaska	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I) (BP)	4	\$18,283,000
	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$13,600
	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$250,000
Arizona	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	9	\$1,402,312
California	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$99,268
District of Columbia	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$250,000
Idaho	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	3	\$166,075
Maine	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$95,000
Michigan	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I) (BP)	1	\$7,500,000
Minnesota	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$34,050
Montana	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$250,000
Nebraska	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	4	\$1,140,934
Nevada	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$69,942
New Mexico	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$279,829
	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$15,000
New York	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$40,813
North Dakota	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	3	\$193,948
Oklahoma	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I) (BP)	1	\$6,000,000
	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	3	\$1,244,047
Oregon	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$190,972
Puerto Rico	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$31,815
Rhode Island	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$203,703
South Dakota	Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)	1	\$1,000,000
	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$290,000
Washington	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I) (BP)	1	\$2,800,000
	Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)	1	\$500,000
	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$199,500
Wisconsin	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$99,443
	Total	52	\$42,643,251

Rural Development Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23) (continued)

Rural Development Tribal Obligations by Tribe

ST	Tribal Areas	Program	Obligation Count	Obligation \$ Amount
AK	Craig ANVSA	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)	1	\$13,750,000
	Dillingham ANVSA	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)	1	\$540,000
	Ninilchik ANVSA	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$13,600
	Ninilchik ANVSA	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$250,000
	Nome ANVSA	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)	2	\$3,993,000
AZ	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$179,995
	Hopi Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$537,209
	Navajo Nation Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	4	\$364,808
	Pascua Pueblo Yaqui Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$320,300
CA	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$99,268
DC	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$250,000
ID	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$121,075
	Nez Perce Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$45,000
ME	Penobscot Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$95,000
MI	Isabella Reservation	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)	1	\$7,500,000
MN	Leech Lake Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$34,050
MT	Flathead Reservation	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$250,000
NE	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$498,850
	Omaha Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	3	\$642,084
NV	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$69,942
NM	AIAN-related Business	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$15,000
	Picuris Pueblo	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$97,754
	Zuni Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$182,075
NY	Oneida Indian Nation Reservation	Value Added Producer Grants (VAPG)	1	\$40,813
ND	Turtle Mountain Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	3	\$193,948
OK	AIAN-related Business	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)	1	\$6,000,000

Rural Development Tribal Economic Development Obligations (FY23) (continued)

Rural Development Tribal Obligations by Tribe (Continued)

ST	Tribal Areas	Program	Obligation Count	Obligation \$ Amount
OK	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$556,524
	Osage Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$687,523
OR	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$109,912
	Umatilla Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$81,060
PR	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$31,815
RI	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	2	\$203,703
SD	Lake Traverse Reservation	Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)	1	\$1,000,000
	Lake Traverse Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$200,000
	Pine Ridge Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$90,000
WA	AIAN-related Business	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$199,500
	Chehalis Reservation	Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)	1	\$500,000
	Colville Reservation	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees (B&I)	1	\$2,800,000
WI	Bad River Reservation	Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)	1	\$99,443
		Total	52	\$42,643,251