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NRCS Conservation Technical Assistance in the CNMI

\$330,000 in FY 2012



NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program in the CNMI

11 EQIP contracts totaling
\$266,779 in FY 2012



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CNMI & GU**

Agricultural Credit

- Supporting the stabilization of farm and ranch income
 - Providing loans to new, minority and family-size farms and ranches
 - Start-up and expansion of farm and ranch operations
 - Assist farm operations to recover from the impact of disasters
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| ◆ Direct Operating Loans | ◆ Emergency Loans |
| ◆ Microloans | ◆ Guaranteed Operating Loans |
| ◆ Beginning Farmers | ◆ Rural Youth Loans |

Risk Management & Disaster Recovery

Providing relief for agricultural losses due to natural disasters:

- ◆ Emergency Loans
- ◆ Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance
- ◆ Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program*
- ◆ Emergency Conservation Program
- ◆ Livestock Assistance Program*
- ◆ Tree Assistance Program*

Other Resources

- ◆ Reimbursement of Transportation Cost Payment Program*
- ◆ Know Your Farmer Know Your Food
 - ◆ USDA agencies & programs summarized for easy access
 - ◆ Grants, research, marketing, product outreach & more
 - ◆ Beyond food... its understanding & supporting agriculture & rural communities
 - ◆ www.usda.gov/knowyourfarmer

* Pending appropriation in FY 2014



Farm Service Agency...

Serving Agricultural Producers throughout the CNMI

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

**Over 40 Grant, Direct and Guaranteed Loan and
Technical Assistance Programs**

Rural Housing Programs

**Community Programs
(Community Facilities & Rural Utilities Services)**

Rural Business and Cooperative Programs

**Providing Access to Capital and Credit for Rural
Communities**

RURAL HOUSING SERVICES PROGRAMS

Housing Programs Offer Grants, Direct and Guaranteed Loans

- ❖ Single Family Housing
- ❖ Housing Repairs & Rehabilitation
- ❖ Multi-Family Housing
- ❖ Self-Help Housing
- ❖ Rental Housing
- ❖ Farm Labor Housing



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Community Programs Offer Grants, Direct and Guaranteed Loans

Community Facilities

- ❖ Health Care
- ❖ Public Safety
- ❖ Public Services



Rural Utilities Services (RUS)

- ❖ Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste, and Drainage Projects
- ❖ Electric and Renewable Energy Projects
- ❖ Telecommunication Projects
- ❖ Substantially Underserved Trust Areas (SUTA)



RURAL BUSINESS & COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

- ❖ Business & Industry Guaranteed Loan Program
- ❖ Rural Business Opportunity Grants
- ❖ Rural Business Enterprise Grants
- ❖ Intermediary Relending Program
- ❖ Value-Added Producer Grants
- ❖ Rural Energy For America Program





CAPACITY BUILDING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- ❖ Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG)
- ❖ Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEAG)
- ❖ Value Added Producer Grant (VAPG)
- ❖ Rural Energy For America Program (REAP)
- ❖ Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)
- ❖ Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)
- ❖ Small Socially Disadvantaged Producer Grant (SSDPG)



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Natural Resource Conservation Services

Farm Service Agency

Rural Development

