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Rural Development

Key Resources for Rural Communities

USDA Rural Development

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“Do Right and Feed Everyone.”

- Work efficiently, effectively with integrity and with customer focus
- Increase rural prosperity

Key Programs for Rural Communities

Multi-Family Housing

Portfolio of 400+ affordable housing apartment complexes & rental assistance for low income families and the elderly

Home Ownership

Help 4,500 families a year to buy a home with our home loan programs.

Business Programs

FY2018 Georgia RD financed $33 million in business loans and awarded $4.2 million in grants, leveraging $3.8 million funds

Community Facilities

FY 2018 and FY 2017 Georgia obligated $359 million in loans, loan guarantees and grants for 72 essential community facility projects

Water and Environmental

$4 Billion available for water, sewer, solid waste disposal and storm water systems.

Broadband

- FY2018 $600 million pilot program in development
- $23.6 million Distance Learning and Telemedicine
- $30.5 million for new fiber installation

Affordable Rental Housing

Multi-Family Housing

Home Ownership

Single-Family Housing

- No Down Payment
- 100 Percent Affordable Fixed Rate Financing

Greene Plaza
Clarkesville, Ga

$99,500 grant

Rural Business Development Grant

- **Restore historic structures and storefronts at Greene Plaza, Clarkesville**

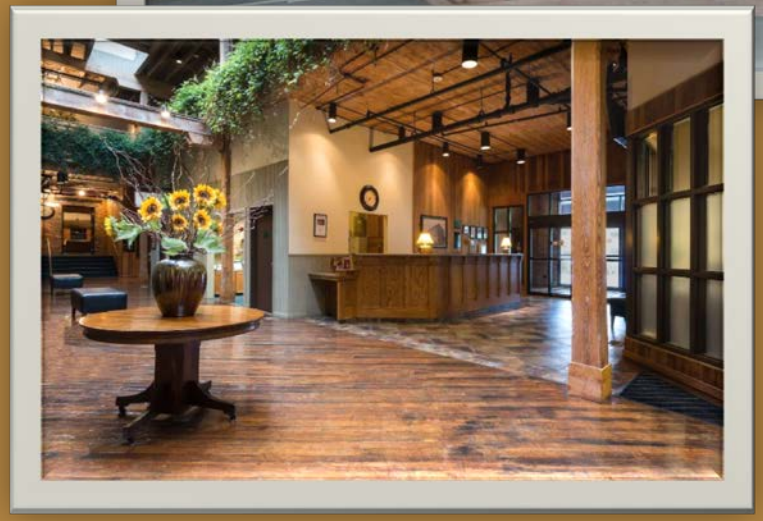
Hawthorne Suites
Rome, Ga

Two Business & Industry Loan Guarantees

- **Refinanced debt**
- **Expansion**

Retains 37 jobs

Creates 19 jobs



Chatuge Regional Hospital
Hiawassee, GA

$1,678,100 loan

Rural Economic Development Loan via the Blue Ridge Mountain EMC

- **Modernized Rural Hospital and added essential services**

REAP and VAPG Programs for Businesses

Rural Energy For America

- **Solar arrays**
- **Energy Efficiency Upgrades**

Value Added Producer Grant

- **Processing costs**
- **Marketing**
- **Inventory / Salary**

Community Programs

Community Facilities

- Hospitals, health clinics
- Schools, Early Childhood Education Centers and Daycare
- Fire houses, first responder vehicles and equipment
- Community centers and more.

Water and Environmental Programs

www.USDA.gov/broadband

Telecommunications Programs

Loans and grants to build, maintain, upgrade and modernize high-speed Internet broadband and telephone service in rural areas.

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- E-connectivity
- Rural Workforce
- Economic Development
- Quality of Life
- Technology & Innovation

E-connectivity

*Pineland Telephone Cooperative received two multimillion dollar awards from the USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) to run 1,800 miles of fiber.

*Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College used the Distance Learning & Telemedicine Grant to connect nursing students to hospitals for online learning via video-conferencing to earn their Bachelor of Science Degree.

Rural Workforce

*Sandersville Technical College, Okefenokee Technical College and Altamaha Technical College each received a Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) to purchase semi-trucks to train commercial drivers.

*North Georgia Tech College used the Community Facilities program funding to build a state of the art welding facility.

Economic Development

*Atlanta Gear Works received a Business & Industry Loan to purchase specialized equipment allowing them to hire a second work shift and increase their productivity.

*Georgia Pomegranate Association used the Rural Business Development Grant for crop research and development.

Quality of Life

*Bacon County Board of Education purchased equipment for the FFA/4H livestock facility using the Economic Impact Initiative Grants program.

*Lincoln County used the Water& Waste Disposal Loan & Grant to install 16,000 feet of water line, 13 valves, 23 fire hydrants and 500 replacement meters; upgraded two wells and constructed two new wells.

*Morgan County Georgia constructed a new 25 bed critical access hospital using the Community Facilities Direct Loans & Guaranteed Loans Program.

*Single Family Housing Program helps over 4,500 families achieve homeownership each year and our Multi-Family Housing Programs provides affordable housing to thousands of low income rural citizens.

Technology & Innovation

*North GA Tech College purchased laboratory equipment for the Engineering Tech Program using the Community Facilities Director Loan & Grant promoting STEM Education.

*Halter Farms used the Rural Energy for American Program (REAP) program to purchase and install a new solar array.

Success Stories

West Point, Georgia

Infrastructure upgrades to prepare for a major manufacturing company bringing 2,500 jobs.

We Worked in Partnership to Meet the Needs

- **Water mains**
- **One-million gallon water tank**
- **Sewer lines**
- **Lift stations**
- **Water booster pump station**
- **Water Pollution Control Plant upgrades**

Water & Wastewater Upgrades funded by USDA

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$6.3 million loan/grant

- **Water Treatment Plant Upgrades**

$10.6 million loan/grant

- **Construct New Water Pollution Control Plant**
- **Sewer Pump Station**

Partners in West Point Water and Wastewater System

GEFA- $8 million loan

- Water and Sewer lines, Pump Station, Sewers & Force Main

EDA- $2 million grant

- Water and Sewer lines, Appurtenances, Training, Pump Stations

OneGeorgia- $500,000 grant

- 1,000,000 Gallon Elevated Water Tank

EIP- Two $500,000 grants

- Water Tank repair and painting, Water lines

USDA Funds for an Aerial Platform Fire Truck

Purchased Aerial Platform Ladder Truck to Increase Fire Protection and meet ISO requirements.

$850,000 loan

$100,000 grant

USDA Community Facilities Program

Construction of a New Fire Station

$2,150,000 loan

USDA Community Facilities Program

New Fire Station

Built near KIA facility for improved response time to all locations within the city limits.

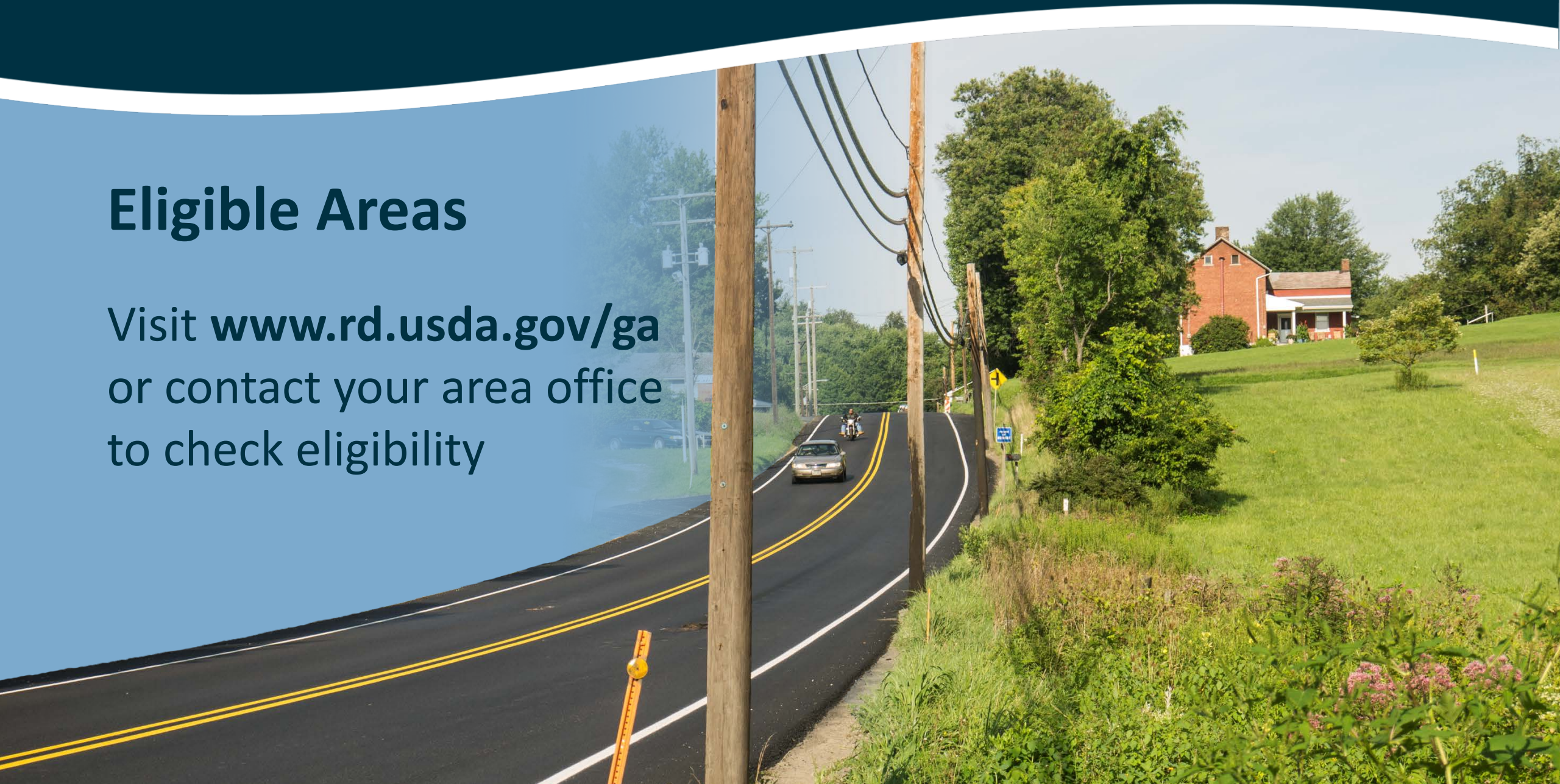
Bird’s eye view

“The people of West Point built KIA”

Working for Revitalization of Cedartown, Ga

Eligible Areas

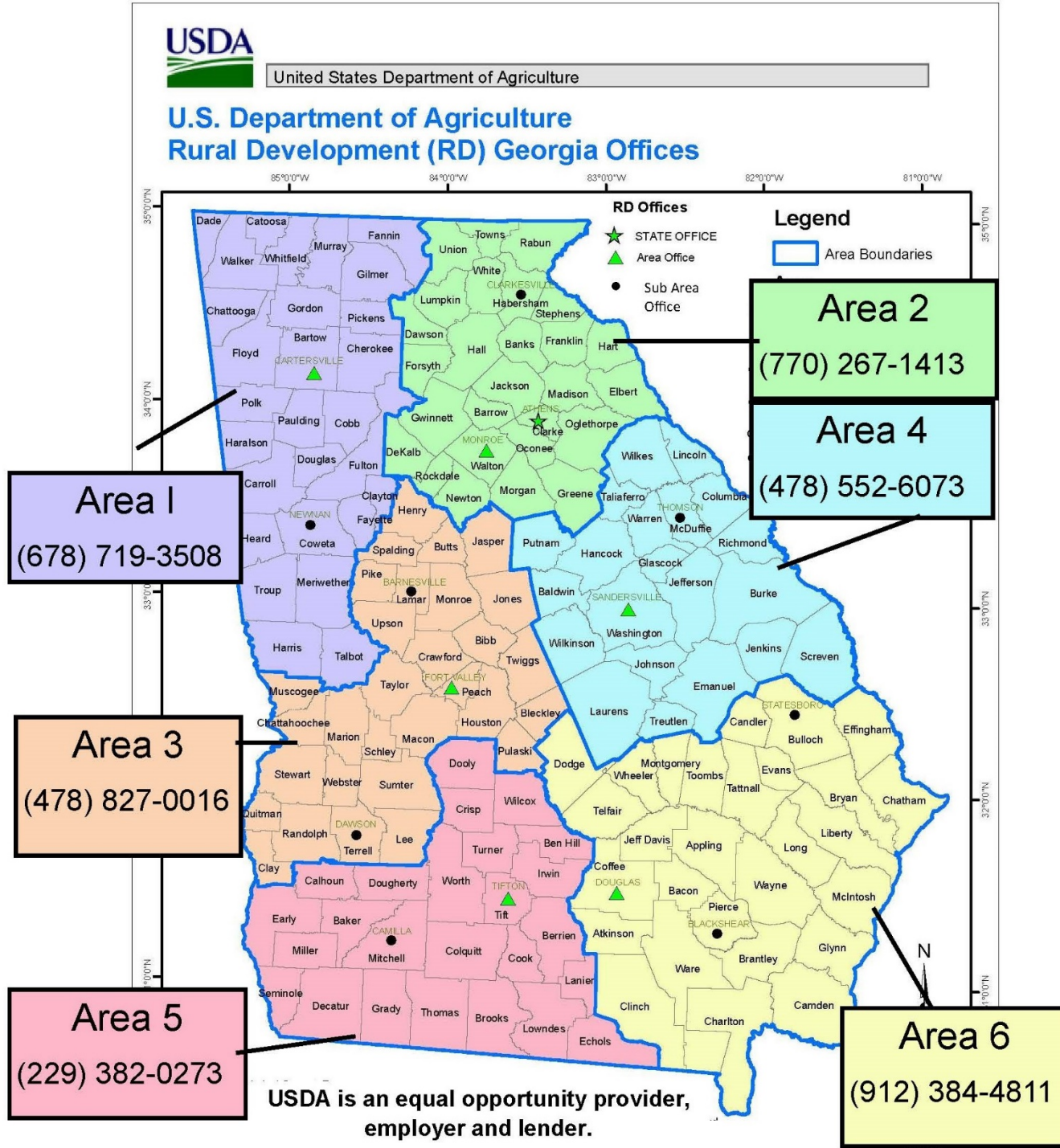
Visit **www.rd.usda.gov/ga** or contact your area office to check eligibility



USDA Rural Development Georgia Area Offices

Contact your Area Office for program information and to apply:

Area 1 Cartersville - (678) 719-3508
Area 2 Monroe - (770) 267-1413
Area 3 Fort Valley - (478) 827-0016
Area 4 Sandersville (478) 552-6073
Area 5 Tifton - (229) 382-0273
Area 6 Douglas - (912) 384-4811



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