



Creating vibrant, healthy and enduring rural communities

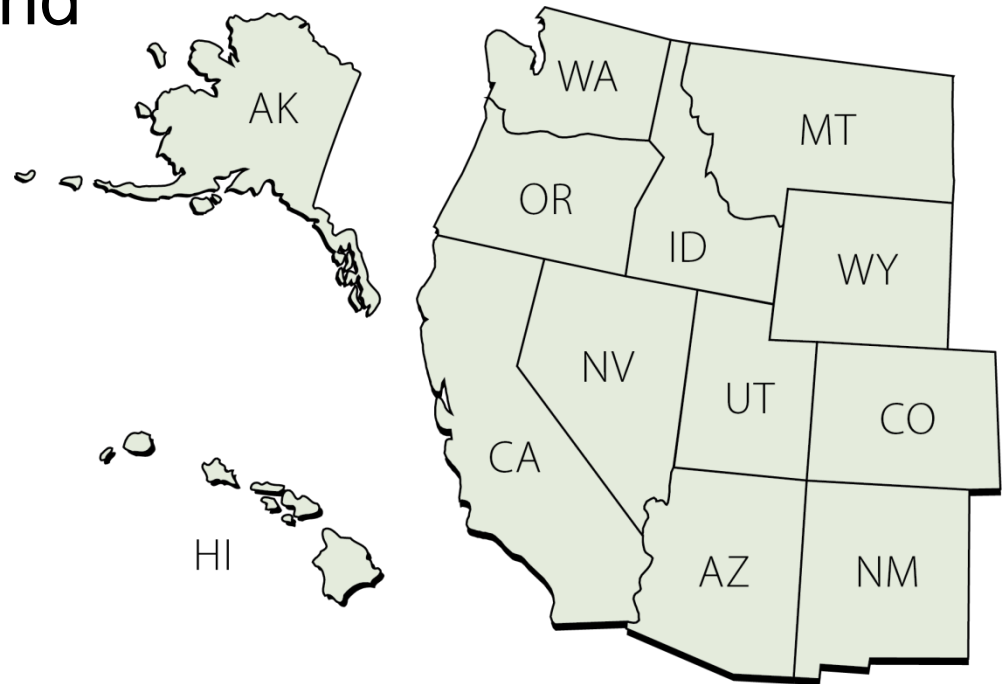
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RCAC's mission

- RCAC provides training, technical and financial resources and advocacy so rural communities can achieve their goals and visions.
- Program areas: Environmental, Housing, Economic Development and Lending

Service area

- 13 western states and the Pacific Islands



Environmental services – regionalization

- Regionalization: creating economies of scale
- Regionalization comes in many forms including traditional consolidation, where multiple systems merge into one; or umbrella management organizations, JPAs or MOUs
- Today, RCAC is working with 62 communities to regionalize their systems, and 13 projects have been completed



Environmental services – technical assistance

- Training and technical assistance
- On-site support to rural water and wastewater staff and boards to build, improve, finance, operate and manage systems, and solid waste management technical assistance and training



Environmental services – EFC

- Environmental Finance Center is a think tank with implementation—one that creates models and tools and collects and shares resources to help small rural communities and Tribes move forward with innovative solutions to this great need
- Outreach, asset management, training, source water protection, decision tree and financial modules



Environmental services – Agua4All

- Agua4All provides access to safe drinking water to schools and communities throughout rural California
- 435 water bottle filling stations
- 177 point-of-use arsenic filters in schools and various community buildings and parks and distributed 11,616 reusable water bottles



Environmental services – Tribal Circuit Rider

- RCAC's trained and experienced staff members are strategically located throughout the western states. Their work occurs primarily in the field, using a “circuit rider” approach. They provide about 800 technical assistance/training visits to Tribal communities annually.



Housing services – USDA Mutual Self-Help

- RCAC works with 50 USDA Section 523 grantees in 10 western states, Guam and the Marshall Islands
- Technical assistance provider
- Home Energy Confirmed Ratings (HERS) and Energy Audits for house plans in any state within RCAC's region



Housing services – USDA Mutual Self-Help

- Innovative approaches to self-help housing
- Super energy efficient homes in Alaska



Housing services – USDA Mutual Self-Help

- Straw bale self-help homes in Utah
- Women-led self-help build sites
- First-ever self-help projects in Guam and Marshall Islands



Housing services – Development Solutions

- Development Solutions builds organizational capacity
- Ensures organizations are producing rural rental housing
- Adds partnership to RCAC's traditional role



Housing services – Development Solutions

- Since RCAC launched the Development Solutions program in 2013, it has helped seven nonprofit organizations produce 280+ affordable housing units in the rural West.



Lending

- RCAC housing, environmental infrastructure, community facilities and small business financing
- Septic and household well loans/grants
- Community development loans available to Tribes, Tribal entities and individuals in the southwest



Lending

- Financing to expand the supply of safe drinking water, and construct and improve water and waste disposal systems in the rural West
- Loans supporting 110,654 individual water and wastewater connections for rural citizens
- Short, long and intermediate term loans
- Feasibility, predevelopment, construction and interim loans



Lending

- Loans for short-term acquisition, pre-development, site development and construction of single and multifamily affordable housing
- RCAC loans have supported 15,120 housing units



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