

USDA
Rural Development
Rural Business-Cooperative Service



Financing for Farm-Based Energy

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- **Guaranteed Business and Industry Loans**
 - Improve economic and environmental climate in rural communities
 - Improve, develop, or finance business, industry and employment
 - Reduce reliance on non-renewable energy resources
 - Must be cost effective, feasible
- Could apply to small scale producers and groups of producers

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- Intermediary Relending Program Loans
 - Intermediaries relend Federal and Non-federal funds for:
 - Community development projects
 - Establish or expand a business and create or save jobs
 - Must be feasible and cost effective
 - Must produce excess power sold into the “grid”
 - Farm based businesses are eligible,
 - Can not be used for Agriculture Production

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- Rural Business Enterprise Grant-
 - Grant made to a non-profit (501 (c) (3) to benefit a small and emerging business
 - May be Technical Assistance or infrastructure if benefit is to the general public and owned by the non-profit organization.
- Rural Cooperative Development Grant -
 - Grant made to a Cooperative Development Center to benefit a co-op or co-op steering group, technical assistance only

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- Value Added Agricultural Product Marketing Grant
 - Grant made to an association of farm producers for a value added agricultural product
 - Funds may be used for feasibility, research, business planning and operations
 - Funding uncertain for FY 2002

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- Cooperative Development Division
 - Technical Assistance to form a cooperative
 - Assistance with organization, business planning
 - Financial Assistance to complete feasibility studies, business plans, environmental studies
 - Assistance with Board Training and Operations

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- Technical Assistance.
 - A function performed for the benefit of a private business enterprise and which is a problem solving activity, such as market research, product and/or service improvement, feasibility study, etc.
 - Provided by the Agency (Cooperative Development Specialist), or
 - Provided by a third party contractor

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

- Farm Ownership Loans/Farm Operating Loans
 - Energy Conservation or Production Equipment
 - Applicant must be eligible to receive a loan from FSA
 - Proposal must be cost effective
 - Proposal must be feasible
- Energy conserved or produced must benefit only the farm owner/operator - May not be sold to the grid

Washington Solar Rebates

- 100 rebates of 20% of the system cost
- Rebates range between \$375 and \$3,000 each
- Possible installations may include remote water pumping, communications, lighting, home applications, upgrades to existing solar systems
- Below market rate financing **MAY** be available from partners
- **Contact:** WSU Coop Extension Energy Program 360-956-2148