

Rural Impact Fund Grant Program (RIF)

The Rural Impact Grant Fund (RIF) provides funding for publicly owned infrastructure needs. **Funding from this program can be used by Rural Communities to assist with the location or expansion of businesses.** Usage of the funds must be directly related to the construction, renovation or expansion of industry.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Drainage systems
- Water and sewer systems
- Roads, bridges and rail spurs
- Building (rehabilitation/expansion)

Program Facts

Job creation is the goal of the Rural Impact Fund Grant Program. Industries that are eligible under this program and which must create ten new full-time jobs include:

- Manufacturers
- Warehouses and distribution centers
- Research and development facilities
- Telecommunications and data processing facilities
- National or regional headquarters

A Rural Community is defined as a municipality with a population of 10,000 or less or a county with a population of 30,000 or less according to the most recent federal decennial census at the time the application is submitted. The Rural Community must apply on behalf of a new or expanded industry based on the public infrastructure needs of the project. **The Rural Impact Fund Grant Program provides for a maximum grant amount of \$150,000 per project.**

Available Documents

Rural Impact Forms available for download in Word 97-2003

- Project Information Package
- Proposal
- Sample Memorandum of Agreement
- Source and use of funds

For further details, see Section 57-85-1, MS Code 1972, Annotated. For assistance, contact the Community Services Division at community@mississippi.org or (601)359-3179.