



# Working to Strengthen Rural America

NeighborWorks America and its network of local nonprofits harness the strengths of rural communities to build stronger, more resilient rural places that offer a vibrant economy, access to opportunity, and a high quality of life for all residents.

**79% of NeighborWorks network organizations served rural Americans (FY24).**

**1,759 quality, affordable rural rental homes developed, acquired, or preserved (FY24).**

**25,546 affordable rental homes in rural communities owned by the NeighborWorks network (FY24).**

## NeighborWorks America provides network organizations:

- **Flexible grants** and loan capital.
- **Training** on topics such as property development and management, economic development, self-help housing, manufactured housing and USDA mortgages.
- **Technical assistance** delivered by staff, peers and partners.
- **Best practices** and case studies documenting proven solutions to rural community development challenges.
- **Peer learning** through the Rural Initiative, a community of practice bringing together 121 organizations to address isolation and distance and connect participants to special programs and resources.
- **Flexible support** for building rural organizational and community capacity.

## Access to USDA Mortgages

NeighborWorks collaborates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to expand access to specialized mortgage products that make homeownership sustainable and affordable for very low-income rural homebuyers. In FY 2024, 45 NeighborWorks network organizations successfully packaged 920 USDA mortgages valued at \$227 million.