

2023 Rural Policy Priorities: Pathways to Vital Rural Places

Who is RDI?

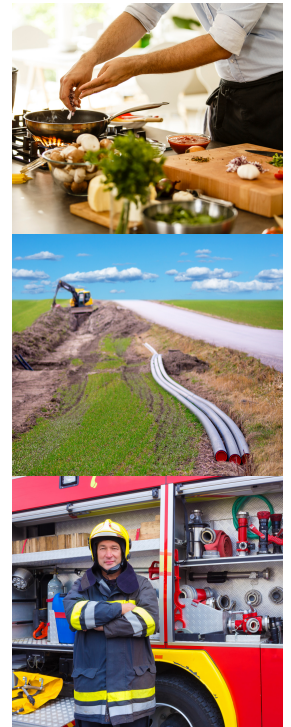
Rural Development Initiatives (RDI) is a regional nonprofit serving rural communities in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. We support local people in their efforts to create vital, inclusive economies through public policy advocacy, community training and engagement, and access to resources and technical support.

How do we advocate for rural?

RDI has worked in over 300 rural places for the last 30 years, and we communicate with a network of thousands of rural people. We provide information about bills with rural impact, we train rural people who want to engage better with local, state, and federal government, and we support legislation that helps rural communities and economies.

What are rural priorities for 2023?

- **PROGRAMS THAT BUILD RURAL COMMUNITY CAPACITY**, including skill building in leadership, civic engagement, economy building, and access to resources.
- **PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** for emerging entrepreneurs and underrepresented businesses – with particular emphasis on services to the Spanish-speaking population, including businesses in child care, food service, forestry, and construction.
- **EFFORTS TO PROVIDE STATE MATCH DOLLARS** for federal grant programs, including the establishment of a designated fund for rural match.
- Legislation to expand and improve **ACCESS TO BROADBAND** in rural.
- Legislation to provide technical assistance and funding for **RURAL WILDFIRE** community recovery and resiliency.



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