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REAP Grants

The **Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP)** grant was designed to assist small communities, towns, and counties that have little or no funding capabilities. REAP funds may be applied for and used on various projects including street repairs, infrastructure improvements, economic development, rural fire departments, and other projects that improve the quality of life in Rural Oklahoma. It was designed solely for counties, small towns, and communities who are able to set their own priorities in applying for funds. With the simplified application the participants fill out the paperwork themselves thus avoiding outside costs. In many instances this is the only program that some small communities can qualify for. The application opens each year on July 1st and entities can apply at <http://reap.soda-ok.org/>

SODA is also used as a pass thru agency for the **wireless 911 service fees**.

**Rural Fire Coordinator: Cecil Mackey
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SODA'S RURAL FIRE PROGRAM

SODA has 123 fire departments in its 10 county area. The Rural Fire Coordinator works with each of these departments to meet various needs. These needs range from funding, equipment acquisition and training, to daily operations and any other areas fire departments need assistance.

ISO

One key thing that the coordinator does is to work with departments to help them reduce their ISO (Insurance Service Office Inc.) Rating which in turn reduces insurance rates in their area for homeowners and businesses.

OPERATIONAL GRANTS

The rural fire coordinator works to ensure that the departments within these 10 counties that serve a population of 10,000 or less are certified each year to make them eligible for an Operational grant from the state of Oklahoma

FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Federal excess equipment is assigned to departments by the rural fire coordinator to be used in firefighting operations.

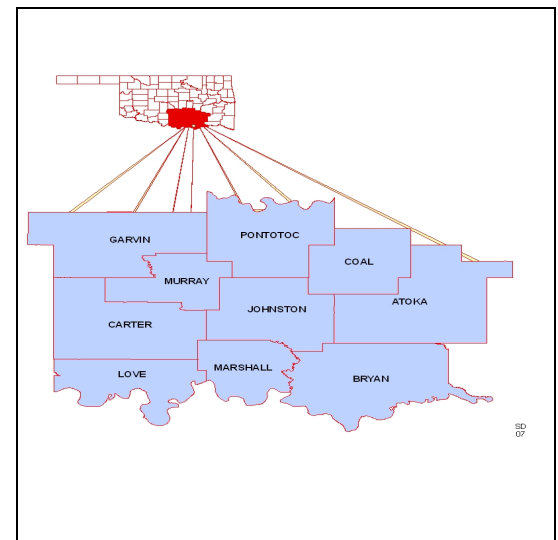
80/20 GRANTS

80/20 grants are administered to assist fire departments in construction of fire stations or purchase of equipment.

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