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**Part 1**  
**Office of Rural Development**

**63N-4-101 Title -- Definitions.**

- (1) This chapter is known as the "Rural Development Act."
- (2) This part is known as the "Office of Rural Development."
- (3) As used in this part:
  - (a) "Office" or "GOED" means the Governor's Office of Economic Development.
  - (b) "Program" means the Rural Development Program.

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**63N-4-102 Rural Development Program -- Supervision by office.**

- (1) There is created within the Governor's Office of Economic Development the Office of Rural Development.
- (2) The Office of Rural Development is under the administration and general supervision of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

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**63N-4-103 Purpose of the Office of Rural Development.**

The Office of Rural Development is established to:

- (1) foster and support economic development programs and activities for the benefit of rural counties and communities;
- (2) foster and support community, county, and resource management planning programs and activities for the benefit of rural counties and communities;
- (3) foster and support leadership training programs and activities for the benefit of:
  - (a) rural leaders in both the public and private sectors;
  - (b) economic development and planning personnel; and
  - (c) rural government officials;
- (4) foster and support efforts to coordinate and focus the technical and other resources of appropriate institutions of higher education, local governments, private sector interests, associations, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and others, in ways that address the economic development, planning, and leadership challenges and priorities of rural Utah as identified in the strategic plan required under Subsection 63C-10-103(1)(b);
- (5) work to enhance the capacity of GOED to address rural economic development, planning, and leadership training challenges and opportunities by establishing partnerships and positive working relationships with appropriate public and private sector entities, individuals, and institutions; and
- (6) foster government-to-government collaboration and good working relations between state and rural government regarding economic development and planning issues.

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**63N-4-104 Duties.**

- (1) The Office of Rural Development shall:

- (a) provide staff support to the Governor's Rural Partnership Board in accordance with Subsection 63C-10-102(6);
  - (b) facilitate within GOED the implementation of the strategic plan prepared under Subsection 63C-10-103(1)(b);
  - (c) work to enhance the capacity of GOED to address rural economic development, planning, and leadership training challenges and opportunities by establishing partnerships and positive working relationships with appropriate public and private sector entities, individuals, and institutions;
  - (d) work with the Governor's Rural Partnership Board to coordinate and focus available resources in ways that address the economic development, planning, and leadership training challenges and priorities in rural Utah; and
  - (e) in accordance with economic development and planning policies set by state government, coordinate relations between:
    - (i) the state;
    - (ii) rural governments;
    - (iii) other public and private groups engaged in rural economic planning and development; and
    - (iv) federal agencies.
- (2)
- (a) The Office of Rural Development may:
    - (i) in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, make rules necessary to carry out its duties;
    - (ii) accept gifts, grants, devises, and property, in cash or in kind, for the benefit of rural Utah citizens; and
    - (iii) use those gifts, grants, devises, and property received under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) for the use and benefit of rural citizens within the state.
  - (b) All resources received under Subsection (2)(a)(ii) shall be deposited in the General Fund as dedicated credits to be used as directed in Subsection (2)(a)(iii).

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**63N-4-105 Program manager.**

- (1) The executive director of GOED shall appoint a director for the Office of Rural Development with the approval of the governor.
- (2) The director of the Office of Rural Development shall be a person knowledgeable in the field of rural economic development and planning and experienced in administration.
- (3) Upon change of the executive director of GOED, the director of the Office of Rural Development may not be dismissed without cause for at least 180 days.
- (4) The director of the Office of Rural Development shall serve as staff to the Governor's Rural Partnership Board and to the executive committee of the Governor's Rural Partnership Board in accordance with Subsection 63C-10-102(6).

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**63N-4-106 Annual report.**

GOED shall include in the annual written report described in Section 63N-1-301, a report of the program's operations and recommendations.

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