

150 (1) "CED board" means a County Economic Development Advisory Board as  
151 described in Section [17-54-104](#).

152 (2) "Grant" means a grant available under the Rural County Grant Program created in  
153 Section [17-54-103](#).

154 (3) "Grant program" means the Rural County Grant Program created in Section  
155 [17-54-103](#).

156 (4) "Office of Rural Development" means the Office of Rural Development created  
157 within the Governor's Office of Economic Development in Section [63N-4-102](#).

158 (5) "Rural county" means a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.

159 (6) "Rural partnership board" means the Governor's Rural Partnership Board created in  
160 Section [63C-10-102](#).

161 Section 3. Section **17-54-103** is enacted to read:

162 **17-54-103. Rural County Grant Program.**

163 (1) There is created the Rural County Grant Program.

164 (2) The grant program shall be overseen by the rural partnership board and  
165 administered by the Office of Rural Development.

166 (3) (a) In ~~§~~ → **[administering]** **overseeing** ← ~~§~~ the grant program, the rural partnership board  
166a shall recommend

167 the awarding of grants to rural counties to address the economic development needs of rural  
168 counties, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, which needs may include:

169 (i) business recruitment, development, and expansion;

170 (ii) workforce training and development; and

171 (iii) infrastructure and capital facilities improvements for business development.

172 (b) After reviewing the recommendations of the rural partnership board, the executive  
173 director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development shall award grants to rural  
174 counties in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

175 (4) Subject to appropriations from the Legislature and subject to the reporting and  
176 other requirements of this chapter, grant money shall be distributed:

177 (a) equally between all rural counties that have created a CED board, in an amount up  
178 to and including \$200,000 annually per county; and

179 (b) for grant money that is available after \$200,000 has been provided annually to each  
180 eligible rural county, through the process described in Subsection (6).