

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

60 (10) "Rural health care special district" means a special ~~§~~ **→ service ←** ~~§~~ **district created** ~~§~~ **→**

60a **to provide health care ←** ~~§~~ **under**

61 Subsection ~~§~~ **→** [17B-1-202(1)(a)(v)] 17D-1-201(6) ← ~~§~~  **that is located in a rural county or rural**

61a municipality.

62 [~~10~~] (11) "Rural municipality" means a city, town, or metro township located within  
63 the boundaries of:

64 (a) a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class; or

65 (b) a county of the second class, if the municipality has a population of 10,000 or less.

66 [~~11~~] (12) "Rural Opportunity Program" or "program" means the Rural Opportunity

67 Program created in Section 63N-4-802.

68 Section 2. Section **63N-4-802** is amended to read:

69 **63N-4-802. Creation of Rural Opportunity Program -- Awarding of grants and**  
70 **loans -- Rulemaking -- Reporting.**

71 (1) There is created the Rural Opportunity Program.

72 (2) The program shall be overseen by the advisory committee and administered by the  
73 office.

74 (3) (a) In overseeing the program, the advisory committee shall make recommendations  
75 to the office on the awarding of grants and loans under this section.

76 (b) After reviewing the recommendations of the advisory committee, and subject to  
77 appropriations from the Legislature, the office shall:

78 (i) award grants to rural communities and business entities in accordance with  
79 Subsection (4) and rules made by the center under Subsection (6); and

80 (ii) award loans to rural communities in accordance with Subsection (5) and rules made  
81 by the center under Subsection (6).

82 (4) (a) The office shall annually distribute an equal amount of grant money to all rural  
83 counties that have created a CEO board and apply for a grant, in an amount up to and including  
84 \$200,000 annually per county.

85 (b) In addition to the grant money distributed to rural counties under Subsection (4)(a),  
86 the office may use program funds to:

87 (i) award grants to rural communities that demonstrate a funding match, in an amount  
88 established by rule under Subsection (6);

89 (ii) award grants to business entities that create new jobs within rural communities;