

Finalists

The 20 finalists invited to submit a full proposal are:

- Alaska Health Consortium/Rasmuson Foundation, Denali Commission
- Appalachian Ohio Sustaining Coalition/Foundation for Appalachian Ohio
- Appalachian Sustainable Development (Virginia, Tennessee)/Community Foundation of the New River Valley
- Arkansas Working Families Project/Southern Development Bancorporation
- Blackfeet Nation, Rosebud Lakota, White Earth Ojibewa, Zuni Pueblo/Four Times Foundation
- Building Capacity for Philanthropic Support of Rural Entrepreneurship (Nebraska)/Nebraska Community Foundation, Heartland Center for Leadership Development, Rural Policy Research Institute
- Building Rural Communities (Louisiana)/The Rapides Foundation, Southern Mutual Help Association
- Central Valley Partnership for Citizenship (California)/James Irvine Foundation
- Community Alliance for Independent Agriculture (Multi-state)/Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation National Rural Funders Collaborative
- Early Childhood Collaboration/ Minnesota Initiative Funds
- Fund for Rural Georgia/Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation
- Montana HomeOwnership Network/Montana Board of Housing
- Redwood Forest Foundation, Evergreen Forest Trust (Pacific Northwest)/Humboldt Area Foundation
- Resourceful Communities Program Collaborative of Eastern North Carolina/Progress Energy Foundation
- Rural Access-to-Credit Partnership (New Mexico, Texas)/ACCION New Mexico, ACCION Texas
- Rural Livelihoods Project (New Mexico)/New Mexico Community Foundation, New Mexico Community Development Loan Fund-
- South Carolina Community Economic Development Policy Collaborative/Wachovia Bank, N.A.
- Sustainable Development Collaborative (Maine)/Coastal Enterprises, Inc.
- Tanana Chiefs Conference (Alaska)/Minority Business Development Center
- West Virginia Multi-Collaboration/Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation

Proposals are due from the 20 finalists by January 15, 2002. NRFC will review these by the end of February and announce its decisions in early March. The Collaborative anticipates making as many as five grants at a sustaining level of \$75,000 - \$250,000, which funds must be matched all or in part by the grantees. NRFC also plans to make several recognition grants of \$25,000 - \$50,000, which will not require matching funds.