

Centers of Community Prosperity

Office of Partnership and Public Engagement

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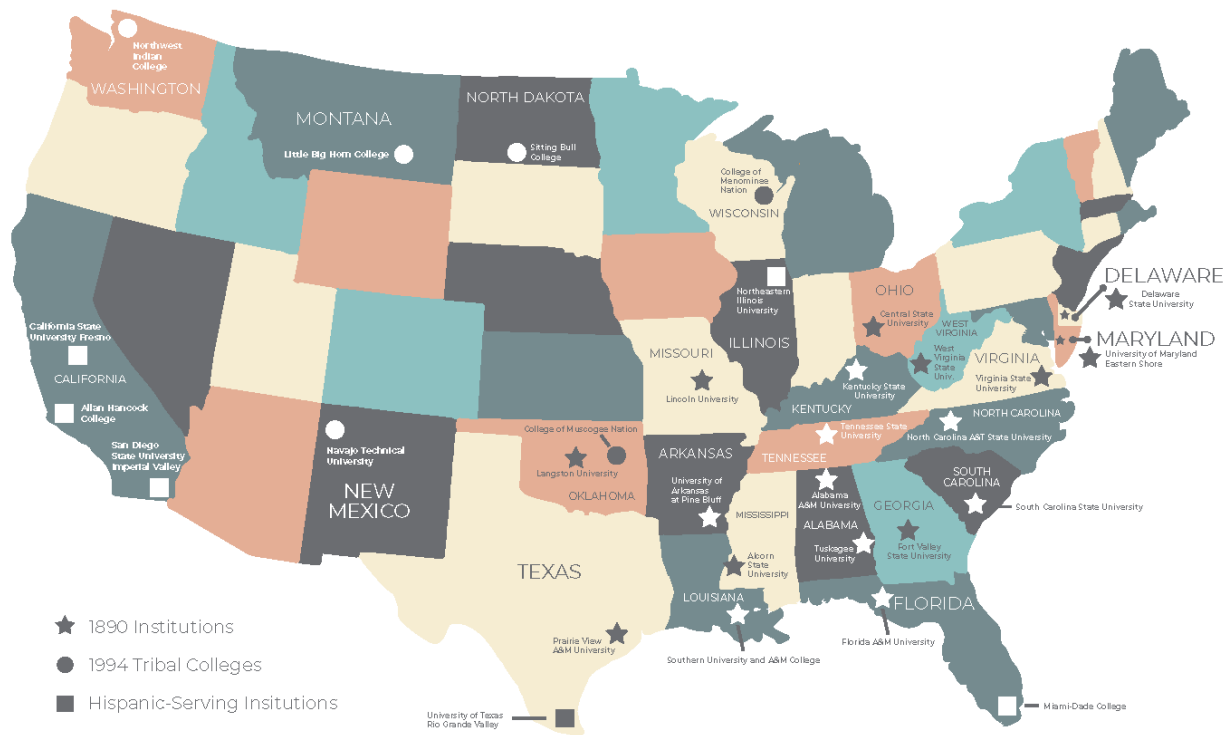
To develop partnerships with business and agribusiness, faith-based, education, elected, and other community leaders to identify key challenges and develop strategies for success. This will include the most effective and efficient utilization of all available resources, both public and private, to assist these communities in acquiring the education and tools necessary to foster hope and opportunity, wealth creation and asset building.

VISION

To establish a sustainable development process focusing on locally driven, bottom-up solutions to address challenges in rural and underserved communities. This process will create a “Climate of Success” that fosters hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building, for our families, farmers and ranchers, and businesses. These communities will be safe, healthy, educated, and growing.

PLAN OF ACTION

- Establish Centers of Community Prosperity that foster hope and opportunity, wealth creation, and asset building;
- Strengthen partnerships and align Centers of Community Prosperity with 1862, 1890, and 1994 Land-Grant institutions, Hispanic-Serving Institutions and other public and private entities guaranteeing exceptional customer service and opportunities;
- Identify efficient and sustainable processes and effective strategies that will establish 200 Communities of Faith and Opportunity by end of 2019; and
- Help communities establish "Local Prosperity Councils" that engage the OneUSDA team, Federal, State, regional organizations and public and private entities.



Communities of Faith & Opportunity Process

USDA Community Prosperity Training Summit

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- Communities and organizations attend Summits at higher education institutions and other locations around the country.

Local Prosperity Council

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- Communities form Local Prosperity Councils, including key partners from business, education, government, and other fields.

Needs Assessment

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- Local Prosperity Councils submit a needs assessment, addressing challenges and assets, to U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture and other federal partners link community challenges to potential federal resources, programs, and initiatives.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture sends Local Prosperity Councils individualized reports on potential connections to federal resources, programs, and initiatives.

Implementation

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- Local Prosperity Councils implement strategies and commit to interfacing with at least 3 federal resources, programs, or initiatives.
- USDA Centers of Community Prosperity provide outreach and training workshops on select challenges including youth, veterans, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, urban agriculture, and farm stress, to be presented by USDA staff, higher education institution faculty, or other.
- Local Prosperity Councils, Centers of Community Prosperity, and U.S. Department of Agriculture regularly communicate on status of progress.

Recognition

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- USDA recognizes Local Prosperity Councils as Communities of Faith and Opportunity.