

# Ohio Rural Rehabilitation Program

## Advisory Committee Guidelines

1. Rural Rehabilitation grant and loan funds are generally considered for projects that fulfill the following criteria:
  - a. The project benefits farmers, youth who participate in agricultural activities or organizations, rural residents, or the agricultural industry.
  - b. The project will have a long-term impact on the community, either economically or through an improved quality of life.
  - c. The project is in collaboration with a quasi-governmental agency (i.e. The Ohio State University Extension); a governmental entity, (i.e. school districts, municipalities, trustees, counties); or a well-established organization that focuses on creating a sustainable agriculture sector of Ohio's economy.
  - d. The project goes beyond legally required activities or functions that are a routine expectation of an organization, agency, or governmental body such as building and ground maintenance, wages and benefits, and supplies and inventory.
  - e. The project will provide initiating resources to a sustainable activity, such as availability of machinery and equipment, value-added agricultural activities, and other activities which promote and/or market agricultural products.
  - f. The project should have impact on an immediate problem or capitalizing on a current opportunity.
2. Rural Rehabilitation grant and loan funds cannot be used to pay for the following:
  - a. Any form of overhead or indirect costs to an agency or organization.
  - b. County fair maintenance, infrastructure, or "bricks and mortar" projects.
  - c. Rural Rehabilitation funds are not provided for basic long-term research.
  - d. In general, the Ohio Rural Rehabilitation Program is a one-time source of funding for a project or activity and one not used as sustaining financing for ongoing projects.