The Healey-Driscoll administration is pleased to provide support to rural and small towns through the Office of Rural Affairs. Communities with a population under 7,000 (small towns) or with a population density of under 500 persons per square mile (rural towns), as measured by the 2020 US Census, automatically receive this designation. These towns are also eligible for the Rural Development Fund grant program. Grants may be used for a variety of activities that support economic development, job creation, housing and climate resilience initiatives, and planning and zoning projects in small and rural towns.

The following 181 towns are eligible to apply for the Rural Development Fund:

1. Adams	**30.** Cheshire	**59.** Groveland
2. Alford	**31.** Chester	**60.** Hadley
3. Aquinnah	**32.** Chesterfield	**61.** Halifax
4. Ashburnham	**33.** Chilmark	**62.** Hampden
5. Ashby	**34.** Clarksburg	**63.** Hancock
6. Ashfield	**35.** Colrain	**64.** Hardwick
7. Athol	**36.** Conway	**65.** Harvard
8. Avon	**37.** Cummington	**66.** Hatfield
9. Barre	**38.** Dalton	**67.** Hawley
10. Becket	**39.** Deerfield	**68.** Heath
11. Belchertown	**40.** Dighton	**69.** Hinsdale
12. Berkley	**41.** Douglas	**70.** Holland
13. Berlin	**42.** Dover	**71.** Hopedale
14. Bernardston	**43.** Dunstable	**72.** Hubbardston
15. Blandford	**44.** East Brookfield	**73.** Huntington
16. Bolton	**45.** Eastham	**74.** Ipswich
17. Bourne	**46.** Edgartown	**75.** Lakeville
18. Boxborough	**47.** Egremont	**76.** Lancaster
19. Boxford	**48.** Erving	**77.** Lanesborough
20. Boylston	**49.** Essex	**78.** Lee
21. Brewster	**50.** Florida	**79.** Leicester
22. Brimfield	**51.** Freetown	**80.** Lenox
23. Brookfield	**52.** Gill	**81.** Leverett
24. Buckland	**53.** Goshen	**82.** Leyden
25. Carlisle	**54.** Gosnold	**83.** Lincoln
26. Carver	**55.** Granby	**84.** Lunenburg
27. Charlemont	**56.** Granville	**85.** Manchester-By-The-Sea
28. Charlton	**57.** Great Barrington	**86.** Marion
29. Chatham	**58.** Groton	**87.** Mattapoisett

88. Mendon
89. Merrimac
90. Middleborough
91. Middlefield
92. Millville
93. Monroe
94. Monson
95. Montague
96. Monterey
97. Montgomery
98. Mount Washington
99. Nahant
100. Nantucket
101. New Ashford
102. New Braintree
103. New Marlborough
104. New Salem
105. Newbury
106. North Brookfield
107. Northfield
108. Oak Bluffs
109. Oakham
110. Orange
111. Orleans
112. Otis
113. Oxford
114. Palmer
115. Paxton
116. Pelham
117. Pepperell
118. Peru
119. Petersham
120. Phillipston
121. Plainfield
122. Plympton
123. Princeton
124. Provincetown
125. Rehoboth
126. Richmond
127. Rochester
128. Rockport
129. Rowe
130. Rowley
131. Royalston
132. Russell
133. Rutland
134. Sandisfield
135. Sandwich
136. Savoy
137. Sheffield
138. Shelburne
139. Sherborn
140. Shirley
141. Shutesbury
142. Southampton
143. Southwick
144. Spencer
145. Sterling
146. Stockbridge
147. Stow
148. Sturbridge
149. Sunderland
150. Sutton
151. Templeton
152. Tisbury
153. Tolland
154. Topsfield
155. Townsend
156. Truro
157. Tyringham
158. Upton
159. Uxbridge
160. Wales
161. Ware
162. Warren
163. Warwick
164. Washington
165. Wellfleet
166. Wendell
167. Wenham
168. West Bridgewater
169. West Brookfield
170. West Newbury
171. West Stockbridge
172. West Tisbury
173. Westhampton
174. Westminster
175. Westport
176. Whately
177. Williamsburg
178. Williamstown
179. Winchendon
180. Windsor
181. Worthington

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