

# Rural Economic Development Loan (RED-L) Program Guidelines

Note: the following guidelines *only* apply to OPALCO's selection process and not to the RED-L program's evaluation and selection process. Rural Development has its own evaluation and scoring factors, which ranks all applications on a nationwide basis. To learn more about their processes go to their website at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redlg.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redlg.htm).

OPALCO's three priorities for selection are:

1. Projects submitted by a taxing district within San Juan County which support improved emergency communications and that will benefit San Juan County's emergency services and first responder community.
2. Projects submitted by a taxing district within San Juan County for medical, education, or advancement of automatic meter reading (i.e. water districts), SCADA, and other similar projects.
3. Projects from police or fire districts to purchase emergency equipment that will enhance medical emergency services in San Juan County; i.e. fire engine, ambulance, etc.