

EDA Leveraging Goals for Private Sector

Section 603(b)(2) of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended, requires EDA to include in its Annual Report to Congress a discussion of private sector leveraging goals set for investments awarded to (a) rural* and urban economically distressed areas; and (b) highly distressed areas.**

The following information is provided to respond to those requirements.***

(a) EDA's private sector leveraging goal with respect to grants awarded to rural and urban economically distressed areas

EDA has consistently shown sound results in attracting private capital investment in both rural and urban distressed communities.

In FY 2017, EDA invested 62.2% percent of its PW and EAA funds, including RLFs, in rural areas which grantees expect will leverage over to \$2.6 billion in private investment; 37.8% percent of the funds were invested in urban areas which grantees expect will leverage \$2.9 billion in private investment.

(b) EDA's private sector leveraging goal with respect to grants awarded to highly distressed areas

EDA recognizes that importance of private capital investment for successful economic development and recognizes that importance of maintaining significant flexibility to assist those communities that are taking the first steps toward economic growth. Therefore, EDA often makes prudent investments in areas where leverage ratios are lowest.

In FY 2017, EDA invested 41.7% of all its PW and EAA funds, including RLFs, in highly distressed areas, which, according to recipient estimates, are projected to generate \$1.3 billion in private investment.

*Rural includes investments made to Indian tribes.

**For an area to qualify as being highly distressed, one of the following criteria must be met: (a) a 24-month unemployment rate of at least 200 percent of the national average, (b) per capita income not more than 60 percent of the national average, or (c) a catastrophic disaster.

***U.S. Department of Defense reimbursable investments and disaster supplemental investments are not included in these calculations.