

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WHICH ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS TYPES

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- I. Smaller War Plants Corporation of the War Production Board, Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., P. 126

Empowered to make loans to small business concerns to purchase or lease land, plants, equipment, or supplies, and to lease or sell such land, plants, equipment or supplies to any small business concern, to enter into procurement contracts with the U.S. Government and to arrange for the performance of such contract by dividing them among small business firms. Robert W. Johnson, Chairman.
  
- II. National Housing Agency, 1600 Eye Street NW, Washington, D.C. & Regional Offices, P. 136.
  - A. Federal Home Loan Bank Administration, 101 Indiana Avenue, NW, P. 138-142
    1. Funds are lent by member banks, the Federal Home Loan Bank Administration acting as an advisory agency, to finance new homes for war workers.
    2. Convert or remodel existent housing to provide housing for more workers.
    3. John H. Fahey, Commissioner
  
  - B. Federal Housing Administration, Vermont Avenue and K Street NW, P. 143-148
    1. Duration of war new construction is limited to defense areas
    2. Field offices accept and process applications for priorities and authority to begin construction on privately financed urban residential construction.
    3. Title I: Offers insurance to private lending institutions on loans up to \$5,000 to alter, convert, improve or repair existent housing to provide additional living accommodations where housing shortage exists.

Alter, repair, or improve other existing structures on loans up to \$2,500

Loans up to \$3,000 build new structures.
    4. Finance existing property on a sound amortized basis
    5. Convert older properties for residential use
    6. Meet sanitary and health requirements and maintain property values
    7. Encourages private enterprise to construct war housing wherever it provides an acceptable risk
    8. Offers a medium for placing existing unamortized mortgages on a sound amortized basis
    9. Property owners can convert existing structures to meet housing needs arising out of the war and can also make necessary repairs or improvements
    10. Abner H. Ferguson, Commissioner
  
  - C. Federal Public Housing Authority, 1201 Connecticut Avenue NW., P. 143-150
    1. Provides housing for persons engaged in war activities in localities in which the President finds that an acute shortage of housing exists.
    2. Authorized to acquire land and to construct and operate projects to provide such war housing:
      - a. Family housing
      - b. Dormitories
      - c. Trailers
    3. Herbert Emmerich, Commissioner
  
- III. Office of Price Administration, Federal Office Building 1, Second and D Street SW, & Regional offices, P. 152-158

Purpose:

  1. To stabilize prices and to prevent speculative, unwarranted, and abnormal increases in prices and rents.
  2. To protect persons with relatively fixed and limited incomes, consumers, wage earners, investors, and person dependent on life insurance, annuities, and pensions from undue impairment of their standard of living.



3. Prevent hardships to persons engaged in business, schools, universities, and other institutions
4. Administrator, Prentiss M. Brown

IV. President's War Relief Control Board, Room 1044, Washington Building, P. 162-163

Authorized to control all solicitations, sales of merchandise or services, collections, receipts, and distribution of funds and contributions for:

1. Charities for foreign and domestic relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and welfare arising from war-created needs in the U.S. or in foreign countries
2. Refugee relief
3. Relief of civilian population of the U.S.
4. Relief and welfare of the armed forces of the U.S. or of their dependents (Not extended to local charitable activities of the normal and usual character nor to any activities other than those immediately affecting the war effort.)
5. Joseph E. Davies, Chairman.

V. Department of Agriculture, Fourteenth Street and Independence Avenue SW, P. 322

Promotes the efficient use of soil, forests, and other natural resources. Provides rural rehabilitation and guarantees farmers a fair price and a stable market through commodity loans and marketing quotas. Provides agricultural credit, assists tenants to become farm owners, facilitates electric service to persons in rural areas and also insures wheat and cotton crops against natural hazards.

A. Farm Security Administration. (Headquarters Offices: Thirteenth Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, D.C.; Faller Building, Eighth and Walnut Streets, Cincinnati) P. 339

1. Small grants are made for subsistence and medical care in cases of urgent need
2. Loans made to low-income farmers for the group purchase and use of farm machinery
3. C.B. Baldwin, Chief

B. Farm Credit Administration, 212 West Fourteenth Street, Kansas City, Mo. & District Offices, P. 353

1. Provides a complete and coordinated credit system for agriculture by making long-term and short-term credit available to farmers.
2. Provides credit facilities for farmers' cooperative marketing, purchasing and business service organizations.
3. A.G. Black, Governor

Federal Land Banks (Page 355)

1. Makes long-term loans upon first mortgages on farm lands and issue farm loan bonds secured thereby
2. Loans are long-term, low-interest-rate, and amortized, and are made to farmers who give as security first mortgages upon their farms and who agree to repay the loans in annual or semiannual installments.
3. Corporations raising livestock are eligible to borrow under certain limitations
4. Loans may be made for not less than \$100 or more than \$50,000 to any one borrower
5. Loans made to provide for the purchase of land for agricultural uses, equipment, fertilizers, and livestock. Provide buildings, and for the improvement of farm land.

C. Rural Electrification Administration, Boatmen's Bank Building, St. Louis, Mo. P. 363

1. Rural Electrification Administration makes no grants.
2. Under suitable conditions it lends the entire cost of building rural electric distribution systems



3. Empowered to make loans to finance the wiring of the premises of persons in rural areas and acquisition and installation of electrical and plumbing appliances and equipment.
4. Loans for plumbing appliances and equipment may cover complete pressure water system for homes and farm buildings. (Must be amortized over a period of 5 years)
5. Loans may be made to persons, corporations, public bodies, and cooperative, nonprofit or limited dividend associations.
6. Loans for wiring, plumbing appliances and equipment may be made to any person, firm or corporation supplying or installing wiring, plumbing, or appliances. (No loans made directly to the consumer)

VI. Department of Commerce, Fourteenth Street Between Constitution Ave. and E streets NW., & Regional Offices, P. 363

A. Reconstruction Finance Corporation, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., P. 391-398

1. Authorized to extend financial assistance to agriculture, commerce, and industry, through direct loans to banks trust companies, building and loan associations, insurance companies, mortgage-loan companies, and various agricultural credit agencies
2. Make loans to business enterprises, mining interests, agricultural improvement districts, public school authorities, and various classes of borrowers.
3. Assist in financing the construction of public works and various self-liquidating projects.
4. Empowered to:
  - a. Purchase, lease, build, and expand plants.
  - b. Acquire land by purchase or lease
  - c. Sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of land, plants, facilities, and machinery to others to enable them to engage in the manufacture of war requirements.
  - d. Produce, lease, purchase, and sell or lease railroad equipment and commercial aircraft.
5. Charles B. Henderson, Chairman.

B. War Damage Corporation, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., P. 403.

Purpose of this Corporation is to provide, through insurance reinsurance, or otherwise, reasonable protection against loss of or damage to property, real and personal, which may result from enemy attack, including any action taken by military, naval or air forces of the U.S. in resisting enemy attack. Chairman of the Board is Jesse H. Jones.

C. Disaster Loan Corporation, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., P. 404-405.

1. Provides loans made necessary by floods or other catastrophes occurring during the period between January 1, 1936 and January 22, 1947.
2. Managing Directors are Charles V. Henderson and Charles T. Fisher, Jr.

D. Federal National Mortgage Association, 811 Vermont Ave. NW, P. 405-407

1. Principal objectives are:
  - a. Facilitate the construction and financing of economically sound rental housing projects, apartment buildings which may be operated at a moderate scale of rentals, and groups of houses or multi-family dwellings for rent or sale, by making loans secured by first mortgages.
  - b. To establish market for first mortgages
  - c. Make available to individual and institutional investors, notes, bonds, or other such obligations issued by the Association.
2. Sam H. Husband, President.

E. The RFC Mortgage Company, 811 Vermont Ave. NW., P. 408-409.

1. Loans for reestablishment of a normal market for sound mortgages on urban income-producing property, such as apartment houses, hotels, business and office buildings, when credit cannot be obtained upon reasonable rates and terms.



2. Loans to finance new construction, provided is an economic need for such construction.
3. Loans to distressed holders of first-mortgage real-estate bonds and certificates upon the security of their notes, provided sufficient information is available to the Co. to enable it to determine that the income of the property securing the bonds or certificates is sufficient to warrant the loans.
4. Charles T. Fisher, Jr. President.

F. Export-Import Bank of Washington, 811 Vermont Ave. NW. P. 410-412.

1. Authorized to so general banking business
2. Purchase, sell, negotiate, and discount with or without its endorsement, notes drafts, bill of exchange, and other evidence of debt.
3. To issue letters of credit
4. To lend money
5. To perform the necessary functions permitted by law in conducting such enterprise or business
6. Jesse H. Jones, Chairman.

VII. Department of Labor, Fourteenth Street and Constitution Ave. N. & Field and Regional Offices, P. 413-418.

A. Children's Bureau

1. Provides grants to States for maternal and child health services, services for crippled children, and child-welfare services.
2. Chief, Katherine F. Lenroot.

VIII. Federal Security Agency, Social Security Building, Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW. P. 419.

A. United States Office of Education, Department of the Interior Building, Eighteenth and C Streets NW, P. 422.

1. Administers funds as grants in aid to education
2. Administers special programs
3. Loans made to students through colleges, universities, or college connected agencies and may not exceed tuition and fees plus \$25 monthly, or \$500 to any one student during a 12 month period.
4. John W. Studebaker, Commissioner.

B. Public Health Service, Temporary Building T-6, Bethesda, Md. P.428.

1. Administers grants-in aid to schools of nursing for the training of student nurses, and for refresher and post-graduate courses for registered nurses.
2. Furnishes outpatient and hospital treatment to its legal beneficiaries in 150 ports of the U.S. and its possessions.
3. Operates a hospital for the care and treatment of persons having leprosy.
4. Care of patients whose treatment is requested or authorized by the Army or Navy.
5. Thomas Parran, Surgeon General.

C. Social Security Board, 1825 H Street NW. & Regional Offices, P. 432

1. Approval of State plans for old-age assistance, aid to dependent children, and aid to the blind.
2. Federal old-age and survivors benefit and lump-sum payment to individuals.
3. Grants to States for the administration of unemployment compensation
4. Conduct studies and make recommendations to provide economic security through social insurance.



IX. Federal Works Agency, North Interior Building, Eighteenth and F Streets NW, & Regional Offices, P. 443

Administrator, Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, authorized to make loans and/or grants to public agencies and to nonprofit private agencies to finance their construction of certain public works. He is also authorized to make contributions to public agencies and to nonprofit private agencies to aid of their operation and maintenance of certain public works.

A. Public Works Administration, North Interior Building, Eighteenth and F Streets NW, P. 450

1. Authorized to promote and stabilize employment and purchasing power by encouraging the construction of useful public works projects through the making of loans and/or grants to non-Federal public bodies and, to a limited extent by financing the construction of Federal projects.
2. Maurice E. Gilmore, Commissioner of Public Works

B. Work Projects Administration, Walker-Johnson Building, 1734 New York Avenue NW, P. 451

1. Aid employable needy persons by providing work on projects
2. Commissioner of Work Projects, Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, Acting

X. Federal Reserve System, Twentieth Street and Constitution Avenue NW, P. 490-496

A. Federal Reserve Banks

1. May grant credit accommodations to furnish working capital for established industrial or commercial businesses for periods not exceeding 5 years.
2. May make advances to individuals, partnerships, and corporations for a period not exceeding 90 days upon their promissory notes secured by direct obligations of the U.S.
3. In unusual and urgent circumstances, may also discount for individuals, partnerships, or corporations, under certain prescribed conditions, notes, drafts, and bills of exchange of the kinds and maturities made eligible for discount for member banks.
4. Arrange loans to contractors, subcontractors, and others engaged in business or operations deemed by the War Department to be necessary, appropriate, or convenient for the prosecution of the war.
5. Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman

XI. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 Rush Street, Chicago, Ill. & Regional Offices, P. 534

Administers a retirement system for the payment of annuities and pensions to aged and disabled railroad employees and a correlated unemployment insurance-employment service system for paying benefits to and securing the reemployment of railroad employees who become unemployed. Murray W. Latimer, Chairman.

XII. United States Employees' Compensation Commission, 285 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y.; 514 Tenth Street NW, Washington, D.C. P. 567

Provides workmen's compensation benefits for civil employees of the U.S. who suffer personal injuries while in the performance of duty. The benefits extend to:

1. Civil employees of the Federal Government
2. Employees of the Government of the District of Columbia, exclusive of members of the police and fire department
3. Members of the Naval Reserve force while on authorized training duty in time of peace
4. Members of the Officers' Reserve Corps and of the Enlisted Reserve Corps of the Army while on authorized training duty in time of peace



5. Members of the Coast Guard Reserve while on authorized training duty in time of peace
6. Temporary members of the Reserve while performing active Coast Guard service
7. Members of the Women's Army Auxilliary Corps
8. Members of the Women's Reserve of the U.S. Naval Reserve
9. Members of the Coast Guard Women's Reserve
10. Members of the Marine Corps
11. Evacuees in the War Relocation Camps
12. Persons employed on Federal Relief projects created under the provisions of the several Federal Emergency Relief Appropriation Acts.

XIII. The American National Red Cross, Seventeenth Street between D and E Streets NW, P. 599

The American National Red Cross are to furnish volunteer aid to:

1. The sick and wounded of armies in time of war
2. To perform all duties with which the national society of each nation acceding to the Treaty of Geneva is charged
3. Act in matters of voluntary relief
4. To serve, in accord with military and naval authorities, as a medium of communication between the people of the U.S. and their Army and Navy
5. Provides a system of national and international relief to mitigate the suffering caused by national calamities and to devise measures for their prevention.

Norman H. Davis, Chairman