

Providing Opportunities for Rural Communities



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Established within the Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State in 2010, the San Joaquin Valley Rural Development Center (SJVRDC) was created in direct response to requests made by rural community leaders in the region. SJVRDC is designed as a “one-stop hub” of information, resources, services and experts in specific subject matter to address the various needs, challenges and opportunities confronting rural residents, small businesses, municipalities, special districts, school districts, and nonprofits. SJVRDC was awarded the 2015 Excellence in Community-Connected Campus Award, by the University Economic Development Association (UEDA). The UEDA Awards of Excellence recognizes the top university-based economic development initiatives in the country.



Services include

- Community Assessments
- Economic Development Certificate Program
- Economic Development Strategies
- Financial Technical Assistance
- Fresno State Parent University
- Grant Writing Training Workshops
- Local Food Systems
- Small Business Development

