

## **Ends Policy for Communities Unlimited, Inc.**

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### *Why do we exist?*

Healthy and sustainable rural and urban communities create opportunities for achieving wealth and providing thriving livelihoods for all people living in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

### *To what ends?*

Communities Unlimited is an organization that works and collaborates along the rural-urban continuum to create equitable, inclusive and just access to:

- Healthy food and drinking water as well as related sanitary services
- Affordable, attainable and safe housing
- Affordable means of modern connectivity
- Skills, knowledge and relationships necessary for entrepreneurs to create and run sustainable businesses that overcome the inhibitors to wealth
- Appropriate capital
- Effective community-driven leadership

### *How do we work?*

- Expand “thought and do” leadership nationally by creating new models and effectively blending multiple strategies that improve communities and lives of individuals.
- Attract and deliver resources to communities along the rural-urban continuum
- Catalyze deep collaborations locally, regionally and nationally
- Build the self-worth and capacity of individuals while supporting problem solving