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## Top Skills

Fundraising  
Public Speaking  
Nonprofits

# Betsy Dirksen Londrigan

Homegrown in Illinois  
Springfield, Illinois, United States

## Experience

USDA Rural Development  
Illinois State Director for Rural Development  
January 2022 - Present (1 year 7 months)

Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we help rural Americans in many ways.

We offer loans, grants and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services such as housing; health care; first responder services and equipment; and water, electric and communications infrastructure.

We promote economic development by supporting loans to businesses through banks, credit unions and community-managed lending pools. We offer technical assistance and information to help agricultural producers and cooperatives get started and improve the effectiveness of their operations.

We provide technical assistance to help communities undertake community empowerment programs.

We help rural residents buy or rent safe, affordable housing and make health and safety repairs to their homes.

The Biden-Harris Administration is helping communities Build Back Better through investments in infrastructure and community identified initiatives while prioritizing recovery from COVID, Equity and Climate Change. Creating more economic opportunities and a better quality of life in small towns across Illinois is about creating a better future for all of us.

Self-Employed  
23 years 5 months

Nonprofit Professional and Community Organizer  
June 2003 - February 2022 (18 years 9 months)

Writer, Editor, Designer  
October 1998 - October 2006 (8 years 1 month)

Illinois Congressional District 13  
Candidate  
July 2017 - April 2021 (3 years 10 months)

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum  
Development Officer  
October 2009 - April 2017 (7 years 7 months)

Friends of Dick Durbin  
Downstate Fundraising  
January 2007 - January 2009 (2 years 1 month)

University of Illinois at Springfield  
Alumni Affairs Director  
September 1995 - September 1998 (3 years 1 month)

Teach for America  
Middle School English Teacher  
June 1993 - June 1995 (2 years 1 month)

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## Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
BS, Political Science · (1989 - 1993)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Rhetoric and Composition · (1989 - 1993)