



United States
Department of
Agriculture

Rural Development



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Community Programs

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What do we do?

We are a federal agency that makes loans and grants to protect and preserve the livelihood of rural communities across the United States



Rural Development Programs

Rural Housing & Community Facilities	Rural Utilities Service	Rural Business & Cooperative Service
Homeownership Loans	Electric Program	Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans
Home Repair Loans & Grants	Water & Environmental Programs	Rural Business Development Grants
Mutual Self Help Grants	Telecommunications and Broadband Programs	Intermediary Relending Program
Multi-family Housing Loans		Rural Energy for America Program
Housing Preservation Grants		Value Added Producer Grants
Community Facilities Loans & Grants		

Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program

Eligible Applicants

- Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
- Non-profit Organizations that are broadly based and have significant community support
- Public Bodies-Cities, Counties, and Special Districts

Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program

Eligible Areas

- Applicants must be in a community or census designated place with a population of 20,000 or less.

Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program

Loan & Grant Program

- Health Clinics, Community Centers
- Police/Fire Stations & Vehicles
- Libraries/Bookmobiles
- Food Bank Related Projects

Water & Environmental Programs

- Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants
- Colonia Grants
- Native American Grants

Water & Environmental Programs

Eligible Areas

- Applicants must be in a community or census designated place with a population of 10,000 or less.

Water and Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program

Eligible Applicants

- Federally Recognized Native American Tribes
- Non-profit Organizations that are broadly based and have significant community support
- Public Bodies-Cities, Counties, and Special Districts
- Mutual Water Companies

Water and Waste Disposal Program

Eligible Use of Funds

- Construction
- Land and Right of Way Acquisition
- Legal and Engineering/Architectural Fees
- Connection Fees
- Purchase of Existing Facilities (Loan Only)
- Refinancing (Loan Only)

Water & Waste Disposal Program

Application Process

- Initial Meeting with USDA
- RDApply
- Letter of Conditions
- Obligation of Funding
- Disbursement of Funding (Loan/Grant Closing)

Funding Opportunities

Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

- Low interest rates are fixed for up to 40 year loans
 - Currently 2.375% - 4.000%
- Interest rates subject to change
- Some grant funds are available

Funding Opportunities

Native American 306 C Grant

- Per capita income must be < \$18,590
- Unemployment rate must be not less than 5.125%
- \$2,000,000 maximum per project
- Approximately \$15 to \$20 million available nationwide

Funding Opportunities

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG)

- Grants may cover 100% of project costs
- Two levels of funding
 - Under \$150,000: water pipeline repairs, maintenance, extensions and connections
 - Under \$500,000: new water source or treatment plant construction
- Both must be caused by an emergency

Funding Cycle

- Federal Fiscal Year: October 1 – September 30
- Applications accepted all year
- Best Time To Apply is Early in the Fiscal Year

USDA Rural Development

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