

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA is Seeking Applications for Technical Assistance Grants to Support Rural Community Facilities

**WASHINGTON, Mar. 14, 2022** – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Rural Development Xochitl Torres Small today announced that the Department is accepting applications to help rural communities expand their capacity to access financial resources to support the construction or upgrade of essential community facilities.

The funding is being made available under the [Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant program](#). The grants allow eligible public bodies as well as private and nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance and training to help grantees identify and plan for community facility needs in their area. Once these needs are pinpointed, the grantee can seek additional public and private financial resources.

USDA is offering [priority points](#) to projects that advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, advance equity and combat climate change. These extra points will increase the likelihood of funding for projects seeking to address these critical challenges in rural America.

Electronic applications will be accepted via [Grants.gov](#) until 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on May 23, 2022

Any paper applications must be postmarked, and mailed, shipped, or sent overnight by 4:00 p.m. local time on May 26, 2022.

For additional information, see page 14238 of the Mar. 14, 2022 [Federal Register](#).

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