



WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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WWD Direct Loans Water and Waste Disposal	To develop or improve water and waste disposal projects	USDA makes direct loans for projects modest in size, design and cost	Public bodies, e.g., municipalities, counties, districts or authorities; nonprofits, federally recognized Native American tribes	Incorporated and unincorporated areas with service area populations of <10,000	Water, sewer, solid waste or storm wastewater disposal facilities; professional service fees; interest during construction; initial operating costs	\$250,000 to \$5 million	Terms up to 40 years; interest rates at or below market on a sliding scale for low-income communities	Comply with NEPA; submit complete preliminary engineering and environmental reports	Year-round
WWD Loan Guarantees Water and Waste Disposal	To develop or improve water and waste disposal projects	USDA guarantees a bank loan; work through a lender to apply	Same as above	Same as above	Same as above	\$250,000 to \$5 million	Rate negotiated with a private lender; terms to 40 years; no balloon	Same as above	Year-round
WWD Grants Water and Waste Disposal	To finance water and waste projects in financially needy communities in rural areas	Grant to reduce end-user costs for services of comparable systems	Same as above	Incorporated and unincorporated areas with service area populations of <10,000; MHI ≤ \$41,230 (based on the 2000 Census)	Water, sewer, solid waste or storm wastewater disposal facilities; professional service fees	\$50,000 to \$2 million; used in combination with the direct loan	Grant	Same as above	Year-round
ECWAG Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants	To assist rural areas that have a significant decline in water quality or quantity	Grant of up to 100% of project cost	Same as above	Incorporated and unincorporated areas with service area populations of <10,000	Water system improvements to alleviate unanticipated source or distribution problems and restore safe drinking water	\$150,000 for distribution; \$500,000 for source	Grant	Priority is given to rural areas < 5,000 and very low-income communities; submit preliminary engineering and environmental reports	Year-round
Section 306 C WW Grant Native American Water and Waste Disposal Grant	To finance water and waste disposal facilities in low-income rural communities with high unemployment and health risks	Grant of up to 100% of project cost	Federally recognized Native American tribes and service areas	Rural area with population of < 10,000; per capita income of < 70% of national average; ≥ 125% of national unemployment rate	Construct, enlarge, or otherwise improve community water or sewer disposal systems in which the design has a residential component	\$1 million maximum	Grant	Priority is given to rural areas < 5,500 and very low-income communities; submit preliminary engineering and environmental reports	Year-round
PP Grant Predevelopment Planning Grant	To assist in developing applications for RD financial assistance	Planning grant of up to 75% of project cost	Public bodies, nonprofits, federally recognized Native American tribes	Small communities with MHI < 80% of statewide non-rural average	Costs associated with developing complete applications for RD loans/grants	\$10,000 to \$15,000	Grant; requires > 50% non-federal financing	Priority is given to rural areas with populations of < 1,000	Year-round
WW SEARCH Grant Water and Waste	To assist in developing applications for RD financial assistance	Grant of up to 100% of project cost	Same as above	Rural area with population of < 2,500	Costs associated with developing complete applications for RD loans/grants	\$30,000	Grant	Priority is given to financially distressed areas	Year-round

Related programs (Administered by USDA Rural Development/Rural Utilities Service in Washington, D.C.) - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWEP_HomePage.html

Individual Household Water Well Program: Grants to private nonprofits to establish lending programs that provide low-cost loans to individuals living in eligible rural areas for the construction of water wells

Solid Waste Management Grant: For nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance to help communities protect water resources from contamination associated with landfills serving rural areas

Water and Waste Revolving Fund Program: For nonprofit organizations to establish lending programs to help eligible entities finance pre-development costs of water and wastewater projects or short-term small capital improvement projects that are not part of the regular operations and maintenance of the current water and wastewater system

Water and Waste Technical Assistance and Training Grant: For nonprofit organizations to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations on a wide range of issues relating to delivery of water and waste disposal services

Circuit Rider-Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems: To provide technical assistance for the operation of rural water systems (terms established in service contract issued through RD Procurement)



USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT – OREGON COMMUNITY FACILITY PROGRAMS

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Community Facility Direct Loans	To assist in the development of essential community facility projects in rural areas	USDA makes a direct loan to an eligible applicant	Public bodies (e.g., cities, towns, districts, authorities, the State), nonprofits, federally-recognized Native American tribes	Cities, towns and rural areas with populations of < 20,000	Fire, rescue, public safety, health services, and other facilities deemed necessary for the beneficial and orderly development of a rural community	No limit, but loans are usually less than \$5 million	Long-term fixed rate at or below market rate for public bodies; sliding scale for low-income communities	Priority is given to critical access hospitals and other health services, public safety, child care and day care; may be combined w/ a loan guarantee	Year-round
Community Facility Loan Guarantees	To assist in the development of essential community facility projects in rural areas	USDA guarantees up to 90% of the loan made by a rural lender for essential community facilities; a 1% loan guarantee fee applies; the community works through a lender to apply	Banks and other lenders who make loans to rural communities and nonprofit or faith based organizations	Cities, towns and rural areas with populations of < 20,000	Critical access hospitals and other health services, fire and rescue, public safety, recreational facilities, and other essential community facilities benefiting rural residents	No limit, but loans are usually less than \$5 million	Negotiated by applicant and lender; fixed or variable rates; up to 40 years (no balloon) to repay	Locate a bank willing to make the loan (USDA guarantees the bank loan); may be combined with a direct loan	Year-round
Community Facility Grants	To assist in the development of essential community facility projects in rural areas	USDA makes a grant to a low-income community on a sliding scale for up to 75% of the project's cost	Public bodies (e.g., cities, towns, districts, authorities, the State), nonprofits or federally recognized tribes	Cities, towns and rural areas with populations of < 20,000	Fire, rescue, public safety, health services, and other facilities necessary for beneficial and orderly development of a rural community	Usually under \$50,000	Grant	Priority is given to fire, rescue, public safety, health services, renewable energy projects, and very low-income rural areas	Year-round
Economic Impact Initiative Grants (EII)	To assist in the development of essential community facility projects in rural areas	USDA makes a grant for up to 75% of the project's cost	Public bodies (e.g., cities, towns, districts, authorities, the State), nonprofits or federally recognized tribes	Cities, towns and rural areas < 20,000 population; "not employed" rates > 19.5%	Fire, rescue, public safety, health services, and other facilities necessary for beneficial and orderly development of a rural community	Usually under \$50,000	Grant	Priority is given to fire, rescue, public safety, health services, and renewable energy; also for very low-income, very rural areas	Year-round
Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI)	To develop the capacity of rural communities to conduct housing, community facility, or community economic development projects	USDA makes a grant to an intermediary for up to 50% of the project's cost; the intermediary provides financial and technical assistance to recipients	Private nonprofits, including faith-based or community organizations, and public intermediaries, including federally recognized tribes	Cities, towns and rural areas with populations of < 50,000	Grants/matching funds are used to provide new or expand existing programs to undertake housing, community facilities, or community and economic development projects	\$50,000 to ≤\$300,000	Grant	Funding is limited; highest priority projects are areas with populations of < 10,000 and median household incomes of < \$30,000	Once a year; announced in the Federal Register and on grants.gov

More information on the **Community Facility** and **Water and Environmental** programs is available online at www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/. Or, contact a specialist directly:

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