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DOES YOUR COMMUNITY OR COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION NEED HELP FUNDING ESSENTIAL FACILITIES? APPLICATIONS FOR USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY FACILITY PROGRAMS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

- ◆ **Loans, grants and loan/grant combinations to:**
 - Construct, improve or purchase facilities and/or equipment that provide essential services to a rural community.
Examples include public safety, health care, cultural, educational and public buildings.
- ◆ **Eligibility:**
 - Rural communities and non-profit organizations that serve communities with a population of 20,000 or less.
 - Grants based on need of project and median household income of community.
 - See grant eligible communities: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/vt/vtnhcfgranteligibility.htm>
- ◆ **Application deadlines:**
 - Grants and Loan/Grant Combos: **January 20, 2009**
 - Loans (long term, low interest/fixed rate): **Accepted anytime!**
- ◆ **Special Disaster Funding May Be Available If You Apply Now!**
 - Projects located in the following Counties are eligible for special grant funding. The project does not have to be related to the disaster.
 - **Addison, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Washington:** Contact Sue Poulin 802-828-6032, Susan.Poulin@vt.usda.gov.
 - **Caledonia and Essex:** Contact Mark Koprowski, 802-748-8746 Ext 120, Mark.Koprowski@vt.usda.gov
 - **Windsor:** Contact Lorie Gauthier 802-257-7878 Ext. 111, Lorie.gauthier@vt.usda.gov
- ◆ **Upcoming VT Workshops and Contacts:**
 - **Windham, Windsor, Bennington and Rutland Counties:** 12/2 Bennington Free Library; 12/2 Rutland USDA Center; 12/3 White River Jct; 12/8 Marlboro Technical College. For details and to register, contact Lorie Gauthier at 802-257-7878 Ext. 111 Lorie.gauthier@vt.usda.gov
 - **Addison, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange and Washington Counties and all other Counties:** 12/2 St. Albans; 12/5 Morrisville, 12/5 Montpelier. To register, contact Susan Poulin at 802-828-6032 or Susan.Poulin@vt.usda.gov
- ◆ **For Detailed Program Information go to** <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/cp.htm>

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