



Subject Specific Grant Guide

Grants to Support Water and Rural Projects

This guide identifies funding opportunities released in the previous year. Please note that this guide may not capture all available funding opportunities. Additionally, some programs may have changed or may not be released due to shifting administrative priorities among funding agencies. The grants included here represent traditionally offered opportunities intended to serve as a reliable foundation for your funding research.

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FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utility Service

FY 2025 Circuit Rider Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues. Eligible applicants are public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes that have rural water systems and the legal authority to own and operate water facilities.

Program History

Program history is unavailable

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: Not required

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems>



Tips

- Applicants must serve an areas with a population of 10,000 or fewer. Geographic eligibility can be verified online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov
- To initiate the application process, the applicants must contact their local Rural Development Office Listed online at rd.usda.gov or local National Rural Water Association (NRWA) office, listed online at nrwa.org

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utility Service

FY 2025 Circuit Rider Program: Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues. Rural water system officials may request assistance from the National Rural Water Association State Association or the local Rural Utilities Service office. Rural Utilities Service staff may also request assistance on behalf of the system.

The USDA Rural Utilities Service has contracted with the National Rural Water Association to provide Circuit Riders who are experienced in managing issues that may arise in the day-to-day operations of rural water systems. Circuit Riders provide service in each U.S. State and Territory. A list of Circuit Riders is available online and can be found [here](#).

Assistance may be requested for the following topic areas:

- Board training
- Management/finance
- Operation/maintenance
- Water treatment
- Regulatory compliance
- Facility security
- Loan application and reporting
- Disaster/emergency assistance

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, nonprofit corporations, and Indian tribes that have rural water systems and the legal authority to own and operate water facilities. Applicants must serve an area with a population of 10,000 or fewer. Geographic eligibility can be verified online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Funding

In FY 2024, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support technical assistance awards through this program. Technical assistance will be provided by circuit riders who are experienced in managing issues that may arise in the day-to-day operations of rural water systems.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Program Staff

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<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/circuit-rider-program-technical-assistance-rural-water-systems>

FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based non-profit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	Awards
2021	\$450 million	274
2020	\$871 million	256

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Varies
Match: Not required
Application Due: Rolling

- Funds may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Irving Tanning Community
Center Inc.
Hartland, ME

AMOUNT: \$238,000
YEAR: 2024

Funding will be used to make critical infrastructure repairs to the community center, including replacing the structure’s 25-year-old roof and improving the heating system.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to provide affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects supported through this program must demonstrate substantial community support, and facilities must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas must have no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

For the purposes of this program, an essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Examples of essential community facilities include:

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities
- Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars, or street improvements
- Community support services such as childcare centers, community centers, fairgrounds, or transitional housing
- Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles, or equipment
- Educational services such as museums, libraries, or private schools
- Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
- Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs, or greenhouses

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Serve communities with populations of 5,500 or fewer
- Serve low-income communities having a median household income below 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income

Funds may be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities; purchase equipment; and pay for related project expenses. Funds may also be used to pay reasonable and necessary fees, when part of a facility, such as:

- Legal
- Architectural and/or engineering
- Fiscal advisory
- Environmental impact analyses
- Archaeological surveys
- Mitigation measures
- Planning
- Establishing or acquiring right

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are public bodies, community-based nonprofit corporations, and federally recognized tribes.

Facilities supported through this program must serve the rural area where they are or will be located. Rural areas include cities, villages, townships, and towns, including federally recognized tribal lands, with no more than 20,000 residents according to the latest U.S. Census data, which can be found online at www.census.gov.

Additionally, in order to be eligible, applicants must have the legal authority to borrow money, obtain security, and repay loans; and to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities; and be unable to finance projects from their own resources and/or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support grants and low-interest direct loans through this program. Awards may be provided as combinations of grants and loans. Grant assistance is provided on a graduated scale, with smaller communities with the lowest median household income being eligible for projects with a higher proportion of grant funds. Grant assistance is limited to the following percentages of eligible project costs:

- Maximum of 75 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 55 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 35 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income
- Maximum of 15 percent if:
 - The project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and
 - The median household income of the service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income.

Loan repayment terms may not be longer than the useful life of the facility, state statutes, the applicant's authority, or a maximum of 40 years, whichever is less. There are no pre-payment penalties. Interest rates will be set by the funding agency and are determined by the median household income of the service area and population of the community. Applicants are encouraged to contact the funding agency for details and current rates. Once the loan is approved, the interest rate is fixed for the entire term of the loan.

Matching and Cost-Share

There are no stated matching requirements for this program.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/offices/state-offices. To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate local office.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2024 Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to repair essential community facilities damaged by presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022 or to repair or replace essential community facilities damaged by presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2023 and other disasters in calendar year 2023. Projects must be located in a rural area, except for utility-type services such as telecommunications or hydroelectric that serve both rural and non-rural areas; financially feasible; for public use; necessary for orderly community development; and consistent with the state strategic plan. Eligible applicants are state and local governments, nonprofit corporations or associations that have significant ties with the local rural community, unless they are nonprofit utilities, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Program History

This is a new program authorized under the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$38 million

Award Range: None

Match: Varies

Solicitation date: July 29, 2024

Proposal due: Rolling

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

- Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served, rolling basis until all funds are expended.
- To initiate the application process, applicants must contact the appropriate state office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2024 Community Facilities Program Disaster Repair Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to repair essential community facilities damaged by presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2022 or to repair or replace essential community facilities damaged by presidentially declared disasters in calendar year 2023 and other disasters in calendar year 2023. Projects must be located in rural areas, except for utility-type services such as telecommunications or hydroelectric that serve both rural and non-rural areas; financially feasible; for public use; necessary for orderly community development; and consistent with the state strategic plan.

For the purposes of this program, essential community facilities are those public improvements requisite to the beneficial and orderly development of a community and operated on a nonprofit basis. Examples of such facilities include:

- Fire, rescue, and public safety facilities
- Health services facilities
- Community, social, or cultural services facilities
- Transportation facilities such as streets, roads, and bridges
- Hydroelectric generating facilities and related connecting systems and appurtenances, when not eligible for Rural Utility Service (RUS) financing
- Telecommunications equipment as it relates to medical and educational telecommunications links
- Supplemental and supporting structures for other rural electrification or telephone systems, when not eligible for RUS financing
- Natural gas distribution systems
- Industrial park sites, but only to the extent of land acquisition and necessary site preparation, including access ways and utility extensions to and throughout the site

Funds may be used for:

- Constructing, enlarging, extending, or otherwise improving essential community facilities providing essential service primarily to rural residents and rural businesses, including facilities such as educational and other publicly owned facilities
- Constructing or relocating public buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities and to make other public improvements necessary to the successful operation or protection of facilities
- Relocating private buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities, and other private improvements necessary to the successful operation or protection of facilities
- Reasonable fees and costs, such as legal, engineering, architectural, fiscal advisory, recording, environmental impact analyses, archeological surveys, and possible salvage or other mitigation measures, planning, establishing, or acquiring rights

- Costs of acquiring interest in land; rights, such as water rights, leases, permits, and rights-of way; and other evidence of land or water control necessary for development of the facilities
- Purchasing or renting equipment necessary to install, maintain, extend, protect, operate, or utilize facilities

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Helping rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to RD programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state and local governments, nonprofit corporations or associations that have significant ties with the local rural community, unless they are nonprofit utilities, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

Applicants must propose projects located in an eligible rural area, including a rural area of a reservation for tribes, impacted by eligible 2022 disasters or eligible 2023 disasters. Information on determining if a project is located in an area with a Presidential Disaster Declaration is available [here](#).

Applicants must:

- Be unable to finance the proposed project from their own resources, other funding resources, or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.
- Have the legal authority and responsibility to own, construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facility

Funding

In FY 2024, up to \$38 million is available to support awards through this program. There is no minimum or maximum award amount.

The project period will be noted in the award agreement and will extend for five years from the date of obligation of funds.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Matching requirements will vary according to population size and median household income, as follows:

- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 5,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 12,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the state non-metropolitan median

household income: applicants must provide at least 45 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions

- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 65 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 50,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 85 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions
- Projects located in rural communities with populations of 20,000 or less and median household incomes below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the state non-metropolitan median household income: applicants must provide at least 40 percent of the total project costs via cash contributions; this level is only available to communities impacted by a disaster that has resulted in a loss of 60 percent of the community's population and is located in a rural community designated as a major disaster area by the president

Matching contributions may include other Community Facilities Program financial assistance, applicant contributions, or loans and grants from other sources.

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Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help rural communities prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible projects may take place in communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent. Funding is intended to maintain the standards prescribed by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Eligible applicants are local governments, state governments, federally recognized tribes, and non-profit organizations.

Program History

Program history is unavailable for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Varies

Match: None

Solicitation Date: Rolling

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants>



Tips:

- Projects must serve rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias. Eligible rural addresses can be found [here](#).
- Priority consideration will be given to smaller rural communities and communities with a lower percentage of the state's median household income.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help rural communities prepare for or recover from an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Eligible projects may take place in communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent. Funding is intended to maintain the standards prescribed by the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Qualifying emergencies may include droughts, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, disease outbreaks, chemical spills/leaks/seepage, and other disasters. A federal disaster declaration is not required.

Eligible project types include:

- Water transmission line projects to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply
- Water source projects to construct new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water, including treatment plants

Eligible activities include:

- Waterline extensions from existing systems
- Construction of new waterlines
- Repairs to an existing system
- Significant maintenance to an existing system
- Construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and other sources of water
- Equipment replacement
- Connection and/or tap fees
- Costs incurred within six months of the date of the application to correct an emergency situation that would have otherwise been eligible for funding
- Other appropriate purposes, such as legal fees; engineering fees; recording costs; environmental impact analyses; archaeological surveys; possible salvage or other mitigation measures; and planning, establishing, or acquiring rights associated with developing sources of, treating, storing, or distributing water
- Costs of complying with applicable regulations
- Providing potable water to communities through means other than those covered above, but for a period of no longer than 120 days, when a more permanent solution is not feasible in a shorter time frame

All applicants must clearly show that they have had a significant decline in the quantity or quality of potable water or an acute shortage of potable water within two years of the date of the application, or that such a decline or shortage is imminent, and that the proposed project would eliminate or alleviate the problem.

Priority consideration will be given to smaller rural communities and communities with a lower percentage of the state's median household income.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include most state and local governments, including rurally located public bodies; nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized tribes.

Projects must serve rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias. Eligible rural addresses can be found [here](#).

The project area must also have a median household income no greater than the state's non-metropolitan median household income.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program as follows:

- Awards of up to \$150,000 for water transmission line projects to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish that water supply
- Awards of up to \$1 million for water source projects for the construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water, including treatment plants

At least 70 percent of all awards will be for projects that alleviate a significant decline in quantity or quality of water available to a rural area that occurred within two years, or to attempt to avoid a significant decline that is expected to occur during the next 12 months; such awards may be for up to \$500,000.

At least 50 percent of all funds will be allocated to rural areas with populations of fewer than 3,000.

Funds may be used for pre-award costs that were incurred within six months of application submission to correct an emergency situation that would have been otherwise ineligible for funding.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities are encouraged.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate contact listed [here](#).

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: U.S. Forest Service / Western Forestry Leadership Coalition

FY 2025 Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Competitive Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports collaborative, science-based restoration projects that focus on priority landscapes in the western United States and encourages the use of innovative cross-boundary approaches to support landscape restoration. Projects must focus on on-the-ground outcomes on nonfederal rural forest land, which is also considered non-industrial private forest land or state forest land. Eligible applicants include state forestry agencies, local governments, Indian Tribes, non-profit organizations, universities, and Alaska Native corporations.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2023	\$4.2 million	19
2022	\$3.8 million	11

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: \$25,000 - \$300,000

Match: One-to-one

Solicitation date: August 9, 2024

Proposal due: November 15, 2024

<https://www.thewflc.org/landscape-scale-restoration-competitive-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Willamette Valley Oak
Habitat Restoration, OR

AMOUNT: \$300,000

YEAR: 2023

This project received funding to restore and enhance oak habitats, reducing hazardous fuels and improving ecosystem health.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: U.S. Forest Service / Western Forestry Leadership Coalition

FY 2025 Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Competitive Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support collaborative, science-based restoration projects that focus on priority landscapes in the western United States, and to encourage the use of innovative cross-boundary approaches to support landscape restoration. Projects must focus on on-the-ground outcomes on nonfederal rural forest land, which is also considered non-industrial private forest land or state forest land. For the purposes of this program, rural areas are areas other than urbanized areas such as cities or towns with populations of greater than 50,000 inhabitants. Applicants are encouraged to prioritize addressing one of the following objectives:

- Reduce the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires
- Improve fish and wildlife habitats, including for threatened and endangered species
- Maintain and improve water quality and watershed function
- Mitigate invasive species, insect infestation, and disease
- Improve important forest ecosystems
- Measure ecological and economic benefits, including air quality, soil quality, and productivity

Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Promote cross-boundary collaboration
- Coordinate with or are in proximity to other complementary landscape-scale projects on National Forest System lands, or lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior or a state
- Coordinate with or are in proximity to other complementary landscape-scale projects on state land
- Coordinate with Natural Resources Conservation Service programs and appropriate state-level programs

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are state forestry agencies, local governments, nonprofits, Indian tribes, universities, and Alaska Native corporations. Eligible applicants must be located in Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, the Northern Mariana Islands, Oregon, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, or Wyoming.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards ranging from \$25,000 to \$300,000 through this program. Each state may submit up to five proposals; however, no state will receive more than 15 percent of the total funds available.

Project periods must be no longer than three years.

Match and Cost Share

Applicants must provide a one-to-one match of the total award amount via nonfederal cash or in-kind contributions. Any match waiver must be acquired directly from the appropriate U.S. Forest Service region. Applicants that leverage funding from multiple entities will receive priority.

Contact Information

Program Staff

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<https://www.thewflc.org/landscape-scale-restoration-competitive-grant-program>



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2025 Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects Revolving Fund Program

Grant Overview

This program helps qualified nonprofits create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and waste disposal systems in rural areas. Eligible applicants are nonprofits that have authority to operate a revolving loan fund, and financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations.

Program History

There is no history available for this program.

Key Information

Total Funding: \$1 million

Award Range: Unspecified

Match: 20 percent

Solicitation date: July 9, 2025

Proposal due: August 7, 2025

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/revolving-funds-financing-water-and-wastewater-projects>



Tips

- Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer, on tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias
- Applicants that provide more than the required minimum match will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Utilities Service (RUS)

FY 2025 Revolving Funds for Financing Water and Wastewater Projects Revolving Fund Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to allow qualified nonprofit organizations to create revolving loan funds that can provide financing to extend and improve water and wastewater disposal systems in rural areas. Award recipients will set up a revolving loan fund to provide loans to finance predevelopment costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular operation and maintenance of current water and wastewater systems. Capital projects should consider energy efficiency, resiliency, and water reuse technologies. The total amount of loan funding provided by award recipients may not exceed \$200,000 or 75 percent of total project costs.

The funding agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are nonprofits that have authority to operate a revolving loan fund, and financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant state/federal laws and regulations.

Eligible loan recipients are water and wastewater systems operated by state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and/or Indian tribes on federal and state reservations and other federally recognized Indian tribes.

Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer, on tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

Funding

In FY 2025, a total of \$1 million is available to support awards through this program. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Project periods will begin on October 1, 2025, and end on September 30, 2026.

Award recipients will receive funds to establish a lending program for eligible entities. The total amount of loan financing to an eligible entity may not exceed \$200,000 or 75 percent of project costs, whichever is less, and must be repaid in a term not to exceed ten years. The interest rate will be determined by the award recipient and approved by the funding agency.

There are no specific limitations for administrative costs; however, applicants with the lowest ratio of administrative expenses to loans advanced will receive additional consideration during the application evaluation process.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 20 percent of the total project costs. Matching funds may be from the applicant or a third party. Applicants providing matching contributions in excess of the minimum required will be awarded additional points during the application evaluation process.

Contact Information

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects in creating revolving loan funds that will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own. Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$5 million	6

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$5 million
Match: 10 percent
Solicitation date: January 1, 2025
Proposal due: March 3, 2025

- Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 50,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/rural-decentralized-water-systems-grant-program>



Awardee Profile

Southeast Rural
Community Assistance
Project, Inc. (SERCAP), VA

AMOUNT: Unspecified
YEAR: 2024

SERCAP received funding to help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 Rural Decentralized Water Systems (DWS) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects in creating revolving loan funds that will help individuals with low to moderate incomes finance the costs of household water well systems and individually owned decentralized wastewater systems that they own or will own. Applicants should consider energy efficiency, resiliency, and water reuse technologies. Loans may be used to construct, refurbish, and service a household water well or decentralized wastewater system up to the point of entry to the residence. In certain circumstances where ground well water contamination is documented, funding may be used to complete work beyond the point of entry to the residence.

Ultimately, the program is intended to increase access to safe, reliable water and septic systems for households in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas and towns with populations of 50,000 or less, tribal lands in rural areas, or colonias.

Award recipients may make loans of up to \$15,000 that will have a term of up to 20 years at a 1 percent annual interest rate. Where necessary, up to 50 percent of the awarded funds may be used as a grant.

Eligible loan recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Be individuals that are members of a household in which the combined household income of all members does not exceed 60 percent of the median non-metropolitan household income for the state or territory in which the individual resides
- Own and occupy the home being improved or be purchasing the home to occupy under a legally enforceable land purchase contract that is not in default by either the seller or the purchaser

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private, nonprofit entities that have:

- Expertise and experience promoting the safe, productive use of individually owned household water wells systems
- Legal authority to act as a lender
- Sufficient expertise and experience in lending activities
- Financial, technical, and managerial capacity to comply with relevant federal and state laws and regulations

Prior awards cannot be renewed; however, previous award recipients are eligible to apply for new projects. Non-tribal applicants proposing to serve households on tribal lands must submit a tribal resolution of support with their application from the tribe, or tribes, that have jurisdiction over those lands.

Funding

In FY 2025, an estimated \$5 million is available to support awards through this program. Funding will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Awards are anticipated to be announced on September 30, 2025. The project period will begin on October 1, 2025, and end on September 30, 2026.

Matching and Cost Sharing

Applicants must provide at least 10 percent of project costs via cash contributions. Applicants that provide more than the minimum required match will be awarded additional points based on the match percentage during the application evaluation process. Matching funds may originate with the applicant or a third party.

Matching requirements only apply to awards funds that are then used as revolving funds, and do not apply to subawards.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development
Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program supports projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Eligible applicants are corporations; states and territories; subdivisions and agencies of states and territories; municipalities; people's utility districts and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations.

Program History

	Awards	Funding Range
2023	32	\$300,000 to \$35 million
2022	34	\$36,986 to \$1.5 million

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$50,000,000
Award Range: Up to \$2 million (loans); Up to \$300,000 (grants)
Match: 20 percent
Solicitation date: August 23, 2024
Proposal due: September 30, 2024* Multiple deadlines

- Prior to applying, applicants may request technical assistance or other application guidance from the funding agency using the information provided in the Contact section, as long as such requests are made at least 15 days prior to each submission date.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-programs>



Awardee Profile

Hollis Crossroads Volunteer
Fire Department
Heflin, Alabama

AMOUNT: \$2,000,000
YEAR: 2023

This Rural Development investment was used to provide a loan to assist Mississippi Export Railroad in building a 76,750 square foot shop along with 9,400 feet of track in Helena Industrial Park located in Moss Point, Mississippi. Mississippi Export will hire 24 new employees once the facility is operational, which is expected to happen within one year after construction.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Business-Cooperative Service

FY 2025 Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support projects that promote rural economic development and job creation. Awards will be provided in the form of grants or loans to successful applicants, that will pass the funding through to business and community borrowers, or ultimate recipients, in the form of loans. Grant awards must be used to create revolving loan funds (RLFs) for this purpose. Both grant and loan awards will be used by the ultimate recipients for costs such as:

- Business incubators
- Community development assistance to nonprofit organizations and public bodies, particularly for job creation or enhancement
- Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to facilitate economic development
- Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents
- Startup venture costs, including financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment, or working capital
- Business expansion
- Technical assistance

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that will advance the following key priorities:

- Assisting rural communities to recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are the following borrowers described in the Rural Electrification Act of 1936, including corporations, states and territories, subdivisions and agencies of states and territories, municipalities, people's utility district, and cooperative, nonprofit, or limited-dividend associations. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Are current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric, or telecommunications borrowers
- Are a former RUS borrower that has repaid or pre-paid an insured, direct, or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act
- Are nonprofit utilities that are eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under the Rural Electrification Act

Projects must serve rural areas or towns with a population of fewer than 50,000 residents. For persistent-poverty counties, projects may serve county seats with populations of up to 55,000.

There is no limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit.

Funding

In FY 2025, approximately \$50 million is anticipated to be available to support grants of up to an anticipated \$300,000 and loans of up to an anticipated \$2 million through this program.

Loans will be made at zero percent interest rate for ten years. Loan award recipients must pass on loan funding to local businesses or ultimate recipients for projects that will create and keep employment in rural areas. First-time loans are at zero percent interest. Repayment for loans for ultimate recipients may be deferred for up to two years for projects that include a startup venture or community facilities projects.

Grant award recipients may use funding to establish RLFs. Grant funds must be repaid to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) upon termination of RLFs.

For grant awards, operating expenses of the RLF are limited to 10 percent of the total award amount over the life of the RLF.

Pre-award costs will only be permitted with the prior written approval of the funding agency.

Project periods will begin on December 1, 2024, and end on September 30, 2026.

Awards are anticipated to be made on the following dates:

- November 30, 2024, for applications submitted by September 30, 2024
- February 28, 2025, for applications submitted by December 31, 2024
- May 31, 2025, for applications submitted by March 31, 2025
- August 31, 2025, for applications submitted by June 30, 2025

Matching and Cost-Sharing

Applicants seeking loans, or the ultimate recipients of loans, must provide a match of at least 20 percent of the loan amount.

Applicants seeking grants must establish a revolving loan fund (RLF) and provide an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the grant amount. This contribution may not be provided using other federal grants, unless permitted by law.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Solid Waste Management (SWM)
Grant Program

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to provide technical assistance and training to help reduce or eliminate the pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Eligible applicants are private nonprofit organizations, public bodies, federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and academic institutions.

Program History

	Award Range	# of Awards
2024	\$92,500 - \$265,700	3

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: \$4,000,000

Match: Not required

Solicitation Date: October 1, 2024

Proposal due: December 31, 2024

- All projects must serve areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less.
- Special consideration may be given for projects that serve areas with populations of fewer than 5,500 or 2,500; regional, multi-state, or national areas; and/or lower-income populations.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/solid-waste-management-grants>



Awardee Profile

Zender Environmental
Health and Research
Group
Alaska

AMOUNT: \$265,700

YEAR: 2024

The funds will be used to deliver a series of solid waste management trainings and provide direct assistance for three villages. The training sessions will cover Landfill Equipment Operation and Maintenance, Rural Refrigerant Recovery, and Climate Change Planning for Solid Waste Utilities and Budgeting.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program

Detailed Summary

This program is designed to assist communities by awarding grant funding to qualified organizations that provide technical assistance and training to help reduce or eliminate the pollution of water resources and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. This includes addressing contamination caused by emerging contaminants, such as Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), disaster resilience, and other areas of priority.

Funds may be used for the following:

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources.
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills.
- Provide technical assistance or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill.
- Provide technical assistance or training to prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site.

The Agency encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance the following [key priorities](#):

- Assisting rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and through improved infrastructure;
- Ensuring all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD funded projects; and
- Reducing climate pollution and increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are private nonprofit organizations, public bodies, federally acknowledged or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups, and academic institutions. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be legally established and located within a state
- Be incorporated by December 31 of the year the application period occurs to be eligible for funds
- Have the proven ability; background; experience, as evidenced by the organization's satisfactory completion of project(s) similar to those proposed; legal authority; and actual capacity to provide technical assistance and/or training on a regional basis to associations

To meet the requirement of actual capacity, an applicant must either: (1) Have the necessary resources to provide technical assistance and/or training to associations in rural areas through its staff, or (2) be assisted by an affiliate or member organization which has such background and experience and which agrees, in writing,

that it will provide the assistance, or (3) contract with a nonaffiliated organization for not more than 49 percent of the grant to provide the proposed assistance.

Funding

In FY 2025, \$4,000,000 is available to support awards through this program. There is no minimum or maximum award. Projects should be completed within 12 months. The performance period is anticipated to begin October 1, 2025, and end September 30, 2026. Funds will be provided on a reimbursement basis.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no cost sharing or matching requirements associated with this grant.

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FEDERAL
GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Agency: Rural Development (RD)

FY 2025 Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant

Grant Overview

The purpose of this program is to help small, financially distressed rural communities pay for predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance for proposed water and waste disposal projects. Eligible applicants are most state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$1.3 million	35
2023	\$1.6 million	47
2022	\$1.3 million	47

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: No
Solicitation Date: Unknown
Proposal Due: Rolling

More information can be found [here](#).



Tips

Grant funds can be used to pay for predevelopment planning costs and activities, including:

- Feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects;
- Preliminary design/engineering analysis; and
- Technical assistance to develop applications for financial assistance.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Agency: Rural Development (RD)

FY 2025 Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Grant

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to help small, financially distressed rural communities pay for predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance for proposed water and waste disposal projects. Funds may be used to pay for eligible predevelopment planning costs and activities, including feasibility studies to support applications for funding water or waste disposal projects; preliminary design and engineering analysis; and technical assistance to develop applications for financial assistance. Predevelopment planning costs must be related to a proposed project that builds, enlarges, extends, or improves rural water, wastewater, solid waste, or storm water disposal facilities; or that builds or relocates public or private buildings, roads, bridges, fences, or utilities, or makes other improvements necessary for the successful operation or protection of facilities.

Eligible service areas must be rural, be considered financially distressed, and:

- Be located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of 2,500 or fewer, according to the most recent U.S. Census data
- Have median household incomes either below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide, non-metropolitan median household income using 2006-2010 American Community Survey data

Note: The NOFA file contains general program information and application guidelines. The program officer confirmed that the general program information and application guidelines in the NOFA file are up to date.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are:

- Most state and local governments
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized tribes

Eligible service areas must be rural, be considered financially distressed, and:

- Be located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of 2,500 or fewer, according to the most recent U.S. Census data

- Have median household incomes either below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide, non-metropolitan median household income using 2006-2010 American Community Survey data

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards through this program.

Matching and Cost-Sharing

There are no stated match requirements.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate Rural Development (RD) state office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/about-rd/state-offices.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households-grant>



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Grant Overview

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofits; and Federally-recognized tribes.

Program History

	Total Funding
2024	\$443 million

Key Information and Tips

- Total Funding:** Unspecified
Award Range: Unspecified
Match: Not Required
Solicitation date: Rolling
Proposal due: Rolling
- Contact the local representative who serves your area prior to submitting an application.

[Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant](#)



Awardee Profile

San Andreas Sanitary
District, CA

AMOUNT: \$299,000
YEAR: 2024

This grant will be used to make improvements to San Andreas Sanitary District headworks, irrigation pump station, and chlorine contact basin. These improvements will address and resolve issues related to infrastructure age and deterioration; ensuring San Andreas Sanitary District can continue to provide safe and reliable wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal services to the rural community of San Andreas.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. All facilities receiving funding must be used for a public purpose. Funding may be provided as a loan or as a combination of a loan and a grant. Partnerships with other federal, state, local, private, and nonprofit entities that offer financial assistance are encouraged.

Funding may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of:

- Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution
- Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal
- Solid waste collection, disposal, and closure
- Stormwater collection, transmission, and disposal

In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities, such as:

- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits, and equipment
- Startup operations and maintenance
- Interest incurred during construction
- Purchase of facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- Other costs determined to be necessary for completion of the project

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are most state and local governmental entities; private nonprofit organizations; and federally recognized tribes.

Applicants must have the legal authority to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed services or facilities, and must be otherwise unable to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Areas that may be served include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer
- Tribal lands in rural areas
- Colonias

Eligible rural areas may be searched online at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loans through this program. If funds are available, grants may be combined with loans, if necessary, to keep applicant costs reasonable.

The loan payback period may be for up to 40 years, based on the useful life of the facilities, financed with a fixed interest rate. The interest rate is based on the need for the project and the median household income of the area to be served. Applicants should contact their local Rural Development (RD) office, using the information provided in the Contact section, for details and current interest rates applicable to their project.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, partnerships with other entities that offer financial assistance are encouraged. In addition, projects must be financially sustainable.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local Rural Development (RD) office listed online at www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices.

[Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant](#)



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees Program

Grant Overview

This program assists private lenders in providing affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or fewer, excluding incarcerated populations. Eligible applicants are lenders with the legal authority, financial strength, and sufficient experience to operate successful lending programs.

Program History

Fiscal Year	Total Funding	# of Awards
2024	\$14,624,737	Unspecified
2023	\$123,059,011	Unspecified

Key Information

Total Funding: Unspecified
Award Range: Up to \$50 million
Match: Not required
Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees>



Awardee Profile

Holiday Valley Water
Association
Olympia, WA

AMOUNT: \$357,500
YEAR: 2023

This investment will be used to replace 60-year-old asbestos concrete pipes with poly vinyl chloride (PVC). The Association installed a new water main line to reduce the amount of maintenance and repair needed on the system. This repair also addresses the environmental issue of water waste due to leakage and the asbestos in the pipes.

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Office of Rural Development

FY 2025 OneRD Guarantee Loan Initiative: Water and Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees Program

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to assist private lenders in providing affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems for households and businesses in rural areas. Projects must be located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or fewer, excluding incarcerated populations. Funding will be provided to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve facilities for:

- Drinking water
- Sanitary sewers
- Solid waste disposal
- Stormwater disposal facilities

Depending on the circumstances, some funds may also be used for:

- Guarantee and lender fees
- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition and equipment
- Additional borrower labor to install and extend service
- Initial operating expenses
- Capitalized interest
- Purchase of existing facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- Debt refinancing

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are lenders with the legal authority, financial strength, and sufficient experience to operate successful lending programs. Lenders may include:

- Federal- or state-chartered banks
- Savings and loans
- Farm credit banks with direct lending authority
- Credit unions

Other non-regulated lending institutions may also be approved.

Lenders may request guarantees for the following borrowers:

- Public bodies
- Federally recognized tribes
- Nonprofit organizations

Eligibility is limited to projects located in rural areas with a population of 50,000 or fewer, excluding incarcerated populations. Applicants may verify address eligibility online [here](#).

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support loan guarantees obtained through private lenders through this program.

The loan guarantee percentage for loans approved in FY 2025 is 90 percent. The maximum loan amount is \$50 million. Loan fees will also apply as follows:

- Initial guarantee fee: 1 percent of the guaranteed amount
- Issuance of loan note guarantee prior to construction fee: 0.5 percent

Reasonable and customary fees for loan origination are negotiated between the borrower and lender.

Lenders will conduct a credit evaluation using credit documentation procedures and underwriting processes that are consistent with generally accepted prudent lending practices and also consistent with the lender's own policies, procedures, and lending practices.

Interest rates are negotiated between the lender and borrower. Rates may be fixed or variable; however, variable interest rates may not be adjusted more often than quarterly.

The loan term may not exceed 40 years.

Matching and Cost Sharing

There are no stated matching requirements for this program; however, applicants that include funds from sources other than the funding agency will receive additional points in the application evaluation process. Regulated lenders must include any borrower contributions in the application.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local rural development office listed online [here](#).

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees>

FEDERAL GRANT PROFILE



Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants

Grant Overview

This program supports the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funding will help eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for the funding agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program. Eligible applicants are most state and local government entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Program History

Program history is unavailable.

Key Information and Tips

Total Funding: Unspecified

Award Range: Up to \$60,000

Match: 25 percent

Proposal due: Rolling

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants>



Tips

- Projects must serve areas that have a median household income below the poverty line, or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income
- Partnerships with other federal, state and local entities are encouraged, and awards will be issued through this program only when the applicant cannot afford to borrow the needed funds

Department: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agency: Rural Development

FY 2025 Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants

Detailed Summary

The purpose of this program is to support the provision of clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and stormwater drainage for households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funding will help eligible low-income communities plan and develop applications for the funding agency's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.

The funding agency recommends finding your [state office contact information](#) and speaking to a program specialist before attempting to fill out any forms or applications.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants are most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes.

Projects must serve areas that have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income. Eligible areas may include:

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or fewer – more information can be found [here](#).
- Federally recognized tribal lands – a list can be found [here](#).
- Colonias

Partnerships with other federal, state, and local organizations are encouraged, and awards will be issued through this program only when the applicant cannot afford to borrow the needed funds.

Funding

In FY 2025, an unspecified amount of funding is available to support awards of up to \$60,000 or 75 percent of the total predevelopment planning costs, whichever is less.

Matching and Cost-Share

Applicants must provide at least 25 percent of the total predevelopment planning costs via cash contributions.

Contact Information

Questions should be directed to the appropriate local office listed [here](#).

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants>