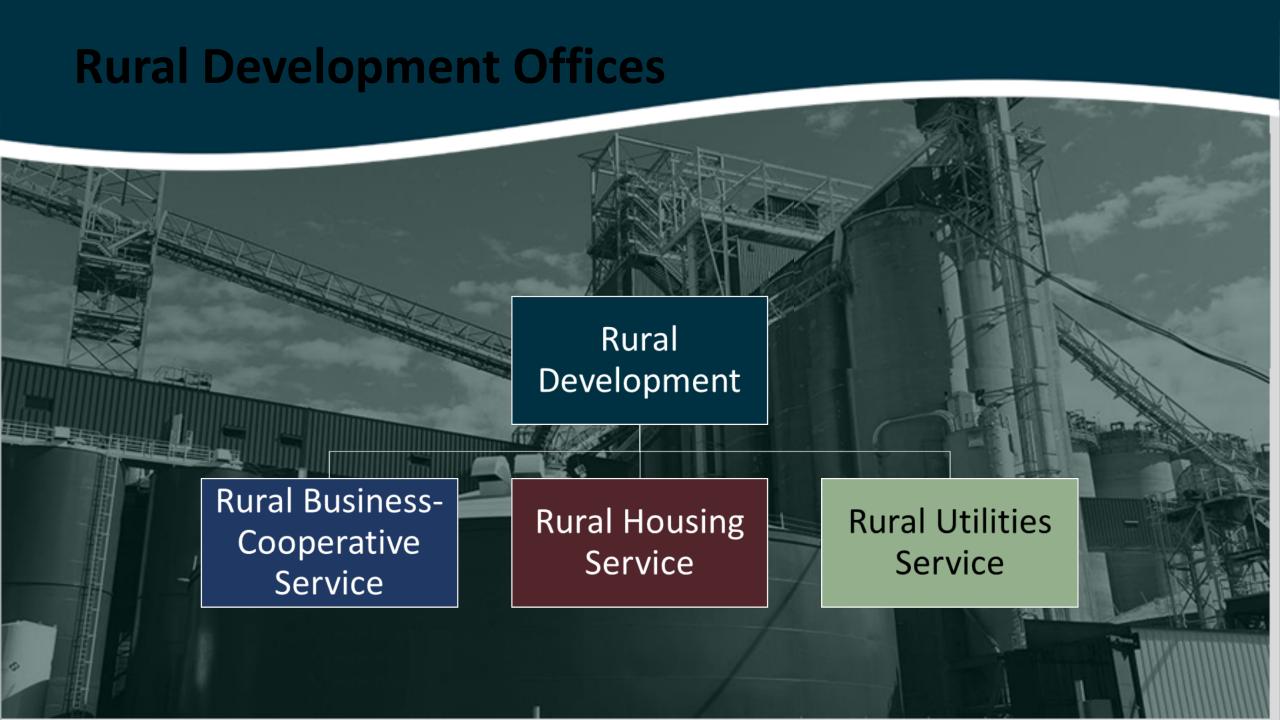




## Infrastructure for Rural America

**USDA Rural Development** 

Presented by Brenda Smith, Community Programs Director



Infrastructure for Rural America Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage tanks and distribution; pumping stations Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal; Solid waste collection, disposal and closure; Storm water collection, transmission and disposal.



Water and Environmental Programs

#### **WEP Direct Loan Terms**

- Loan repayment shall not exceed the useful life of the facility or 40 years.
- Applicant is responsible for short term financing during construction period.



#### Water and Environmental Programs

#### WEP Guaranteed Loan Terms

- Term is negotiated between lender and applicant but cannot exceed 40 years.
- Loan made by a commercial lender
- Guarantee by the Government (up to 90%)





Infrastructure for Rural America **Loan Security** Loans must be adequately secured: General Obligation – NY requires GO Bonds for **Municipalities Revenue Bonds for Authorities** Assignment of Income

Water and Environmental Programs **Water and Waste Loans and Grants Construction costs** Purchasing existing facilities improve service or prevent service Legal and engineering fees Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment



Water and Environmental Programs

Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG)

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural

Communities (SEARCH) Grants

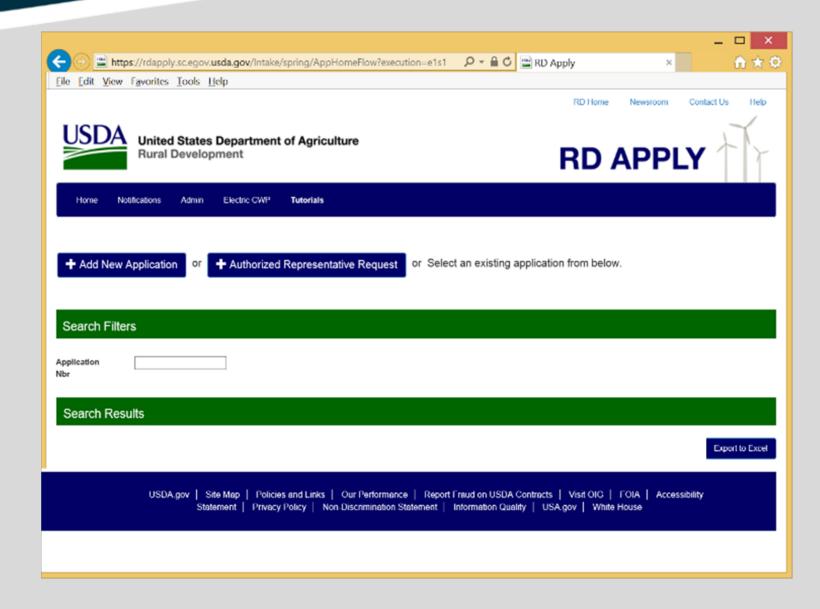
- ✓ Assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications
- ✓ Predevelopment feasibility studies, design and engineering assistance, and technical assistance for funding applications



### Water and Environmental Programs (cont'd)

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# **Eligibility:**

An applicant must be:

- > A public body
- > Not-for-profit organization
- Native American tribe on Federal or State reservations or other Federally recognized tribes

The facility must be located in a town/city/village with a population under 20,000.



# **Eligible Projects:**

- Purchase real estate
- Construction, expansion, or renovations
- Purchase vehicles and major equipment



# Eligible Loan and Grant Purposes:

- Construction Related Costs
- Technical Services-Architectural Fees
- Soft Costs



# Ineligible Loan and Grant Purposes

- Facilities to be used for recreational purposes
- Commercial Enterprises
- Projects that are not modest in size, type, and design



## Rates / Terms

- **❖** Interest Rate − currently 4.25%
- New Construction typically 30 years for Public Bodies
- Rehabilitation/Expansion typically 20 years
- Major Equipment varies (useful life, ranges 5 to 15 years)
- New Fire Trucks, Rescue Vehicles and Police Cars – up to 15 years or useful life



#### **OVERVIEW OF SUCCESS – Fiscal Year 2018**

	Loans/Grants	<u>Funding</u>	
WEP Direct Loans	51	\$101,097,000	
WEP Direct Grants	41	\$28,183,850	
SEARCH / Preliminary Planning Grants (P	PPG) 7	\$164,000	
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG)	2	\$299,200	
Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP)	1	\$988,000	
REAP - Sullivan, Town of Wawarsing & Tioga County only			

#### Overview of Success – FY 2018

	Loans/Grants	<u>Funding</u>
Community Facilities (CF)		
CF Direct Loans	20	\$56,144,000
CF Direct Grants	12	\$ 574,600
EII Grants	4	\$ 127,800
(Economic Impact Initiative Grant	cs)	

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Canton Service Center - Voice: (315) 386-2401, ext. 4

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Watertown Service Center - Voice: (315) 782-7289, ext. 4

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