



United States
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Rural Development



Infrastructure for Rural America

USDA Rural Development

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Rural Development Offices



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

Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

- An applicant must be:
 - ❖ A public body
 - ❖ Not-for-profit organization
 - ❖ Native American tribe on Federal or State reservations or other Federally recognized tribes
- Rural areas with population of 10,000 or less



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%)



Water and Environmental Programs

Interest Rates:

- Poverty 2.5%
- Intermediate 3.375%
- Market 4.25%
- Rates Change quarterly – Jan, April, July & October



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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

Emergency Assistance

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.



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)

RD Apply

- Safe and secure
- Convenient and available 24/7
- Faster processing with less paper

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Rural Infrastructure Programs

A large concrete arch bridge spans a wide river. The bridge has a prominent white arch structure supported by concrete piers. In the background, there are rugged mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows rocky banks on either side of the river.

Community Facilities Programs

Loans and grants for essential community infrastructure.

Rural Infrastructure Programs

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.



Rural Infrastructure Programs

Eligible Projects:

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



Rural Infrastructure Programs

Eligible Loan and Grant Purposes:

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



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Ineligible Loan and Grant Purposes

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



Rural Infrastructure Programs

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



Rural Infrastructure Programs

OVERVIEW OF SUCCESS – Fiscal Year 2018

| | <u>Loans/Grants</u> | <u>Funding</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| WEP Direct Loans | 51 | \$101,097,000 |
| WEP Direct Grants | 41 | \$28,183,850 |
| SEARCH / Preliminary Planning Grants (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

Rural Infrastructure Programs

Overview of Success – FY 2018

| | <u>Loans/Grants</u> | <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 Grants) | | |

Rural Infrastructure Programs

Area Offices:

Batavia Service Center - Voice: (585) 343-9167, ext. 4

Bath Service Center - Voice: (607) 776-7398, ext. 4

Canandaigua Service Center - Voice: (607) 753-0851, ext. 4

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

Cortland Service Center – Voice: (607) 753-0851 x4

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

Marcy Service Center - Voice: (315) 736-3316, ext. 4

Greenwich Service Center - Voice: (518) 692-9940, ext. 4

Schoharie Service Center - Voice: (518) 295-8600, ext. 4

Middletown Service Center - Voice: (845) 343-1872, ext. 4



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