



United States  
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## Rural Development



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# Clean water and sanitation help for rural communities



# 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 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
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- Rural areas with population of 10,000 or less



# Infrastructure for Rural America

## 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.

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## 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%)

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## WEP Interest Rates:

- Poverty 2.125%
- Intermediate 2.75%
- Market 3.5%

Rates Change quarterly – Jan, April, July & October

## **Loan Security - Loans must be adequately secured:**

- ❖ **General Obligation – NY requires GO Bonds for Municipalities**
- ❖ **Revenue Bonds for Authorities**
- ❖ **Assignment of Income**



## **Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants**

- ✓ Construction costs
- ✓ Purchasing existing facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service
- ✓ Legal and engineering fees
- ✓ Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment

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## Water and Waste Disposal Grants

### GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Not to exceed 75% of eligible project costs

- Project to alleviate a documented health or sanitary problem.

AND

- MHI of service area is below the higher of poverty line or 80% of the SNMHI (\$45,506).

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## Water and Waste Disposal Grants

### GRANT ELIGIBILITY (Cont.)

Not to exceed 45% of eligible costs

- The project is not eligible for up to 75%
- MHI of service area exceeds 80% (\$45,506) is less than the SNMHI but not more than 100% (\$56,882).

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- MHI of service area is greater than the SNMHI (\$56,882).

## **Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)**

- Helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.
- Eligible applicants include: local governmental entities, non-profits and federally recognized tribes, serving rural areas 10k or less.
- Grants made for repairs, partial replacement, cannot exceed \$150,000. Grants not to exceed \$1,000,000 for new water source.



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## **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

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## PPG Program

- Eligible areas include rural towns/cities/villages (**10,000** or less), not for profit organizations and federally recognized tribes that have a 2010 MHI less (\$45,506).
- Max. grant amount is **\$30,000** or **75%** of predevelopment planning costs

## SEARCH Program

- Eligible areas include rural towns/cities/villages (**2,500** or less), not for profit organizations and federally recognized tribes that have a 2010 MHI less (\$45,506).
- Max. grant amount is **\$30,000** or **100%** of predevelopment planning costs

# Water and Environmental Programs (cont'd)

## RD Apply

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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 mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows the rocky banks 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**

## 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 – unless for educational purposes such as schools and libraries.
- Commercial Enterprises
- Electric generation and transmission facilities or telephone systems.
- Loan and/or grant finder's fees/application preparation fees.
- Projects that are not modest in size, type, and design



# Rural Infrastructure Programs

## Rates / Terms:

- ❖ **Interest Rate – currently 3.5%**
- ❖ **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**

# St. Regis Mohawk Tribe



- Diabetes Center of Excellence
  - Supports Tribal Council '*Let's Get Healthy Program*'
  - 15,000 sq ft facility
  - 2,500 sq ft fitness room w/ equipment
  - Collaborative multi-agency and community project w/ tribe
- **Total Project Cost:** **\$3,382,114**
    - \$1,266,234 Awkesasne Housing Authority
    - \$1,000,000 St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
    - \$600,000 U.S. HUD
    - \$206,900 USDA Rural Development (FY11)
    - \$129,700 USDA Rural Development (FY12)

# Cobleskill Fire Department

Loan Funds - **\$560,000**

Grant Funds - **\$80,000**

Leveraged Funds - **\$40,000**

Total Project Costs –  
**\$680,000**



# Mercy Flight - Western

Total project Cost:     **\$24 Million**

Acquisition of three state of the art  
Bell 429 helicopters:

RD Direct Loan:             \$11,381,000

RD Guaranteed Loan:     \$11,381,000

Applicant Contribution: \$ 1,431,200



# Rural Infrastructure Programs

## OVERVIEW OF SUCCESS – Fiscal Year 2018

	<u>Loans/Grants</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
WEP Direct Loans	51	\$101,097,000	\$37,271,000
WEP Direct Grants	41	\$28,183,850	\$11,316,000
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)		

FY 2019 – no funding yet, we are going with the assumption funding will be similar to last Fiscal Year.



# 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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