

WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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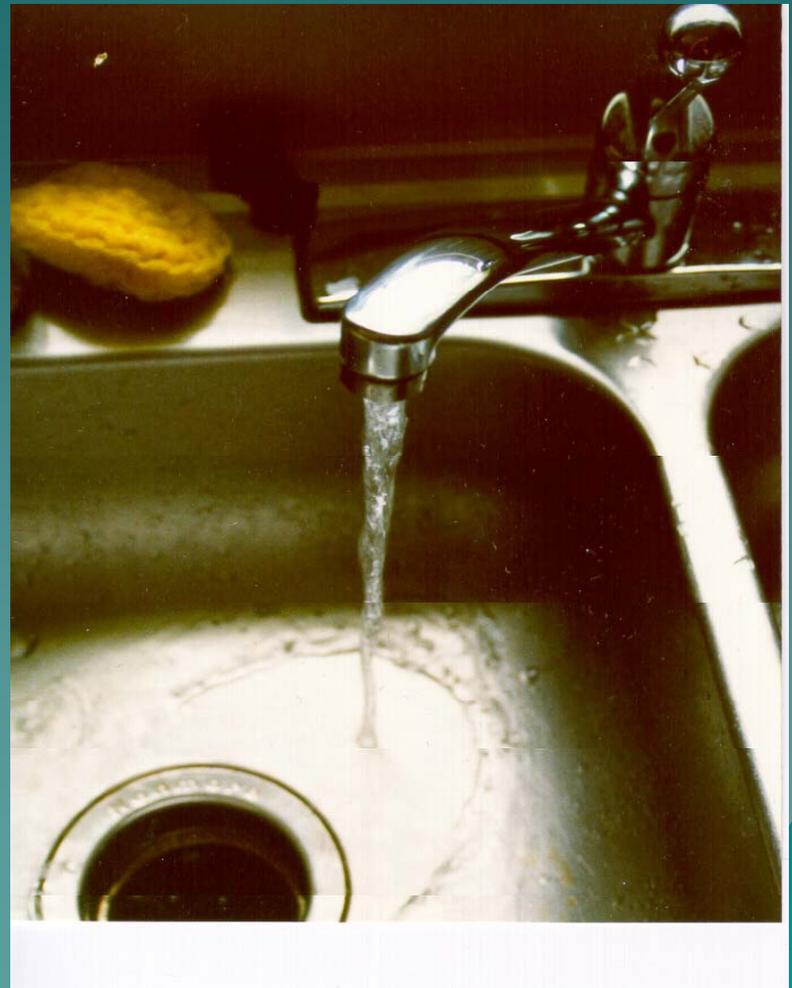
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Active Water and Waste Disposal Programs

- ◆ WWD Direct Loan and Grant Program (7 CFR 1780 & 1782)
- ◆ WWD Guaranteed Loan Program (1779)
- ◆ Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants Program (ECWAG) (1778)



Active Water and Waste Disposal Programs (Cont.)

- ◆ Household Water Well System Grant Program (HWWS) (1776)
- ◆ Revolving Fund Program (1783)
- ◆ Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) and Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program (1775)

WEP Loan and Grant Regulations Website

- <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs.htm>

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Eligible Applicants:

- **Towns & Cities (Population of 10,000 or less, or larger serving a rural area)**
- **Other Public Entities (Counties, Utility Districts)**
- **Non – Profit Organizations (Water Associations)**
- **Federally-Recognized Indian Tribes**

RURAL AREAS



10,000 or less w/in
incorporated area and any
unincorporated area
regardless of population



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Eligible Projects:

- Must serve a rural area.
- Construct, improve, or expand rural water, sewer, solid waste, or storm drainage facilities.





Water/Waste Disposal

Eligible Purposes:

- **New construction (new water or sewer system and/or components such as well, lagoon, storage tank, distribution/collection lines, pumps, etc.)**
- **Replace/upgrade existing components**
- **Extend existing system to serve new customers**



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Eligible Purposes (continued):

- Fees (engineering, legal, environmental, etc.)
- Solid waste and storm water drainage projects are also eligible, but are prioritized below drinking water and sewer

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Direct Loan Terms:

- **Non-profits – up to 40 years**
- **Public bodies – up to 40 years**

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Direct Loan Current Interest Rates:
(January 1 – March 31, 2010)

- 2.375 % (poverty line)
- 3.250 % (intermediate)
- 4.000 % (market)

Ref: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/int-rate.htm>

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Grants:

- **Maximum Grants – 75%, 45%**
- **Limited by MHI, O&M expenses, and debt service/reserve**
- **May be limited to availability of funds**
- **State allocations reflect current N/O policy of max grant 30%**

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Funding Availability:

FY 2010 Regular Allocation

+

FY 2010 ARRA Allocation

+

N/O Reserve

=

Plenty!

(\$290,000,000+)

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Water/Waste Disposal

Application Process:

- Applications processed and serviced in RD Area Office
- No application deadline; aps received all year and funded first-come, first-served
- RD FY Oct - Sept
- Funding selections made in State Office, or National Office if over \$5 million

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QUESTIONS?

