WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT MISSION

Rural Development targets Federal assistance to rural communities to help them develop community facilities and infrastructure to <u>improve the quality of the lives of rural Americans</u>.

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.)

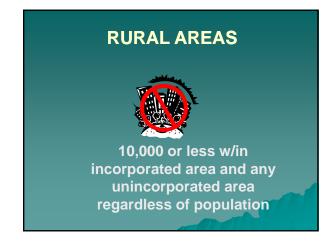
- Household Water Well System Grant Program (HWWS) (1776)
- Revolving Fund Program (1783)
- Technical Assistance and Training (TAT) and Solid Waste Management (SWM) Grant Program (1775)

WEP Loan and Grant Regulations Website

http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs.htm

PROGRAM SPECIFICS: WATER AND WASTE DISPOSAL USDA Rural Development









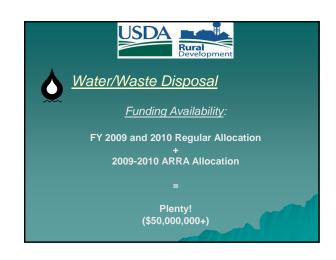














Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG) • 7 CFR 1778 • Significant decline in quantity or quality of water supply • Meet SDWA standards • Project must be tied to an emergency as defined in 1778 (drought, earthquake, flood, chemical spill, etc.)

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Examples of Eligible Purposes:

- New waterlines or extensions
- Repairs / significant maintenance to existing system
- New wells, treatment plants, etc.
- Equipment purchase
- Eligible costs incurred within 6 months of application to correct emergency situation
- Legal, engineering, etc., fees

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Maximum Grants:

- ♦ Not to exceed \$500,000 for alleviating a significant decline in quality or quantity occurring within two years of application, or attempting to avoid a significant decline expected within one year of application
- Not to exceed \$150,000 for repairs or significant maintenance to remedy acute shortage or imminent decline in quality or quantity
- Grants are made for 100% of eligible project costs

Household Water Well System Grant Program

- 7 CFR 1776
- National allocation of \$993,000 for FY 2009
- NOFA in spring (April 29, 2009)
- Grant(s) awarded to private, non-profit organization to establish a revolving loan program

Household Water Well System Grant Program

Eligible grant purpose:

 Revolving loan fund to homeowners for the construction, refurbishing, and servicing of individual household water systems in rural areas that will be owned by the homeowner.

Household Water Well System Grant Program

Terms of the Loan:

- 1% Interest Rate
- Maximum 20 year term, but should be as short as possible based on ability to repay
- Maximum loan per household is \$11,000

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