

NRWA Revolving Loan Fund

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National Rural Water Association in conjunction with USDA/Rural Development present:

The NRWA Revolving Loan Fund was established under a grant from USDA/RUS to provide financing to eligible utilities for predevelopment costs associated with proposed water and wastewater projects. RLF funds can also be used with existing water/wastewater systems and the short term costs incurred for replacement equipment, small scale extension of services, or other small capital projects that are not a part of your regular operations and maintenance.

Systems applying must be public entities. This includes municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes and corporations not operated for profit, including cooperatives, with up to 10,000 population and rural areas with no population limits.

What are the loan amounts?

Loan amounts may not exceed \$100,000 or 75% of the total project cost whichever is less. Applicants will be given credit for documented project cost prior to receiving the RLF loan.

What are the loan terms?

The law authorizing the program allows a maximum repayment period of 10 years. Additional ranking points are awarded in the selection process for applicants that propose a quicker repayment of the loan. The repayment period cannot exceed the useful life of the facilities or financed item. 5 year, interest only, pre-development loans will also be available.

What is the interest rate?

Loans will be made at the lower of the poverty or market interest rate as published by RUS, with a minimum of 3% at the time of closing. The most current rates are available on the RUS Water and Environmental Programs home page at www.usda.gov/rus/water.

What are the collateral requirements?

As a minimum, a promissory note or comparable document authorized by the governing body will be required. Additional security may be required by the RLF

administrator or loan committee when deemed necessary as allowable under State Law.

Where should applications be filed?

Applications, information, and forms can be acquired via the internet at www.nrwa.org. Click on the Revolving Loan Fund link for more information and application. Information can be e-mailed, if available electronically, to nrwalf@nrwa.org.

Applications and documents can also be sent by mail. Rural Water Revolving Loan Fund, 2915 S. 13th Street, Duncan, OK 73533, 1-800-332-8715.

The Village of Cleveland, NY was the first in New York to take advantage of this opportunity. Maybe you should consider this RLF too. 💧