

# USDA, RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER & WASTE DISPOSAL LOAN & GRANT PROGRAM

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**What does this program do?** This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

**Who may apply?** This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms. Eligible applicants include:

- **Most state and local governmental entities**
- **Private nonprofits**
- **Federally-recognized tribes**

**What is an eligible area?** Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less.

This year, USDA Rural Development received more than \$4 billion in direct loan funds to help rural communities build or upgrade water infrastructure. This is a substantial increase from last year. In 2017, USDA helped more than 2.5 million rural residents get access to upgraded water and wastewater systems.

We encourage rural community leaders and water district operators to apply now for this assistance. USDA state and field offices are great resources to use during the application process, and we have technical assistance providers with water and waste expertise that can help complete rural communities' applications.

USDA's support for rural water infrastructure is already making a big impact here in rural New York. Last year alone – working with our state, local and federal partners to address vital community needs - Rural Development invested more than \$54 million in loans and grants across nearly 60 projects involving water and wastewater related infrastructure.

Water districts and rural communities can apply for USDA loans electronically using the interactive RDApply tool on the USDA Rural Development website ([www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)). USDA state and field offices are great resources to use during the application process, their locations and contact information can be found on the Rural Development website (<https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices/ny>). 💧💧💧