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Rural Development



Infrastructure for Rural America

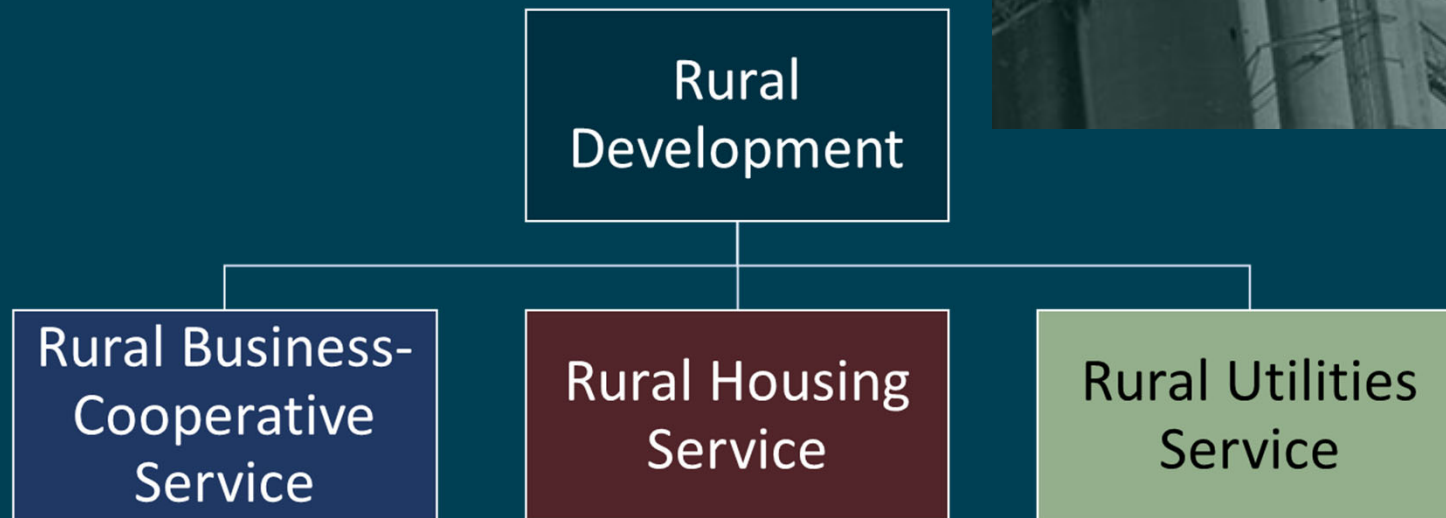
USDA Rural Development

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When Rural America Thrives, All America Thrives

- **Why does rural America matter?**
- **What are the outcomes we help to make possible?**
- **How are we uniquely positioned to help?**
- **How is Rural Development making an impact?**

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Clean water and sanitation help for rural communities



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- **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.**

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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

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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 1.75%
- Intermediate 2.375%
- Market 3.00%

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**

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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

- May be provided to reduce user costs to a reasonable level.
- A reasonable level is determined by comparison to similar systems.
- Keep in Mind the annual appropriations gave USDA funding levels that equate to 80% loan and 20% grant. So just because the applicant may qualify for 75% grant or 45% most will not get grant at that level.
- New York State policy has implemented a minimum cost per EDU of 1.6% of the MHI before any grant funding will be provided to a project.

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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).

0% of eligible costs

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

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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

- Safe and secure
- Convenient and available 24/7
- Faster processing with less paper

The screenshot shows the RD Apply web application interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: <https://rdapply.sc.egov.usda.gov/intake/spring/AppHomeFlow?execution=e1s1>. The page header includes the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development". The main navigation bar contains links for "RD Home", "Newsroom", "Contact Us", and "Help". Below the navigation bar, there are buttons for "Add New Application" and "Authorized Representative Request", followed by the text "or Select an existing application from below." A search filter section is visible, with a label "Application Nbr" and a text input field. Below the search filter, there is a section for "Search Results" and an "Export to Excel" button. The footer contains a list of links: "USDA.gov", "Site Map", "Policies and Links", "Our Performance", "Report Fraud on USDA Contracts", "Visit OIG", "FOIA", "Accessibility Statement", "Privacy Policy", "Non Discrimination Statement", "Information Quality", "USA.gov", and "White House".

Village of Clayton – Water System Improvement Project

- Total project Cost: **\$7.4 Million**
- The proposed project is for the upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant, water main replacement, and tank rehab.
- NYS WIIA Grant - \$3,000,000
- Applicant Contribution - \$68,000
- RD Loan - \$4,082,000
- RD Grant – \$250,000



Village of Port Leyden – Sewer System Project

Total project Cost: **\$2.8 Million**

The project is for sanitary sewer collection system and treatment plant upgrades.

CDBG funding - \$600,000

RD Loan – \$1,663,000

RD Grant – \$549,000



Rural Infrastructure Programs

A large concrete arch bridge spans a wide river. The bridge has a massive concrete arch structure with a steel truss interior. In the background, there are rolling mountains under a clear blue sky. The river is calm, reflecting the bridge and the sky. The foreground shows the rocky banks of the river.

Community Facilities Programs

Loans and grants for essential community infrastructure.

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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.



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Eligible Projects:

- **Purchase real estate**
- **Construction, expansion, or renovations**
- **Purchase vehicles and major equipment**

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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

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Rates / Terms:

- ❖ **Interest Rate – currently 3.25%**
- ❖ **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 – Regional Project

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



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OVERVIEW OF SUCCESS – Fiscal Year 2018 and 2019

	<u>Loans/Grants</u>	<u>FY2018</u>	<u>FY2019</u>
WEP Direct Loans	81	\$101,097,000	\$60,056,000
WEP Direct Grants	26	\$28,183,850	\$36,991,000
SEARCH / Preliminary Planning Grants (PPG)	13	\$164,000	\$125,000
Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG)	2	\$299,200	

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Overview of Success – FY 2018

	<u>Loans/Grants</u>	<u>Funding</u>
Community Facilities (CF)		
CF Direct Loans	20	\$11,676,000
CF Direct Grants	13	\$ 729,900
EII Grants	4	\$ 158,900
(Economic Impact Initiative Grants)		

FY 2020 – no funding yet, we are going with the assumption funding will be similar to last Fiscal Year.

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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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