

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

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USDA Rural Development

MISSION AREA

- Rural Housing Service
 - Rural Business & Cooperative Service
 - Rural Utilities Service
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Water & Environmental Programs Funding Opportunities

- Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program
 - Solid Waste Management Grants
 - Community Facility Loan and Grant program
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WWD Eligible Applicants & Areas

- Most State & local governmental entities
- Non-Profits (ex: Water & Wastewater Districts)
- Federally Recognized Tribes
- Rural areas & towns with fewer than 10,000 population

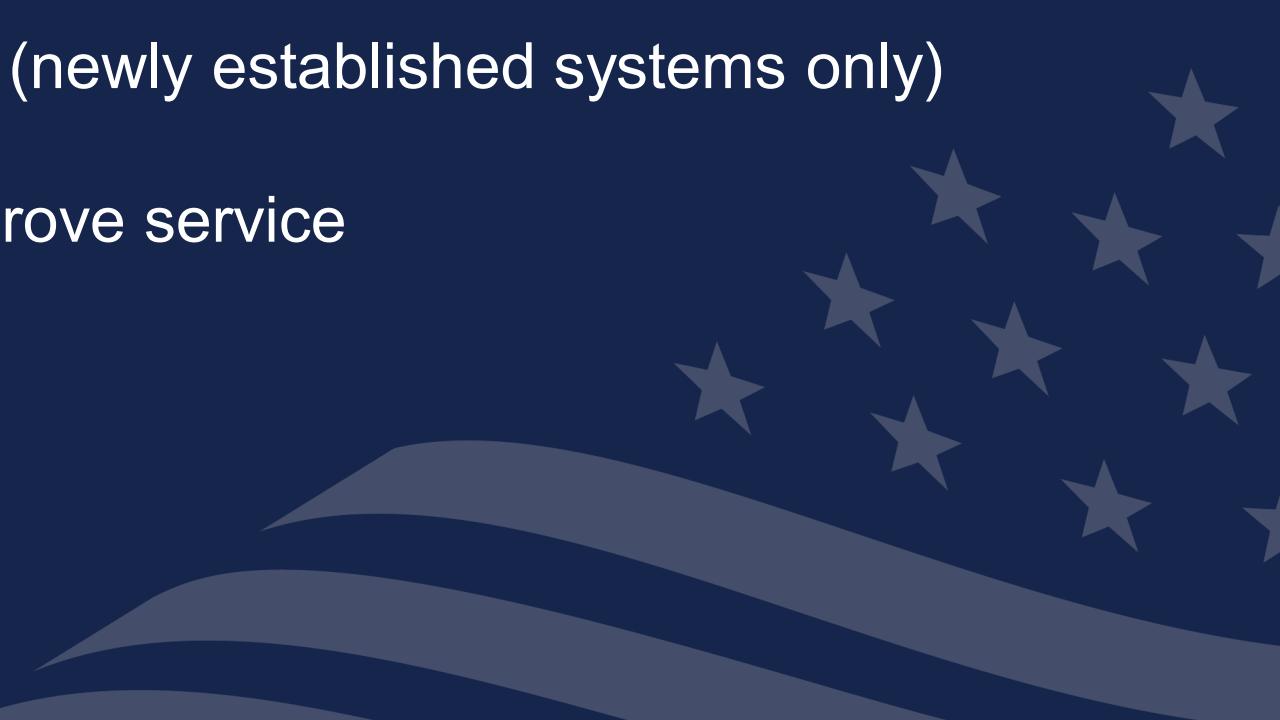


How can WWD funds be used?

To Acquire, Construct, or Improve

- Drinking Water sourcing & treatment
 - Drinking Water storage & distribution
 - Sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal
 - Solid Waste collection, disposal, and closure
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How can WWD Funds be used cont.


- Legal & Engineering Fees, permits, and related costs
 - Equipment acquisition
 - Start-up Operations & Maintenance (newly established systems only)
 - Purchase of existing facilities to improve service
 - Interest during construction
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Current Interest Rates*


- Market 3.75%
- Intermediate 3.00%
- Poverty 2.25%

*Effective 4/01/23 through 6/30/23. Subject to change quarterly but fixed once loan is approved/closed.

Interest Rates / Terms

- Maine Median Household Income (MHI)
\$49,754 per American Community Survey
 - Intermediate below 80% of ME MHI which is \$39,803
 - Poverty Rate – Below 80% ME MHI AND health and sanitary hazard
 - Loan term up to 40 years (Maximum 30 years municipalities)
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FUNDING CYCLE

- Applications accepted at any time
 - Federal Fiscal Year begins October 1st and ends September 30th
 - Mid-year pooling in April/May
 - Year-end pooling in early August
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Historical Funding

	Allocation	Obligated	Leveraging	# of Projects
FY 2022	\$33,658,000	\$41,250,600	\$56,805,571	14
FY 2021	\$19,577,000	\$35,433,400	\$15,417,002	9
FY 2020	\$20,998,000	\$18,950,600	\$10,631,467	10
FY 2019	\$21,570,000	\$70,006,731	\$12,482,046	22
FY 2018	\$65,589,000	\$59,845,597	\$ 8,786,774	13
Total	\$161,392,000	\$225,486,928	\$104,122,860	68

Solid Waste Management TA Grants

- Eligible entities are: Public bodies, Nonprofits, Federally recognized tribes and academic institutions . Historically it has been regional planning and COGS applying.
 - Rural areas and towns with a population of 10,000 or less
 - Special consideration may be given for projects serving:
 - An area with fewer than 5,500 or fewer than 2,500 people;
 - Regional, multi-state or national areas; or
 - Lower-income populations.
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Solid Waste Management TA Grants purposes

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources.
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills.
- Provide technical assistance or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill. Hazardous waste disposal days has been popular use.
- Provide technical assistance or training to prepare for closure and future use of a landfill site.
- PLEASE NOTE: Program is technical assistance, so not for capital improvements, operating costs, or maintenance of facilities

Solid Waste Management TA grants

- This is a nationally competitive grant.
- Matching funds are not required for this grant. However, applicant and in-kind contributions are encouraged through points.
- Applications can be filed through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) from October 1 – December 31.
- If interested, ask to be placed on our list to be notified of open application period.

Community Facility Loan Program

- Same eligible entities: Public bodies, nonprofits, Federally recognized tribes
- 3.75% interest rate. Similar terms as WWD 40/30
- Population up to 20,000
- Same eligible use of funds: acquire, construct, improve, and associated soft costs

Community Facility Loan Program

- Health care facilities such as hospitals, medical clinics, dental clinics, nursing homes or assisted living facilities
 - Public facilities such as town halls, courthouses, airport hangars or street improvements
 - Community support services such as child care centers, community centers, fairgrounds or transitional housing
 - Public safety services such as fire departments, police stations, prisons, police vehicles, fire trucks, public works vehicles or equipment
 - Educational services such as museums, libraries or private schools
 - Utility services such as telemedicine or distance learning equipment
 - Local food systems such as community gardens, food pantries, community kitchens, food banks, food hubs or greenhouses
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Questions?

