USDA Rural Water & Waste Disposal Loans & Grants

Total Funding Available: $1.38 billion ($412 million loans; $968 million grants)

State Funding Available: unknown at this time

Overview:
This program provides funding for water, sewer, stormwater, and solid waste systems in rural communities. A rural community for purposes of this funding is one in which the service area is under 10,000 in population. The applicant must be unable to borrow money elsewhere at rates and terms to make the project affordable.

The fund makes both grants and loans. Loan terms are up to 40 years, with a general obligation bond required for security. Funding decisions are made on a rolling basis.

Special Factors: USDA has not announced any changes to this program that are specific to the federal stimulus. Stimulus dollars are merely being added to existing funding streams, although USDA has not yet announced the mix of loans and grants available from the stimulus package.

How to Access Funding: Meet **now** with your USDA Rural Development district office for assistance in applying for this funding.

Federal Contact: www.usda.gov/recovery

State Contact: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/nc/

Contact the appropriate USDA Rural Development district office:

- **Asheville**: (828) 254-0916 x.7
- **Jefferson**: (828) 246-2885
- **Lumberton**: (910) 739-3349
- **Asheboro**: (336) 629-4449
- **Henderson**: (252) 438-3141
- **Greenville**: (252) 752-2035
- **Smithfield**: (919) 934-6089
- **Kinston**: (252) 526-9799

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