**Purpose:**

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| **Provide financial assistance to eligible communities who lack resources to pay for completing RD application, feasibility studies (PER/ER), design assistance and technical assistance (analysis needed for application development; not including development of plans/specs or bidding documents)** | **same** |

**Funding:**

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| **$30,000 or 75% of eligible costs, whichever is less** | **100% of eligible costs not exceeding $30,000 with no match required** |
| **No repayment required if additional funds are not provided for capital project by RD** | **Same** |
| **Funds advanced used in calculation of loan/grant for proposed project and subtracted from total grant eligibility** | **Same** |
| **One time only disbursement of grant funds after all work is accepted** | **Same** |

**Priorities:**

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| **Systems with limited resources** | **Same** |
| **Smallest systems with lowest incomes** | **Same** |
| **Fund availability** | **Same** |

**Eligibility:**

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| **Public body, not-for-profit, cooperative, federally recognized Indian tribe – must have DUNS # and be registered in S.A.M.** | **Same** |
| **Project serves financially distressed communities with MHI below 80% of the Statewide MHI** | **Same** |
| **Project serves an area with a population of 10,000 or fewer** | **Project is located in a city or town with a population of 2,500 or fewer**  |

**Eligibility (continued):**

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| **Funds limited to projects with a high potential for subsequent funding soon after application submitted and must be related to a project to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve water, sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal, and storm wastewater disposal facilities** | **Same** |

**Ineligible:**

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| **Cannot pay for costs already incurred** | **Same** |
| **Purchase of real estate, vehicles or other property** | **Same** |

**Documents for Eligibility Determination:**

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| * **SF 424 Application for Federal Assistance (Non-Construction)**
* **SF 424A Budget Information**
* **SF 424C Assurances**
* **Applicant’s Narrative**
* **Evidence of Organization**
* **Environmental Review-Categorical Exclusion without ER**
* **Audits (most current fiscal year end)**
* **Prefer Draft of Contracts or Agreements for Professional Services**
 |  **Same** |

**Documents Following Eligibility Notification:**

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| * **RD 442-7, Operating Budget**
* **Certification of Compliance with Federal Requirements/Laws**
 | **Same** |