



**United States
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Stakeholder Announcement

USDA Seeks Applicants to Improve Water and Wastewater Infrastructure in Rural Areas

Eligible Applicants are Encouraged to Apply Now

(Dec. 3, 2015) – USDA Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah today announced that the Rural Development Agency is soliciting applications for the Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program. USDA will publish on its website the amount of funding available for FY 2016. In the meantime, eligible applicants are encouraged to apply now by using the online application tool [RDApply](#).

Applications may be submitted by most state and local governmental entities, private non-profits, and federally-recognized tribes who are unable to obtain commercial credit.

[The Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program](#) provides loans and grants for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in rural areas with a population of 10,000 or less. In some cases, funding may also be available for related activities such as legal and engineering fees, land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment and other activities necessary to complete a project.

Additional information is available by contacting a [Water and Environmental Programs](#) specialist in a [USDA Rural Development](#) area office.

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