



Rural Development

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Key Actions

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making \$3 million in grants available to help California's rural communities that are experiencing a significant decline in the quality or quantity of drinking water due to the drought obtain or maintain water sources of sufficient quantity and quality. These funds will be provided to eligible, qualified communities by application through USDA Rural Development's Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG) program.

Program Overview

The USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG) program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses.

- Grants up to **\$150,000** are for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and related maintenance.
- Grants up to **\$500,000** are for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility or waterline extensions.

What is an Eligible Area?

Projects must be located in rural areas and towns up with 10,000 or fewer people and with a median household income less than \$62,883. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Check eligibility at <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>.

Who Can Apply?

Eligible applicants include most State and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Tribes. Privately owned wells are not eligible.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted year round through local USDA Rural Development offices. For a list of offices and staff contact information, see next page.

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