

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Taking Applications to Improve Water and Waste Infrastructure in Rural Communities Across the Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 2025 –U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development today announced that USDA is now accepting applications for programs to improve water and waste disposal infrastructure for communities across the nation.

The [Solid Waste Management Grants](#) program and the [Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants](#) program are open for applications now through December 31, 2025. These programs, administered through the Rural Utilities Service, directly contribute to vibrant rural communities with modern, reliable infrastructure.

The **Solid Waste Management Grants Program** supports technical assistance and training to help rural communities manage solid waste sites, such as landfills, and reduce or eliminate water pollution. Historically, USDA has invested in projects to train waste management operators and support responsible planning to protect communities against improper waste storage or other potential problems.

USDA expects to make approximately \$4 million available through this program. Additional information, including how to apply, is [available online](#).

Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants ultimately help small communities improve water and waste treatment facilities. Qualified nonprofit organizations can use this program to deliver technical assistance and training that solves water and waste disposal problems and helps communities prepare applications for related loans and grants.

USDA expects to make approximately \$35 million available through this program. Find more information about [this program](#) online.

Eligible applicants that support rural areas and towns with 10,000 or fewer people are encouraged to apply for these programs. USDA is accepting applications for both programs through [Grants.gov](#). The deadline to apply is 11:59 p.m. ET on Dec. 31, 2025.

USDA Rural Development invests in rural America with programs to promote rural prosperity. These programs expand access to high-speed internet, electricity, and transportation infrastructure, and support economic growth, healthcare, education, housing, and other community essentials. Discover more investment details and historical data in the [Rural Data Gateway](#) and learn more about the agency at [www.rd.usda.gov](#).

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