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**Total Projects:192; Grand Total: \$762,882,319
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States	Senators	Representatives	Program	Recipient	Loan	Grant	Project Description
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Gabe Vasquez (02)	Business and Industry Loan Guarantees	Louisiana Pepper Exchange LLC	\$19,000,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide long-term financing for the purchase of property to build and equip a manufacturing facility to supply pepper mash to various food manufacturers, restaurants, and retail stores. The borrower, Louisiana Pepper Exchange, LLC (LPE) is a North American pepper mash and puree supplier that currently sells product from its Louisiana facility. Pepper Mash is the primary ingredient in hot sauce but is also used to make other food such as condiments, cheese, bakery, and protein products. The new production facility will be located on a 10-acre greenfield site in the Ironhorse Industrial Park, in Santa Teresa, New Mexico. This site is in an ideal location because it will import the pepper mash from suppliers in Costa Rica, Colombia, Peru, and Mexico. Also, the location will allow LPE to better serve its customers in the Southwestern part of the United States through existing distribution contracts with various food distributors, restaurants, and retailers. The new site will increase manufacturing capacity and better supply the growing demand for their product. The project will create 15 jobs with an average annual wage of \$25 per hour.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Hal Rogers (05)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Barbourville		\$36,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to enable the city to continue maintaining roadways and facilities with a new street department vehicle. This investment will impact over 3,000 people.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Hal Rogers (05)	Community Facilities Grants	City of Manchester		\$21,700	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip the city of Manchester with two mowers, which will allow the city to continue to maintain its streets and facilities. This project will impact roughly 1,300 people.
NC	Thom Tillis Ted Budd	Don Davis (01)	Community Facilities Grants	Northampton County		\$5,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a courthouse annexation for Northampton County. The current administrative offices utilized to provide services to the county residents does not support the design criteria for a modern office space due to the age of the facility. The proposed project includes the construction of a 15,194 square foot facility, adjacent to the new courthouse which is currently under construction. The new facility will conveniently relocate the services provided by the county manager, tax office, register of deeds, finance office, human resources department and information technology in one location. The construction of the proposed project will assist in providing the necessary services to the citizens and businesses for Northampton County.



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WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Derrick Van Orden (03)	Community Facilities Grants	Adams County Fire District		\$34,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and install a backup generator operated by the Adams County Fire District (ACFD) for the fire station, located in the Adams, Wisconsin. The ACFD is a volunteer fire department, and the current fire station was built approximately five years ago. At the time of construction, the original plan was to include a backup generator. Due to an increase in construction costs, the generator was not able to be included in the original build. Consequently, the fire station presently does not have a backup generator. Without backup power, the ACFD is vulnerable to power outages. If a power outage were to occur during a very cold period, the firefighting equipment could experience serious damage. The county is at risk of having limited fire coverage in the event of severe storms if the power were to go out.
WV	Joe Manchin Shelley Moore Capito	Carol Miller (01)	Community Facilities Grants	Wayne County Building Commission		\$1,087,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to enlarge and renovate the third-floor courtroom of the Wayne County Courthouse. Wayne County Building Commission will also renovate offices and connected areas that are used with the courtroom. These improvements will include security and handicap accessibility.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Iditarod Area School District		\$258,445	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip seven hub sites and end-user sites throughout the Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area of Alaska with fiber optic and heavy equipment simulators designed to work with distance learning. Instructors in McGrath will deliver training to six locations benefitting 286 students.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Southeast Island School District		\$633,910	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip nine Hub/end user sites throughout the Prince of Wales, Ketchikan Gateway, and Sitka Borough in Southeastern Alaska with devices, hardware/software and video conferencing equipment to facilitate distance learning. Instructors at the Southeast Island School District on Prince of Wales Island will deliver Scientific, Technical, Engineering and Mathematics, Career and Technical Education courses to nine locations benefitting 146 students.



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KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	James Comer (01)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Four Rivers Behavioral Health		\$279,698	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip three hub sites and four hub/end user sites throughout Hickman, Fulton, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken, Graves, and Calloway counties in western Kentucky with Zoom Room technology to provide telehealth services. Clinical professionals at Western Kentucky Regional Mental Health and Four Rivers Behavioral Health will be able to deliver telehealth services for those in need of treatment for mental health and/or substance use issues as well as psychiatric evaluations and medication management services to four locations benefitting 5,515 individuals.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Hal Rogers (05)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Union College		\$787,400	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip five hub sites and four end-user sites throughout Knox & Whitley counties in southeast Kentucky with live, interactive video conferencing technology. Instructors at Union College in Knox County, Kentucky will deliver RN-to-BSN & Pre Licensure-to-BSN courses to four locations benefitting 1,024 students and 110 faculty in rural Kentucky communities. This project will also benefit an estimated 11,660 rural residents in Corbin and Barbourville, Kentucky.
KY TN	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul (KY) Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty (TN)	Hal Rogers (KY 05) Tim Burchett (TN 02)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Dayspring Health Inc.		\$746,351	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip nine hub/end-user sites throughout Whitley County in southeastern Kentucky, and Campbell and Claiborne counties in eastern Tennessee with telemedicine pods and accessories. Medical Professionals at Dayspring Health Inc., will deliver primary care telehealth from specialists throughout the greater Kentucky and Tennessee regions to nine locations benefitting 4,120 individuals.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Gabe Vasquez (02) Melanie Stansbury (01)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Tanya V Marin, PC dba Santa Teresa Children's Night Clinic		\$474,739	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip six hub sites and five end-user sites throughout Dona Ana, Socorro, and Torrance Counties in New Mexico with AMD telemedicine patient assessment terminals. Health Professionals at Santa Teresa Children's Night Clinic will deliver primary care, mental health services, women's health services, and medically relevant education to five locations benefitting 14,237 individuals.



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WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Mike Gallagher (08) Scott Fitzgerald (05) Derrick Van Orden (03) Tom Tiffany (07)	Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants	Northwood Technical College		\$999,480	This Rural Development investment will be used to equip five hub sites and 33 hub/end-user sites throughout Douglas, Ashland, Barron, St. Croix, Bayfield, Dodge, Florence, Marinette, Sawyer, Iron, Forest, Juneau, Taylor, Wood, Price, Waupaca, Shawano, and Portage counties in northern and central Wisconsin with interactive video distance learning equipment. Instructors at 33 Public K-12 schools will have access to enrichment, high school, dual-credit programming, along with continuing education classes benefitting 33,278 individuals.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Brett Guthrie (02) Hal Rogers (05) Andy Barr (06)	Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program	Jackson Energy Cooperative	\$42,000,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to connect 3,712 consumers, and build and improve 195 miles of line. This loan includes \$8,490,696 in smart grid technologies. Jackson Energy is headquartered in McKee, Kentucky, and serves an average of 52,719 members over 5,834 miles of energized line across 15 counties.
FL	Marco Rubio Rick Scott	Scott Franklin (18)	ReConnect Grant	IBT Group USA LLC		\$24,248,616	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises network to provide high-speed internet. This network will benefit 8,678 people, 231 businesses, 11 farms and 34 educational facilities in DeSoto County in Florida. IBT Group USA LLC will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), as well as offering an additional Low-Cost Option discount on its Basic Internet residential broadband pricing of \$4.00 per month for those customers that qualify for Lifeline or ACP. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in DeSoto county.
FL	Marco Rubio Rick Scott	Kat Cammack (03)	ReConnect Grant	Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Incorporated		\$17,795,471	This Rural Development investment will be used to deploy a fiber-to-the-premises and fixed wireless - licensed network to provide high-speed internet. This network will benefit 19,003 people, 482 businesses, 654 farms and 42 educational facilities in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties in Florida. Suwannee Valley Electric Cooperative Inc will make high-speed internet affordable by participating in the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Affordable Connectivity Program. This project will serve socially vulnerable communities in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee counties.

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GA	Jon Ossoff Raphael Warnock	Sanford Bishop Jr. (02)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Storm Services Texas LLC		\$819,126	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and install an 831kW solar array. Storm Services Texas, LLC is a solar production company in Thomasville, Thomas County, Georgia. This project will realize \$73,000 per year of income and will generate 1,460 MWh per year, which is enough to power 135 homes.
GA	Jon Ossoff Raphael Warnock	Sanford Bishop Jr. (02)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Finish Line Storage LLC		\$25,601	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and install an 23.28 kW solar array. Finish Line Storage is a multi-unit storage facility in Leesburg, Lee County, Georgia. This project will realize \$3,521 in savings and replace 24,691 kWh per year, which is enough energy to power four homes.
GA	Jon Ossoff Raphael Warnock	Sanford Bishop Jr. (02)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Conner Insurance Agency LLC		\$30,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and install an 8.16kW solar array. Conner Insurance Agency LLC is an insurance company office in Arlington, Calhoun County, Georgia. This project will realize \$2,926 in savings and replace 18,625 kWh per year, enough energy to power one home.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Hal Rogers (05)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Moses Drilling Company LLC		\$13,600	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Moses Drilling Company LLC, a rural small business located in Gray, Kentucky, install a 11.05-kilowatt rooftop solar system. This project is expected to save \$1,295.91 per year. This system will generate 14,399 kilowatt hours of energy per year, which is enough energy to power one home.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Hal Rogers (05)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Longs Pic Pac Inc. - FKA A.R. Long Inc.		\$148,320	This Rural Development investment will be used to install a 143.1-kilowatt, roof-mounted solar system. A.R. Long Inc. is a grocery store located in Pineville, Kentucky. This project is expected to save \$6,649.83 per year. This system will generate 172,723 kilowatt hours of energy per year, which is enough energy to power 15.92 homes.



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NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Teresa Leger Fernandez (03)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Taos Hotel Associates LLC		\$31,642	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and install a 15.2 kilowatt DC photovoltaic system. Taos Hotel Associates is a boutique hotel located in Taos, New Mexico. After the renewable energy system is installed, the business will see \$3,303 savings in their annual electric bill. It will save 27,526 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity which is more than 36 percent of the electricity the business uses every year. The energy efficiency improvement will generate enough electricity to power two homes.
WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Derrick Van Orden (03)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Hegg Mill LLC		\$97,965	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Hegg Mill, LLC purchase and install a small solar electric array. This rural small business operates in Ettrick, Wisconsin and the project is expected to save the company \$17,025 per year in electrical costs.
WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Derrick Van Orden (03)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Craig Myhre dba Myville Farms		\$28,007	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Craig Myhre DBA Myville Farms, a crop farming operation in Osseo, Wisconsin, install a 22.9-kilowatt roof mount solar array. This project is expected to save \$4,353 per year. It will replace 32,538 kilowatt hours (kWh) (104 percent) of the company's energy use) per year, which is enough energy to power three homes.
WV	Joe Manchin Shelley Moore Capito	Carol Miller (01)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Loans and Grants	Brunetti's Inc.		\$150,753	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase and install a 167 kilowatt array. Brunetti's Inc. is a wholesale Italian Bakery in Wayne County, West Virginia. This project will realize \$13,914 per year in savings and will replace 198,778 kilowatt hours (kWh) (100 percent) per year, which is enough to power 16 homes.



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NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Gabe Vasquez (02)	Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Technical Assistance	Sustainable Engineering LLC		\$199,958	This Rural Development investment will be used throughout the state of New Mexico to provide technical assistance for 10 to18 rural small businesses and agricultural producers applying to the Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP). The technical assistance will provide energy assessments, audits, and technical reports; as well as assist with preparing reports, planning, completion of environmental reports and REAP applications. It will prioritize projects based on the REAP Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program objectives, i.e., Distressed or Disadvantage Communities, underutilized technologies, or grant requests of \$20,000 or less. The purpose of this funding program is to assist farmers, ranchers, and rural small businesses in making and submitting a complete REAP application. Sustainable Engineering, LLC is headquartered in Dona Ana County, NM a Rural Partners Network (RPN) community.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Alaska Forum Inc.		\$164,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities to deliver safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal by meeting Green Star Community Standards in twelve communities in rural Alaska. Alaska Forum will conduct Green Star community assessments and develop five-year work plans for participating communities and provide technical assistance and training.
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	Terri Sewell (07)	Solid Waste Management Grants	University Of Alabama at Birmingham		\$210,409	This Rural Development investment will be used by the University of Alabama at Birmingham to prepare technical studies to improve fire detection and safety protocols at rural landfills. The university will use the investment to introduce an advanced thermal-based landfill monitoring system. The fire identification and warning system tailored for landfills will provide community awareness programs and improve the management of solid waste sites in rural areas with a population of less than 2,500.
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	Terri Sewell (07)	Solid Waste Management Grants	University Of Alabama at Birmingham		\$193,000	This Rural Development investment will be used by the University of Alabama at Birmingham to provide meaningful hands-on and on-site solid waste management training, technical assistance, and education to the underserved rural communities of black-belt and the deep south of Alabama and Mississippi, suffering from poor sanitation systems, drinking water, and waste management. The university will use the investment to provide workshops on solid waste management and treating sewage. This project will help mitigate the rising challenges regarding soil, surface, and groundwater resource pollution in rural areas with a population of less than 2,500.



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CA	Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler	Barbara Lee (12)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Earth Island Institute		\$161,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide hands-on solid waste and resilience planning and management through technical assistance and training. The project will provide direct and indirect assistance to 44 California, seven Arizona, 17 Nevada and six New Mexico federally recognized Tribes.
DC		Eleanor Norton Holmes	Solid Waste Management Grants	Rural Community Assistance Partnership		\$805,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance and training to reduce water-resources pollution and improve solid-waste site planning and management in rural communities. The Rural Community Assistance Partnership Inc. (RCAP) will conduct a national program in collaboration with its six regional partners: Communities Unlimited (CU); Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP); Midwest Assistance Program (MAP); Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC); RCAP Solutions (RSOL); and Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP).
DC MD	Benjamin Cardin Chris Van Hollen (MD)	Eleanor Norton Holmes Jamie Raskin (MD 08)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Institute for Local Self-Reliance Inc.		\$81,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to develop a model Master Composter training program for composting foods scraps at community gardens and on farms, both urban and rural. The goals of this pilot training program are to 1) support the on-farm composting demonstration hub at the Agricultural Farm History Park in Montgomery County, Maryland, and 2) provide technical resources that can support the proliferation of on-farm composting to aid in the diversion of food scraps from disposal while increasing the amount of high-quality compost to cycle back into local food systems.
MA	Elizabeth Warren Ed Markey	Richard Neal (01)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Center for EcoTechnology Inc.		\$239,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to annually exclude 500 tons of food and building materials from entering the solid-waste management streams of rural communities. The project will support these communities by introducing resilient, restorative, and regenerative systems that focus on reduction of wasted food and construction or demolition materials. It will allow the Center for EcoTechnology Inc. (CET) to deploy this comprehensive service package to rural marketplace managers, operators, and generators. Founded in 1979, CET has helped people and businesses reduce waste and save energy.



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MA	Elizabeth Warren Ed Markey	Stephen Lynch (08)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Northeast Waste Management Officials Assn		\$93,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to educate and train local officials, residents, institutions, and businesses in small, rural, low-income communities how to reduce the amount of plastic products and packaging entering solid-waste management systems. The project will help reduce the purchase, use, and disposal of plastic products and packaging, and the contamination of recyclables and food waste collected for composting. It also will promote the increased amount of purchased plastics that can be reused and recycled. Founded in 1986, Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association (NEWMOA) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association and leader in hands-on environmental-protection technical assistance and training.
MP		Gregorio Sablan (MP)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Cnmi Office of Grants Management		\$161,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide the Office of Planning and Development serving the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands plans to develop and teach Integrated Solid Waste Operator Training to solid waste operators on the islands of Tinian and Rota. The training will produce operators in an integrated solid waste management environment who have the knowledge to comply with regulations and properly manage various waste streams. The training will be directed to operators at facilities including landfills, transfer stations, green waste processing sites, white good/appliance recycling sites, and E-waste recycling sites.
NH	Jeanne Shaheen Maggie Hassan	Ann Kuster (02)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Lakes Region Planning Commission		\$142,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance and training to solid waste operators in order to reduce the quantity and toxicity of solid waste streams. The primary goal of this initiative is lowering the costs associated with solid waste management. This project takes a multi-pronged approach to providing education and training to solid waste operators, community leaders, town committees, local businesses, and residents in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. This education will help improve the cost-effectiveness of waste recycling, reduce the quantity of organics and recyclables entering the municipal waste stream, and reduce hazardous materials within it.
NH	Jeanne Shaheen Maggie Hassan	Ann Kuster (02)	Solid Waste Management Grants	pper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commissi		\$150,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help our rural communities better manage their solid waste. The project has four goals: 1) Increase public knowledge of toxic products and practices to reduce hazardous waste generation and reduce the carbon footprint, 2) Increase reuse and recycling of materials including food scraps to reduce waste disposal, 3) Increase proper solid waste, hazardous waste, and medicine disposal to prevent water contamination, and 4) Increase the safety and efficiency of schools and municipal materials-management facilities by training workers and supervisors.



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NH	Maggie Hassan Jeanne Shaheen	Ann Kuster (02)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Northeast Resource Recovery Association		\$107,000	This Rural Development investment will be used for the primary goal of Next Level Recycling to provide technical assistance to rural New Hampshire communities most in need, to reduce their waste stream. Elements of this effort include environmentally sound and fiscally sustainable practices to protect water quality. To achieve this goal, NRRRA will direct technical assistance to solid waste facility operators and local decision makers in 75 NH communities. Through Next Level Recycling, NRRRA will meet the purposes of the USDA RUS SWM Grant Program to provide free technical assistance and training.
OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Frank Lucas (03)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Oklahoma State University		\$81,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance, training, and education to rural areas in all 77 counties of Oklahoma in the field of Solid Waste Management (SWM) by Oklahoma State University. The training will assist participants understand the economic and ecological importance of establishing and implementing SWM programs in their areas.
UT	Mike Lee Mitt Romney	Blake Moore (01)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Solid Waste Training Institute		\$309,000	This Rural Development investment will be used for this multi-state project that will assist communities in Nevada and Utah to acquire technical assistance and training for the best management practices for their landfills. These two facilities are located in rural areas, with minimal employee structure and training. Solid Waste Training Institute is a non-profit organization that provides site-specific analysis and training for increased sustainability, safety, and reduced environmental risks. The program includes illegal dump cleanup, community awareness projects, and environmental protections to reduce groundwater contamination. Each site receives employee training for operations techniques aimed at reducing contaminant liabilities and increase efficiency.
UT	Mike Lee Mitt Romney	Blake Moore (01)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Solid Waste Training Institute		\$494,000	This Rural Development investment will be used for this multi-state project that will assist communities in Alaska, and Utah to acquire technical assistance and training for the best management practices for their landfills. These two facilities are located in rural areas, with minimal employee structure and training. Solid Waste Training Institute is a non-profit organization that provides site-specific analysis and training for increased sustainability, safety, and reduced environmental risks. The program includes illegal dump cleanup, community awareness projects, and environmental protections to reduce groundwater contamination. Each site receives employee training for operations techniques aimed at reducing contaminant liabilities and increase efficiency.



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VA	Mark Warner Tim Kaine	Gerald Connolly (11)	Solid Waste Management Grants	George Mason University		\$132,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to fund a study to help stakeholders, policy makers, and communities in three states minimize public-health risks from hazardous compounds in local landfills. The project will investigate transport patterns of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in rural Virginia, North Carolina, and West Virginia landfill liners, and determine whether PFAS migration poses significant risks to drinking water sources. The study will develop a critical model to predict the long-term mass flux of PFAS through the liners and evaluate impacts on groundwater and aquifers near rural landfills. Quantitative study findings will be publicly available through webinars, technical conferences, federal and state agencies' meetings, and publications.
VT	Bernie Sanders Peter Welch	Becca Balint (At Large)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Composting Association of Vermont Inc.		\$80,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to build and support sustainable, community-oriented composting sites in order to reduce solid waste, avoid water pollution, and increase soil health on farms in rural communities throughout VT, NH, and NY. Through this project, CAV will provide technical support and a learning structure for food scrap composting and manure management. This project will support continued work with seven sites in VT and NH, established in 2022, and add six to eight additional sites in VT, NH, and NY, to support and expand on-farm composting community in this region. The project will focus primarily on small farms. While some farmers compost for on-farm use, few accept off-farm food scraps.
VT	Bernie Sanders Peter Welch	Becca Balint (At Large)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Windham Solid Waste Management District		\$59,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to decrease the generation of solid waste and avoid water and air pollution through the implementation of expanded food scrap drop-off opportunities and targeted education on composting and recycling. A secondary goal of these initiatives is to improve soil health by reducing the contamination of the recycling stream and compostable waste stream. This will be achieved through the development of educational resources, an outreach campaign, and pilot food scrap drop-off locations, targeted at rural communities and informed by engagement with community stakeholders.
WV OH	Joe Manchin Shelley Moore Capito (WV) Sherrod Brown J.D. Vance (OH)	Alex Mooney (WV 02) Bill Johnson (OH 06) Brad Wenstrup (OH 02) Mike Carey (OH 15)	Solid Waste Management Grants	Rural Action Inc.		\$78,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help fund the Rural Action Ohio Valley Zero Waste Initiative. This project will encourage best practice use for waste management through recycling and composting in ten rural Appalachian Counties in Ohio along with two Appalachian Counties in West Virginia. This project is expected to create a cleaner environment for 532,241 residents in the 12 rural counties.



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NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Gabe Vasquez (02)	Value-Added Producer Grants	4-A Packing LLC		\$250,000	This Rural Development investment will allow 4-A Packing the opportunity to grow and expand its market and distribution area. Located in is in Deming, Luna County New Mexico 4-A Packing will use the grant funding working to expand its processing of fresh chile into freeze dried green chile stew packs. By doing so, the business will be able to expand to new markets because it will be creating a longer shelf life, which will allow a more cost-effective distribution to a larger area. This project will create 4 new jobs and will increase this company's customer base.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12)	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	City of Vienna	\$3,000,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to repair the water plant of the city of Vienna, Illinois. The project will replace the water main, install valves and fire hydrants, renovate an elevated water tower, among other necessary additions and repairs. It will reduce water loss, improve flow, reduce a number of health and sanitary concerns, and ensure all users have safe potable water access.
OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Josh Brecheen (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	The Warner Utilities Authority	\$1,830,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to replace the wastewater pump station and add a chlorination and de-chlorination system. The project will help provide safe drinking water to the community.
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Usarios Pozo Profundo Inc.		\$53,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist with Hurricane Maria relief efforts. After the passing of Hurricane Maria, the community was without power for eight months. They attended to the emergency with a 25-year-old generator used 8 - 10 hours daily to provide essential water service. The generator has had multiple repairs and is past its useful life. As a preventive measure the community is in need of a reliable generator with automatic transfer switch that works with water pumps for long period of time to guarantee water quantity if loss of power occurs during another emergency. The project will also reimburse expenses incurred to clean the clogged water well after the Hurricane.

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PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Comunidad Guaraguao Inc.		\$50,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funding due to complications on the replacement of the damaged water pump. When the contractor Walker Drilling Corp, had difficulty extracting the pumping system with a crane decided to verify the depth of the well; resulting that the well was clogged at 241' depth from an original 400' depth. Findings after extraction of the Pumping system: 1. Water well clogged at 241' depth 2. Damaged Pipes 3. Damaged Electric Cable
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Comunidad Las Cruces Inforporado		\$16,000	This Rural Development investment will be use to help Comunidad las Cruces Inc. Comunidad las Cruces Inc. has two well stations. The well station #1 has 25 hp submersible pump that has a 40kw generator donated thru FY21 HIM Funds and the well station #2 has a 3.5 hp pump station. The community extracts approximate of 54 gallons per minute, with both well stations in operation. The total extraction per day of the rural aqueduct is 48,960 gallons. That is a limited extraction capacity due to the 225 residences or approximate 900 people that the community serve, based on the PRASA design guidelines. Currently the second well station doesn't have a generator and when power outages occur they can't provide service to the whole community
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Comunidata Sabana Inc.		\$21,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a backup 20 kW power generator. The community received a 40 kW power generator that gives backup energy to most of the connections. The other segment of connections, joined through an inline water pump at the water-tank reservoir's elevation, does not receive backup energy during power outages. This segment needs a generator for emergency backup power. Comunidad Sabana Inc. has 165 connections for approximately 445 residents.
PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Quemados II Sector Vidente Inc.		\$26,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to buy an electric-power generator for Quemados II Sector Vicente, Inc. in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico. Area residents do not have an alternative power source on the deep-well station. This investment will enable residents to have safe and healthy drinking water in their homes. The project will benefit 85 homes with approximately 400 people.

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PR		Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Asociacion Pro Acueducto Hato Cuchilla Inc.		\$39,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase a 30 kW power generator with automatic transfer switch to guarantee emergency water delivery during power outages to the local community. After Hurricane Maria the community was without power for nine months. To help the educational-services organization Asociacion Pro Acueducto Hato Cuchilla manage the emergency and supply power, the San Lorenzo municipality lent it a 30 kW generator for four months. Puerto Rico has a very vulnerable power system after Hurricane Maria and rural areas suffer from constant power outages. This generator will help supply water to many local rural residents.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Jodey Arrington (19)	Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grants - Disaster	Town of Buffalo Gap		\$930,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to install generators at key water and wastewater infrastructure sites in the town's service area. The sites include five water system sites and four wastewater system sites. The addition of these generators will allow the town to continue to provide key infrastructure services in the event of power failures, especially in emergency situations.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Selawik		\$1,149,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a landfill for the community of Selawik, Alaska. The project also will close the unpermitted dumpsite and clean up refuse from about 20 acres of tundra wetlands.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Buckland		\$1,675,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a municipal solid waste facility, close and cap the current landfill, and construct an access road in Buckland, Alaska. Rural Development funds will be used in conjunction with Indian Health Service to construct the new landfill.

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AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City & Borough of Wrangell	\$1,961,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide supplemental funding for water source and distribution improvements in the city and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska.
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	Mike Rogers (03)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	East Alabama Water, Sewer And Fire Protection District	\$7,437,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to help complete sewage treatment plant upgrades for the East Alabama Water, Sewer and Fire Protection District in Chambers County, Alabama. The project will construct approximately 5,700 linear feet of 18-inch-diameter force main and make pump replacements and electrical improvements. It will bring the facility into compliance with its NPDES discharge permit's requirements plus provide necessary treatment capacity to support additional flow volumes from future commercial and industrial development. The project will benefit approximately 4,400 local rural residents.
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	Robert Aderholt (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Big Wills Water Authority	\$551,000	\$74,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Big Wills Water Authority upgrade its water system in Etowah County, Alabama. The project will be used to purchase 800 cellular-read water meters; install two water wells and a wellhouse structure to increase water system capacity; and construct a 43,000-linear-foot, eight-inch water main connecting to the Sardis city water system. It will benefit 5,040 local rural residents.
AL	Tommy Tuberville Katie Britt	Terri Sewell (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Sumter County Water Authority	\$6,324,000	\$3,367,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the Sumter County Water Authority water system delivery, supply, and storage capacity. The water authority improvements include new water mains, well upgrades, a new production well to provide multiple options for water delivery, and a new supply well to increase supply demands. The water authority will use the investment to extend service to include 25 new customers with potable water, currently isolated from the existing system and alleviate health and sanitary issues cause by disinfectant by products, pressure and supply.

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AR	John Boozman Tom Cotton	Rick Crawford (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Rock-Moore Public Water Authority	\$1,514,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to fund essential improvements to the public water system in rural Independence County, Arkansas. The project will include installation of high-service pumps and an emergency backup generator; improvements to the wastewater treatment plant; and construction of a pump station.
AR	John Boozman Tom Cotton	Rick Crawford (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Clarendon	\$2,836,000	\$7,417,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide funds for replacement of the city's waste water collection system. These improvements will address identified health and sanitary issues with the city's wastewater system.
AR	John Boozman Tom Cotton	French Hill (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Runyan Sanitary Sewer Improvement District	\$8,469,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide funds for the replacement of the wastewater treatment plant located in rural Pulaski County, which will eliminate ongoing health and sanitary violations involving the systems National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system (NPDES) permit. More than 4,100 residents benefit from this facility.
CA	Alex Padilla Laphonza Butler	Zoe Lofgren (18)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of San Juan Bautista	\$10,268,000	\$2,224,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to decommission the existing sequencing batch reactor pond plant and convert it into an emergency storage basin. A pump station will be constructed to deliver equalized and screened raw sewage for treatment disposal through a 10-inch pipeline to a nearby city's wastewater treatment plant.
CO	Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper	Yadira Caraveo (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Fort Lupton	\$21,163,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a pipeline and lift station to connect the city of Fort Lupton in northern Colorado to the nearby North Metro Wastewater Treatment Plant (NMWWTP) currently operating at 20 percent capacity. Given its small size, the city struggles financially to support larger infrastructure projects. This construction on the city's wastewater-treatment site to convey flows to the NMWWTP is the most cost-effective solution identified. The city of Fort Lupton City also has been issued a compliance schedule by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The project will ensure this rural city's 5,102 residents have reliable wastewater treatment compliant with all regulations without having to pay costly maintenance on its own plant.

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CO	Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper	Ken Buck (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Wiley Sanitation District	\$4,449,000	\$2,988,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a new wastewater treatment plant for the town of Wiley in Southeastern Colorado. The current lagoon system is unlined, unaerated and has a capped discharge pipe resulting in all effluent discharge occurring into groundwater via seepage and likely at rates higher than regulation allows. This project will construct a new, complete evaporative pond system consisting of three appropriately sized pond and all associated yard piping. Capacity will also be reduced from 50,000 gallons per day (gpd) to 41,000 gpd to decrease capital costs and footprint for the project, as the district's service area is not expected to substantially increase in the future. All wastewater from the town will flow directly into these ponds. Each pond will be lined with synthetic liners to limit seepage to acceptable levels under regulation. When completed, the new system will be non-discharging and completely evaporative, eliminating the uncontrolled discharge of untreated wastewater and ensuring reliable wastewater treatment for the 405 residents of this rural town.
CO	Michael Bennet John Hickenlooper	Ken Buck (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Galeton Water & Sanitation District	\$238,000	\$1,551,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to rehabilitate the wastewater treatment plant for the community of Galeton in Northern Colorado. Currently, Galeton's lagoon system does not comply with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) requirements to have a settling pond for suspended solids removal. The system also has consistent problems meeting discharge permit limits. This has resulted in a Cease and Desist Order and only achieving compliance with limits roughly 12 percent of the time from 2017 to present. This project will include improvements comprised of lagoon system rehabilitation with additional treatment units including a polishing reactor, a moving bed bio-reactor, and an ultraviolet disinfection system. The existing lagoons will be regraded and relined with synthetic liners to meet CDPHE design criteria for seepage. The proposed plants will maintain the existing permitted flow of 18,500 gpd. The proposed plant will be capable of meeting all discharge permit effluent limits for all months of the year. The existing effluent outfall will be utilized and will not be altered. Once complete, this project will ensure the 123 residents of this rural community have wastewater treatment that complies with all applicable regulations.
DE	Tom Carper Chris Coons	Lisa Blunt Rochester (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Sussex County Council	\$464,000	\$380,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide sanitary sewer service to replace aging on-site septic systems that are past their useful life and failing for 228 residential properties in the Lochwood Subdivision, in rural Sussex County, Delaware. Sanitary sewer service usage will reduce the amount of pollution that affects environmentally sensitive areas like inland waters, the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean. These resources are vital to the quality of life for the residents of the county and to the long-term economic viability of Sussex County.

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HI	Brian Schatz Mazie Hirono	Ed Case (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Association of Apartment Owners of Ono Vista	\$498,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to assist Ono Vista. Ono Vista is a residential community situated in Waialua on the north coast of the island of O'ahu. The Association of Apartment Owners is proposing to rehabilitate the residential community's aged wastewater effluent disposal system which has been recognized by the State Department of Health with an impermissible operation and maintenance rating due to the injection wells requiring pumping five days a week. The project proposes to rehabilitate the system's three wastewater effluent injection wells which would entail re-drilling, construction, development and testing.
IA	Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Linn Grove	\$994,000	\$1,700,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the city of Linn Grove in Buena Vista County connect with Iowa Lakes Regional Water's bulk-treated water supply. The project will replace aged distribution piping, services, and meters to increase the system's reliability and pressure. This rural community experiences high manganese levels in the existing well supply which has a do-not-drink restriction in place. The project will provide residents with clean drinking water and bring the city into compliance with water-quality standards.
IA	Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Alta Municipal Utilities	\$10,405,000	\$2,995,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Alta Municipal Utilities provide clean drinking water to the city of Alta. This project will construct a reverse osmosis treatment facility and replace asbestos cement pipes to bring the aged distribution system up to modern standards. Once completed, this project will mitigate health risks for water maintenance and construction workers and enable the city to meet water quality goals. The project will also promote the health and safety of city residents and residents of nearby Nokomis Township in this rural Buena Vista County area.
IA	Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Randolph	\$351,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to help improve the lift station and sewer collection and lagoon systems for the city of Randolph, Fremont County, Iowa. The project will help reduce excessive infiltration and inflow levels that have caused hydraulic overload and discharges more frequent than allowed by permit. It will help improve water service and promote the health and safety of community residents, businesses, and visitors.
IA	Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Regional Water	\$4,324,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct 12.25 miles of rural potable water piping infrastructure to two housing developments under construction in rural Pottawattamie County, Iowa. The project will promote the health and safety of this rural community's residents, businesses, and visitors.

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IA	Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Harlan Municipal Utilities	\$2,644,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funding for Harlan Municipal Utilities in the city of Harlan to improve the water system. This project will drill four new wells, construct four new well houses, install new raw water mains to connect the new wells to the existing distribution piping, and install new electrical conduit in the well field. The aged raw water transmission main currently limits available capacity to the treatment plant, which presents a health risk during an extended demand period. Once completed, the project will provide adequate water supplies and will promote the health and safety of the residents of this rural Shelby County community.
IA	Chuck Grassley Joni Ernst	Randy Feenstra (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Elk Horn	\$2,739,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to help the city of Elk Horn improve the controlled discharge lagoon wastewater treatment facility. This project will replace aged components and remove accumulated sludge. This project will slipline and seal sewers and manholes to reduce infiltration and inflow. Once completed, the project will mitigate an imminent health and sanitation hazard, enable the city to meet wastewater standards, and promote the health of residents of this rural Shelby County community.
ID	Mike Crapo Jim Risch	Russ Fulcher (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Colburn Water Assn Inc.	\$1,517,000	\$1,235,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to replace and repair aged components of Colburn Water Association's water system. The updated facility will reduce sediment from getting into the slow sand filter, the electrical system will be updated to meet current electrical code and provide updated metering disinfection dosing componentry at the treatment site. An additional filter bay will be constructed to meet future needs for the water association. The old transmission line connecting the two reservoirs in the system will be replaced and upsized to meet future needs of the system. The distribution system will also be updated to replace all steel lines with new plastic pipe.
ID	Mike Crapo Jim Risch	Mike Simpson (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Albion	\$1,415,000	\$1,079,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the city of Albion's water system. The current system is aged and in need of improvement. The improvements will include increasing the capacity of well number one by installing a larger pump, drilling a new well for improved source redundancy, replacing both dilapidated well buildings, construction of one new 250,000-gallon storage tank, pipeline replacements, telemetry improvements, and replacement of existing residential water meters.

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ID	Mike Crapo Jim Risch	Mike Simpson (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Franklin	\$239,000	\$341,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to improve the city of Franklin's water system by increasing water supply to meet demand. The city owns the water rights to two springs, but over the years the use has gone from minimal to none, due to the degradation of the piping system. The water storage and spring boxes will be rehabilitated as part of this project, as well as the replacement of approximately two miles of pipe to connect the springs to the water system. This project will also add two backup wells and two new springs. This will allow the city to utilize the additional water supply and storage to meet the water demands that are currently more than the water system can supply.
ID	Mike Crapo Jim Risch	Russ Fulcher (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Kamiah	\$1,754,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to replace and upgrade equipment in the aging Bryan Drive booster pump station building for the city of Kamiah, Idaho. The project will replace three pumps with five smaller high-efficiency pumps and two variable-speed fire pumps. It also will remove or replace the hydropneumatics tank, perform light structural renovations for equipment removal, add metering equipment, and replace a portion of the 6-inch discharge main for both the upper and lower zones. The current system is not set up for easy-isolation maintenance and is difficult and costly to service.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Central Alexander Co Public Water District	\$2,000,000	\$630,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help Central Alexander County Public Water District make water system improvements to their facility. Improvements include installation of a water main, meter replacements, and rehabilitation of their elevated water tower. This project will help provide safe, potable water to 613 users of the system in Alexander County, Illinois.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mary Miller (15)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Beardstown	\$385,000	\$500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help the city of Beardstown finish improvements to their wastewater system. Bids came in higher than anticipated due to increased labor and material costs. This funding will benefit 1,896 residents.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Hardinville Water Company	\$442,000	\$395,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funds to add wholesale water users and an additional water tower, supply overhead water storage, and improve pressure.

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IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Vienna		\$2,605,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to repair the water plant of the city of Vienna, Illinois. The project will replace the water main, install valves and fire hydrants, renovate an elevated water tower, among other necessary additions and repairs. It will reduce water loss, improve flow, reduce a number of health and sanitary concerns, and ensure all users have safe potable water access.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Nikki Budzinski (13)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Brighton	\$4,995,000	\$1,355,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the water system for the Village of Brighton. Project plans include replacing various sized water main within the Village and portion of the Village of Godfrey. This project will also install new meters, meter pit and related appurtenances. Their booster pump station will also receive electrical upgrades as part of this project.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Nikki Budzinski (13)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Roxana	\$8,900,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to help the Village of Roxana make water system improvements to their existing facility. Plans include construction and installation of a water storage tank and water line replacement. This project will ensure safe potable water for all 755 users in Madison County, Illinois. This project serves a high poverty and distressed community.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mary Miller (15)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Bethany	\$328,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to the Village of Bethany for completion of their water system improvement plans. Improvements include renovation of water tower, water main replacement and extensions, hydrant improvements, enhancements to emergency generator and other associated appurtenances.
IL	Dick Durbin Tammy Duckworth	Mike Bost (12)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Nashville	\$4,300,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to replace sewer lift stations for the city of Nashville, Illinois. The replacements are vital to the city's sewer system and ensure continuation of services.

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IN	Todd Young Mike Braun	Jim Baird (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Oxford	\$8,173,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to update and rehabilitate parts of the water utility system in the town of Oxford, Indiana. The project will improve the water supply, treatment plant, and distribution system. It will include water main, hydrant, meter, and water-tower hatch replacements and other improvements. The project will help ensure the water quality and reliability for 1,162 residents.
IN	Todd Young Mike Braun	Larry Bucshon (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Princeton	\$2,644,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to improve treatment operations at the Treatment Plant by correcting deficiencies noted during the construction phase of the initial Treatment Plant improvements. The city of Princeton serves 3,057 Residential Connections inside the Municipal Boundaries and some close to the city. The city of Princeton also serves 418 rural businesses.
IN	Todd Young Mike Braun	Jim Baird (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Brooklyn	\$8,861,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to finance improvements to the collection system additions and upgrades, which include gravity sewers, upgrading the left stations, and force mains. Also, these funds will include new upgrades to the existing WWTF with a new flow equalization tank and a laboratory building. These additions and improvements will help the Town of Brooklyn's collection and treatment wastewater system. Included in this funding is a \$700,000.00 grant from OCRA to help with the financing of this project.
IN	Todd Young Mike Braun	Larry Bucshon (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Petersburg	\$5,346,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to renovate and improve the existing Wastewater Utility for Petersburg, Ind. The project will include adding two new trickling filters to the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant will also replace two clarifiers as part of this project and add a new transfer Lift Station. A new Equalization Basin/Lagoon will be built on the site. Some targeted upgrades to the collections system will be part of the project. The Petersburg Wastewater Utility service area currently includes the city of Petersburg's 353 city customers and up to 80 rural customers residing in Washington Township, where feasible.
IN	Todd Young Mike Braun	Greg Pence (06)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Hancock Rural Telephone Corp	\$2,166,000	\$188,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the wastewater system in the Riley Village area located in Greenfield, Hancock County, Indiana. The aging system provides sanitary sewer to 83 homes and one large-volume user. Approximately 3,800 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer lines will be installed to improve waste removal. In addition, the discharge line for the treatment plant will be lined to maintain safe operation. The improvements will also help ensure clean drinking water is maintained.

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KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Tracey Mann (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Wakefield	\$1,725,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to complete improvements to the sewer collection system for the City of Wakefield. The project will upgrade the waste water treatment system and construct a non-discharging lagoon with irrigation.
KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Ron Estes (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Burden	\$2,284,000	\$921,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to complete rehabilitation work on the water and wastewater systems for the City of Burden. The project includes repairing approximately 15,000 linear feet of the existing collection lines, upgrading approximately 22,250 linear feet of main and service lines. Previous Rural Development funding of \$30,000 for a Pre-Development Planning Grant was made in 2021. Once completed, residents will have a safe and reliable water system for years to come.
KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Tracey Mann (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Hanston	\$1,205,000	\$1,127,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a new non-discharging lagoon facility for the City of Hanston. Rural Development previously awarded a \$20,177 Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grant and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment provided \$400,000 in Principle Forgiveness on this project. Improvements to the wastewater treatment facility will provide for adequate treatment of City's sewage for years to come.
KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Jake LaTurner (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Valley Falls	\$2,925,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to refurbish the wastewater collection system for the City of Valley Falls. The project will include pipe repairs, pipe replacement, heavy pipe cleaning, manhole repairs and replacement. Once complete, the city resident's will have safe and reliable water for years to come.
KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Jake LaTurner (02) Tracey Mann (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Vermillion	\$35,000	\$1,126,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to complete the rehabilitation of Vermillion's water distribution system. The project will install approximately 6,500 feet of distribution piping, including new fire hydrants, valves and other equipment. Once completed the system will provide residents with safe drinking water for years to come.

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KS	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall	Ron Estes (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Belle Plaine	\$5,819,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a new 300,000 gallon elevated storage tank and a new ion exchange nitrate removal treatment plant. The project will also replace the water distribution system, the telemetry systems and automated meter reading system. Once completed, residents will have safe and reliable water for years to come.
KS	Roger Marshall Jerry Moran	Jake LaTurner (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Neodesha	\$1,772,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to complete repairs to the Fall River dam, upgrade the Little Bear elevated storage tank, expand the distribution system and provide sewer extension to serve the hospital in Neodesha. The city received prior funding from Rural Development in the form of a grant and two loans as follows: Grant of \$492,000 awarded in 2021, two loans of \$998,000 and \$7,000,000 awarded in 2018.
KS NE	Jerry Moran Roger Marshall (KS) Deb Fischer Pete Ricketts (NE)	Tracey Mann (KS 01) Adrian Smith (NE 03)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Little Blue Natural Resources District	\$795,000	\$1,691,000	This Rural Development investment will provide additional financing to Little Blue Natural Resources District to develop a new water source for the rural water system. The project will consist of developing two municipal wells, purchasing a generator, installing 16.2 miles of 8" and 10" transmission main, a booster pump station, installing a 50,000 gallon glass lined ground level storage tank, and installing 400 meters, meter reading software, billing software, and a SCADA control system. This project will serve 422 users and a population of approximately 930 people. The service area has a MHI of \$49,932.
KY	Mitch McConnell Rand Paul	Hal Rogers (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Rowan Water Inc.		\$357,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to replace approximately 6000 linear feet of 4-inch water line, install variable frequency drives in an existing pump station, and add two new pump stations in Rowan County, Kentucky. This investment is necessary as the existing water line location is exposed, unstable, and therefore subject to breaking, causing boil water advisories and water loss. The new lines will improve service to existing customers as well as reduce water loss. The pump improvements will improve system demand, efficiency, and pressure regulation. The improvements will impact approximately 7,300 existing rural customers.

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MA	Elizabeth Warren Ed Markey	Jim McGovern (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town Of North Brookfield	\$8,953,000	\$993,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funding to a wastewater treatment facility project. The project is designed to resolve health and sanitary issues and bring the WWTF into compliance with new NPDES permit requirements. The existing plant does not meet treatment capacity leading to pumping and hauling of wastewater and consistently does not meet the Nitrogen limits set in the Groundwater Discharge Permit. This project will include upgrades to various facility components as well as reconfiguration of the existing facility components.
MA	Elizabeth Warren Ed Markey	Jim McGovern (02) Richard Neal (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Hatfield	\$9,491,000	\$2,406,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to maintain and upgrade the wastewater condition at the Hatfield WWTP. The proposed upgrade includes a new headworks building with fine screening and grit removal, replacement of secondary clarifier mechanisms, conversion of the chlorine gas disinfection system to a hypo system, upgrades to solids handling, plant water system modifications, electrical improvements, extension of a water main to the WWTP, and operations building improvements. This alternative also includes emergency generators, automatic transfer switches, propane storage tanks, and fencing at nine remote pump stations.
MD	Ben Cardin Chris Van Hollen	Andy Harris (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	The Commission of Vienna	\$973,000	\$556,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to relocate and drill two new wells and construct a new Water Treatment Plant (WTP), for the Town of Vienna; located in rural Dorchester County, Maryland. The WTP will be equipped with modern controls, treatment, and filtration equipment. The project will also include abandonment of the existing wells, lines, and water treatment building, removal of the existing sludge, and reclamation of the site. The project will benefit residents and the environment alike by facilitating reasonable and planned growth in the area and improving water quality. Total project funding is being provided jointly through the Maryland Department of the Environment.
MD	Ben Cardin Chris Van Hollen	David Trone (06)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Hancock		\$405,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to reconstruct the Pennsylvania Avenue pump station and a connecting gravity sewer line for the town of Hancock, Maryland. Upgraded to modern safety standards, the pump station is the first step in the town's rehabilitation of its wastewater treatment system. The project helps remove health, safety, and sanitary concerns from a current line's manhole backups and overflows to a nearby stream. It will protect Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay watersheds and benefit 1,545 town residents. A HUD Community Development Block Grant is contributing \$800,000 to the project.

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MD	Ben Cardin Chris Van Hollen	Andy Harris (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Pocomoke City	\$463,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to improve drinking water quality for customers of the Pocomoke City, Maryland, water system; located in rural Worcester County. The project will install water tank mixing equipment at both City water towers to remove unsafe Trihalomethane chemicals and reduce or eliminate the buildup of bio films and disinfection products in the drinking water. Pocomoke City is considered a socially vulnerable, distressed community, and has a high poverty rate. A grant from the Maryland Department of the Environment is providing the majority of funding for this critical infrastructure project. A low interest loan would allow the proposed project to be fully funded and move forward with construction and correction of this compliance issue. Once completed, the project will ensure healthier, safer, and better tasting water for years to come.
MD	Chris Van Hollen Ben Cardin	Andy Harris (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Talbot County	\$88,000	\$256,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funding to improve the St. Michaels wastewater collection system. The project will expand on the initial construction area to continue to replace part of the sewer collection system and rehabilitate sections of the sewer system where the structural integrity of the pipe remains in St. Michaels. These improvements will reduce the inflow and infiltration the county is experiencing with the existing St. Michaels sewer system service area. A previous loan in the amount of \$2,904,000 and grant in the amount of \$6,841,000 had been obligated.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Jack Bergman (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Ellsworth		\$1,601,880	This Rural Development investment will be used to assist the village of Ellsworth with constructing a wastewater collection and treatment system. Village residents are currently operating individual, on-site collection and treatment. This project is necessary to alleviate health and sanitary violations cited by the local health department. It will improve the community's resiliency against the impacts of climate change and is supported by the regional economic development plan.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Jack Bergman (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Baraga	\$1,272,880	\$727,120	This Rural Development investment will be used to complete the third phase of improvements to the Village of Baraga's water system. The project will address health & sanitary violations identified by the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes, and Energy.

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MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Tim Walberg (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Albion	\$1,146,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to update and modify the City of Albion's waste water treatment system. The project includes new headworks screening, influent pumping, grit removal and ferric chloride systems. Control over aeration will be put in place to better manage energy costs, along with new high-efficiency blowers. The final clarifiers will be updated to allow better sludge blanket and solids draw-off controls. This investment will complete the funding package needed to support the project.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Jack Bergman (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Wakefield	\$575,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to complete improvements to the water distribution system. The purpose of the project is to improve fire flows, water main transmission capacity, and to improve deficient and aging water infrastructure. This will significantly increase reliability of the system and correct the violations cited by the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy on October 28, 2019.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	John Moolenaar (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Lowell	\$3,913,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to support the replace approximately 4,825 linear feet of gravity fed wastewater collection mains. These mains are outdated in their age, useful life, and materials. The vitrified clay mains will be replaced with PVC mains (including 19 manholes and risers as needed). This project will also increase the distance between the drinking water and wastewater mains to at least 10 feet of separation, which will decrease the chances of a break to one line impacting the other line. Funds will also be used to replace outdated and undersized water distribution mains along Washington, King, and Kent streets. The project was identified as a high priority through the Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) process (funded by the State of Michigan). Existing four-inch cast iron mains will be replaced with eight-inch ductile iron mains and looped throughout the community to provide increased reliability of pressure for residential use and fire protection. The city is contributing funding to support the replacement of lead service lines identified during construction.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Lisa McClain (09)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Lexington Village	\$2,416,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the water system. This project will double the existing capacity to better suit the village's needs. A ground storage tank will be added to improve water pressure and prevent contamination and backflow. Upgraded water meters will help reduce operating and maintenance costs. The project also adds a connection to a neighboring township to provide a backup source of water in case of extreme emergencies.

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MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Tim Walberg (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of White Pigeon	\$11,765,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to support upgrades that will address cited deficiencies noted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. The project will include the replacement of approximately 7,500 linear feet of drinking water mains that have outlived their useful lifespan (installed 1950-1970's) and are undersized (4-6) compared to current standards (10 needed). The project will also refurbish outdated elements of wells #1 and #2. Well #3 will be replaced/redrilled and reinstated on the system, increasing firm capacity and resiliency towards the impacts of climate change.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Tim Walberg (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Mendon	\$1,751,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to complete a previously funded project that will make necessary improvements to the drinking water system in the community. The project will result in the conservation of cleaned drinking water as well as energy used to treat the water. These upgrades support increased resiliency towards the impacts of climate change (e.g., flooding, drought, etc.).
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Lisa McClain (09)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Mayville	\$4,501,000	\$9,999,000	This Rural Development Investment will be used to complete phase two of the Village of Mayville's project to improve their aging and ineffective sewer and lagoon system. The lagoon cells are in poor condition and are currently leaking, causing an island to form. This project will correct all the issues with the sewer lagoons in order to provide a more efficient sewer system for the village.
MI	Debbie Stabenow Gary Peters	Tim Walberg (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Constantine	\$6,605,000	\$500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to complete the recommissioning of the shuttered wastewater treatment plant. In 1997 the plant was decommissioned in favor of connecting to a regional system operated by the City of Three Rivers. Three Rivers subsequently upgraded their system in 2010/11 and raised rates charged to Constantine to help pay for the project. Rates have continued to increase by 3-5% each year as inflation has increased the cost of doing business. Since the treatment contract has expired, Constantine determined that it was better to return to their system than continue with Three Rivers.

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MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Osakis	\$651,000	\$497,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the water treatment plant and water tower in the city of Osakis, Minnesota. The project will convert the iron filter to a biological ammonia-removal filter to allow chlorine to better clean the lines during water treatment which will help protect the distribution system. A pressure filter will be installed for biological iron removal. The current 12,000-gallon detention tank will be converted to a backwash supply storage tank for non-chlorinated iron- and ammonia-free water. The project also will renovate the water tower. Constructed in 2008, the city's water treatment plant has high ammonia levels that disrupt the treatment process and raise lead and copper levels beyond standards. The water tower has not had any repairs or repainting since its 1997 construction.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Pete Stauber (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Taconite	\$1,494,000	\$851,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the water system in the city of Taconite, Minnesota. The project will construct a water storage tank to replace one beyond useful life; a water pumphouse for chemicals, pumps, controls, and standby generator; and a replacement water tower. Individual water meters will be installed at customers' locations and a meter-reader system developed.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Ogilvie		\$973,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to replace and improve a portion of the water distribution system in the city of Ogilvie. Kanabec County made repairs to street infrastructure in 2021 in conjunction with the city's replacement of the water distribution system along the same County Road. The water main in the area is in poor condition and has experienced 13 breaks. Most of the breaks have occurred during the winter and are attributed to the water main being buried at a shallow depth. The new water main will be installed at a lower depth and relocated according to the new county road geometrics. The service laterals, hydrants, and hydrant leads will also be replaced.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Lake Lillian		\$1,579,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to make improvements to the water treatment facility in the city of Lake Lillian. The current water treatment facility treats groundwater that is sourced from two wells and no longer meets the health and sanitary standards for treating removal of iron, manganese and arsenic, disinfection, and fluoridation. This project will allow the city to install a more efficient filter system and improve the quality of the drinking water for the city's 238 residents.

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MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System	\$26,179,000	\$2,194,000	This Rural Development investment will be used help make water infrastructure improvements Lincoln Pipestone Rural Water System's (LPRW) Burr water source and treatment facility, which serves Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine counties. Water demands in this region continue to grow, and requests from potential water customers inside and outside LPRW's current service territory indicate that there is a need for service area expansion. Projected water demands exceed what the Burr water source and treatment facility can produce. This project will help LPRW construct a new water source and water treatment facility including three groundwater production wells, a new lime softening water treatment plant, transmission and distribution pipeline, and metering facilities for new customers. The project also includes improvements to the water treatment facility including additional finished water storage and a redundant lime contact basin.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Elizabeth		\$1,319,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help make improvements to the water and sewer systems in the city of Elizabeth. The city's water system chemical room and equipment need repair or replacement. The watermain distribution system is about 45 years old and experiences watermain and water service line breaks multiple times per year. Repairs are difficult and disruptive to the community and warrant the distribution system being replaced altogether. The sanitary sewer system was installed in 1975. Televised portions recently found numerous sags, cracks, defective service connections, root intrusions, excessive infiltration, and segments with inadequate or adverse slopes. This project includes improvements to 12,000 feet of watermain, water meter installation, water service lines, and water treatment plant rehabilitation. Sewer improvements include 2,600 feet of sewer main, service connection point repairs, a new lift station, repairs to all three wastewater stabilization pond cells, improvements to the access road, and replacement of site fencing. Once completed, these improvements will help ensure that the 173 users have safe drinking water and sewer disposal facilities.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Winger		\$754,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to make improvements to the sewer system in the city of Winger. The existing sewer collection and treatment facility were constructed in the 1970's and treated water discharges into an unnamed tributary of the Sandhill River. The 50-year-old collection lines are sagging, have serious mineral deposit buildup, and the joints have given into root penetration, which can break apart the pipe or cause blockage. The treatment facility also needs improvements. This project update collection with new pipe, lift stations and structures. The treatment facility will be rehabilitated into compliance with current design standards.

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MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Red Lake Falls	\$8,310,000	\$906,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make water, wastewater and sewer infrastructure improvements in the city of Red Lake Falls. The city owns, operates, and maintains a collection system that serves all homes (1,427 residents) within city limits. This project will help to construct a new water tower, pump station and install new water meters – replacing infrastructure that no longer meets the needs of the community.
MN	Amy Klobuchar Tina Smith	Michelle Fischbach (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Clarksfield	\$637,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to repair and improve the water and waste water systems in the city of Clarkfield. This project addresses several health and sanitary standards. It will result in improved drinking water filtration, increase the efficiency of wastewater treatment, reduce wastewater seepage, eliminate watermain leaks, and provide maintenance to the water tower.
MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	Eric Burlison (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Granby	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the wastewater treatment system of the city of Granby, Missouri. The project will renovate the treatment facility, improve the primary lift station, and use video inspection and smoke testing to locate system deficiencies and fix them. It will correct issues that have placed the city on a Voluntary Compliance Agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The aging treatment facility and equipment currently cannot meet limits set by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for ammonia, total suspended solids, and biological-oxygen demand. The improvements will provide a safer and more reliable system for Granby residents, businesses, and visitors.
MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	Eric Burlison (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Southwest City	\$200,000	\$706,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the city's water system. The proposal is to replace existing water lines throughout the distribution system. This project will replace a contaminated well with a new well and standpipe to alleviate health and sanitary issues caused by E. coli contamination. When complete, the improvements will provide a safer and more reliable water system for the city's nearly 1,000 residents.



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MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	Sam Graves (06)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	lie Water Supply District No. 1 of Mercer County, Miss	\$6,776,000	\$1,694,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help make improvements to the water system. 30 miles of transmission main, a new water tower, valve vault, and booster pump station. This project will help provide the district with a long term, safe, and stable source of water for its more than 2,300 customers.
MO	Josh Hawley Eric Schmitt	Jason Smith (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Advance	\$4,576,000	\$1,144,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the city's water distribution and treatment systems. Improvements include constructing a new water treatment facility. The combination of the water treatment facility and the distribution improvements will address complaints of discolored water and provide the residents with safe, reliable drinking water. The new facility will also be designed so that it is not constantly working at maximum capacity and will allow for future growth within the community. These improvements will also bring the city into compliance with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources guidelines and requirements.
MS	Roger Wicker Cindy Hyde-Smith	Bennie Thompson (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Vaiden	\$1,124,000	\$1,376,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the water system in the Town of Vaiden. The Town of Vaiden has a problem with the color and taste of their water caused by a high content of manganese. The proposed project will add pressure filters at each of the current wells as a solution to help with the manganese content, along with replacing some of the water lines west of town, installing radio read meters, and implementing blow-off valves.
MS	Roger Wicker Cindy Hyde-Smith	Trent Kelly (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Hatley	\$1,985,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to purchase updated water treatment equipment, an elevated storage tank, and to drill a new well. This funding will help provide safe and reliable water service to the community.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Hobson	\$814,000	\$1,586,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to rehabilitate 100 percent of the wastewater collection system and lift station in the town of Hobson, Montana. The project will retrofit a wet well with a new submersible pump, level controls, SCADA system, and flow measurement vault. The facultative lagoon and storage lagoon will be rehabilitated and a new HDPE liner installed in each lagoon. Additionally, new piping, valves, and control manholes will be added in the berms of the lagoons. An additional storage lagoon will be constructed, and a center pivot irrigation system will be added to apply treated effluent to crop land. This project has the potential to benefit up to 214 local residents.



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MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Wolf Point	\$3,500,000	\$731,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to replace wastewater collection lines and update the City of Wolf Point's Birch Street lift station, eliminating existing health and sanitary issues with the current system. Wolf Point is the largest community on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and, when completed, this project will improve living conditions for more than 1,200 residents in its service area - both Tribal and non-Tribal.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Power Teton County Water & Sewer District	\$398,000	\$275,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to the Power-Teton County Water and Sewer District system in Power, Montana. The project will include repairing service connections, lining and sealing manholes subject to inflow, and replacing deformed pipe. It also will include constructing a lift station with functional pumps, controls, and backup power plus replacing iron or metal pipes.
MT	Jon Tester Steve Daines	Matt Rosendale (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	County of Wheatland	\$395,000	\$395,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to lay water and sewer lines from the city limits of Harlowton to the replacement critical-access hospital. This Wheatland County project separately helps offset increased hospital construction costs and shows successful partnering of city and county governments for positive local expansion.
NC	Thom Tillis Ted Budd	Wiley Nickel (13)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Dunn	\$8,626,000	\$3,500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide funding assistance associated with a project to upgrade the city of Dunn's Eastside Pump Station (ESPS) to a permitted capacity of 2,980 gallons-per-minute and a three 1,600 gallon-per minute suction lift pump, serving the eastern side of the cities and the Juniper Creek Outfall. The proposed project will consist of an installation of a new wet weather pump station, new 2.0-million-gallon EQ tank, new aeration and mixing equipment, new force main and gravity sewer piping, new electromagnetic flow meter and concrete flow meter vault as well as rebuilding three existing 50 HP suction lift pumps. The replacement of the existing electrical service disconnects, motor control center (MCC), other auxiliary electrical gear within the existing pump station building. Also, the installation of a new stand-by generator for backup power to the pump station, rehabilitation, and replacement of approximately 3,000 linear feet of 21-inch gravity sewer. The proposed project will reduce the inflow and infiltration issues and to eliminate citizens from remaining exposed to the sanitary sewer overflow conditions.

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ND	John Hoeven Kevin Cramer	Kelly Armstrong (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Napoleon	\$758,000	\$620,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to remove the remaining seven blocks of cast iron water main and replace with PVC water mains. The gate valves would be replaced, hydrants replaced, and new service lines and curb stops would be installed in the city of Napoleon. These remaining blocks of cast iron have had numerous breaks in recent year. The water mains are past their useful life.
NJ	Bob Menendez Cory Booker	Jeff Van Drew (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Downe Township		\$6,667,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to allow Downe Township to award bid contracts 1 and 3 - Ph 1 (Fortescue) leveraging joint funding with the State of NJ to construct a new low- pressure wastewater collection system and package treatment plant. This project will replace individual septic systems in the Fortescue neighborhood of Downe Township and eliminate current health and sanitary conditions due to sewage overflows of septic tanks from flooding and eliminate any further contamination of the Delaware Bay.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Gabe Vasquez (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Jal	\$3,387,000	\$9,214,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to rehabilitate the city of Jal, New Mexico's existing wastewater treatment facility. The project will also see the construction of additional facilities to handle disinfection process, new influent pump, equalization basin and roughly 130 linear ft. of new piping. In addition, construction of new headworks, a secondary treatment facility, a solids management and disposal facilities including sludge holding tank and dewatering facility will be completed. Lastly, new piping will be installed to connect to existing effluent discharge piping. With this project, the city of Jal will be able to meet all the requirements of the Corrective Action Plan put into place as a result of deficiencies of the current wastewater treatment system. This combined effort on behalf of the State of New Mexico and USDA Rural Development, will allow the city of Jal to maintain their effluent Discharge Permit issued from the New Mexico Environmental Department.
NM	Martin Heinrich Ben Ray Lujan	Gabe Vasquez (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Truth or Consequences	\$2,673,000		The Rural Development loan and grant investment will be used to rehabilitate the city of Truth or Consequences water distribution system by replacing old water lines. Approximately 57% of the existing water system is 50-years old and has high water pressures that have led to extensive line breakage, which make operation and maintenance continuous and costly. In recent years the system has experienced an extreme amount of water loss and outages to some critical need facilities such as; hospitals, schools, and assisted living homes. This project will replace more than 13,000 linear feet of existing water pipe with larger diameter sized pipe as well as the installation of new meter cans and water service lines.

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NV	Catherine Cortez Masto Jacky Rosen	Mark Amodei (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Pine View Estates Home Owners Association	\$862,000	\$4,180,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to repair the community wastewater system of Pine View Estates Home Owners Association (PVEHOA). The project will allow the community to lay lines, replace manholes, and restore health and safety to wastewater treatment, because of groundwater contamination from a defective sewer system. Because of groundwater contamination from defective sewers, the current system does not comply with EPA standards. All transmission lines have been closed until repairs are made.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Claudia Tenney (24)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Weedsport	\$14,000,000	\$2,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve a water district in the village of Weedsport, which is located in Cayuga county, New York. This project will benefit the village residents by providing safe and reliable water service.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Nick Langworthy (23)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Pomfret	\$3,400,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct the North End Water District Phase 2 in the town of Pomfret, Chautauqua County, New York. The project will provide public water service that improves the health and safety of the district's residents, businesses, and visitors. The applicant is contributing \$6,000 to the project.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Marc Molinaro (19)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Greene	\$11,000,000	\$8,955,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the water system in the village of Greene, Chenango County, New York. The project will replace water mains, the majority of which are more 100 years old. It also will replace fire hydrants and update water meters and meter-reading equipment. The project will provide safe and reliable water service to the village's residents, businesses, and visitors. The applicant is contributing \$145,000 to the project.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Elise Stefanik (21)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Herkimer	\$1,595,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a new water district in the town of Herkimer, which is located in Herkimer county, New York. This project will benefit the 7 businesses and a trailer park by connecting residents to the sewer district. Total project costs are \$2,535,000 with \$500,000 in Northern Boarders grant funding, \$440,000 in Empire State Development grant funding and \$1,595,000 in Rural Development direct loan funding. No other funding sources have been identified for this project.

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NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Claudia Tenney (24)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Lima	\$20,000,000	\$11,140,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to secure an adequate water source for the Water District #5 in the town of Lima, which is located in Livingston county, New York. The project will benefit town residents by providing adequate water and will improve the health, welfare, and safety of the residents. Total project costs are \$31,140,000 with \$20,000,000 in Rural Development direct loan funds and \$11,140,000 in Rural Development grant funds. No other funding sources have been identified for this project.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Claudia Tenney (24)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Adams	\$101,000	\$387,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funds for construction of the Water District Number 3 water distribution system in the town of Adams, Jefferson County, New York. The project will help improve the health, welfare, and safety of residents.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Claudia Tenney (24)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Mexico	\$1,500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funds to the water-distribution improvements project for the village of Mexico, Oswego County, New York. The applicant is contributing \$7,000 to the project.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Elise Stefanik (21)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Massena	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a new water district in the town of Massena, which is located in St. Lawrence county, New York. This project will benefit town residents by providing access to public water and will improve the health, welfare, and safety of the residents. Total project costs are \$9,500,000, with \$5,000,000 in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law General Supplemental (BIL-GS) funding, \$3,000,000 in Rural Development direct loan funding and \$1,500,000 in Rural Development grant funding. No other funding sources have been identified for this project.
NY	Chuck Schumer Kirsten Gillibrand	Marc Molinaro (19)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Woodridge	\$3,563,000		This Rural Development (RD) investment will be used to finance upgrades and repairs to the waste water treatment plant for the village of Woodridge, which is located in Sullivan county, New York. The village needs to expand the waste water treatment plant in order to meet current flow demands and account for future growth. The project will benefit the residents in the village and town of Fallsburg. Total project costs are \$8,000,000 with \$500 in applicant contribution, \$3,563,000 in Rural Development direct loan funds and \$4,436,500 in Rural Development grant funds. No other funding sources have been identified for this project.

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OK	James Lankford Markwayne Mullin	Josh Brecheen (02)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	The Warner Utilities Authority	\$7,258,000	\$2,725,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to construct a water treatment plant plus chemical-feed, laboratory-control, and electrical-control buildings on the current plant's site in Warner, Oklahoma. The project also will construct a raw-water intake with buried powerline and rehabilitate a 10,000-gallon raw-water tank. It will provide safe and accessible drinking water to the community's residents, businesses, and visitors.
OR	Ron Wyden Jeff Merkley	Lori Chavez-DeRemer (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Aumsville	\$9,000,000	\$6,000,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to update the city of Aumsville's wastewater treatment facility. Aumsville's current wastewater system is unable to meet the Department of Environmental Quality's standard for effluent ammonia levels. The improvements will include developing a new Sequence Batch Reactor (SBR) system and upgrading a portion of the city's collection system. The project will bring the city into compliance with its NPDES permit and meet the city's current and future wastewater treatment needs.
SC	Lindsey Graham Tim Scott	Jeff Duncan (03)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Laurens Co WS Comm	\$3,900,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to construct 29,500 linear feet of waterline, a new 1,000,000 gallon elevated water tank, site work and connections to the existing water system of Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission. This project will improve pressure, reliability, and resiliency for the area of the system north of Interstate 385. The median household income for the service area is \$37,681 and there are 16,000 users.
SC	Lindsey Graham Tim Scott	Jeff Duncan (03)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Saluda County Water and Sewer Authority	\$13,956,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide Saluda County Water & Sewer Authority subsequent funding for the construction of a 4 million gallons per day wastewater treatment facility. The subsequent funding request for this project is \$13,956,000. In total Rural Development will be providing \$40,032,000 in loan funds and \$3,692,765 in grant funds.
SC	Lindsey Graham Tim Scott	Jim Clyburn (06)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Lane	\$123,000	\$279,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide the town of Lane subsequent funding to install 3.39 miles of water lines, fire hydrants & gate valves along Heineman Road. The proposed project will provide rural residents on the western edge of the city limits with clean drinking water. The project will benefit 32 households.

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SD	John Thune Mike Rounds	Dusty Johnson (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Black Hawk Water User District	\$271,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to repair Black Hawk Water District's aging water distribution system. The water district will replace 900 feet of water mains and five meter pits.
TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	David Kustoff (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Stanton	\$3,588,000	\$4,491,292	This Rural Development investment will be used to increase water service along SR222 by Blue Oval City, Tennessee. The project will install a 12-inch water line to support infrastructure, including the city's fire station and large-scale daycare center for employees' children plus the Tennessee College of Applied Technology. Funds will also be used to expand the town of Stanton's sewer collection system and increase efficiency at the wastewater treatment plant. The collection system expansion will consist of 14,000 linear feet of new sewer line and the wastewater plant construction will consist of new plant headworks and treatment process. The project will benefit the more than 700 residents in the town of Stanton service area. Additional funding consists of \$2,500,000 Delta Regional Authority Grant and \$1,000 applicant contribution.
TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	David Kustoff (08)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Paris Utility Authority	\$7,946,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to replace water lines for the Paris BPU Water Department.
TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	Mark Green (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Erin	\$1,106,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to complete ADA improvements at Erin City Hall.
TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	Scott DesJarlais (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Northeast Lawrence Utility District	\$1,342,000	\$1,016,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to replace approximately 30,000 linear feet of water line in the Northeast Lawrence Utility District's water distribution system. The district has had high water loss over the last few years. Replacing the old lines will help fix leaks and enable better water delivery service to customers.
TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	Mark Green (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	North Stewart Utility District		\$897,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to replace water lines that have reached the end of their useful life. It also will replace the District Office pump station and install two basins with flocculators in one and plate settlers in the second. This project will help ensure improved treatment and delivery of safe water to North Stewart Utility District customers.



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TN	Marsha Blackburn Bill Hagerty	Diana Harshbarger (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Bristol-Bluff City Utility District	\$500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to enable compliance by Bristol-Bluff City Utility District (BBCUD) with Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) standards. The project will upgrade piping and materials to comply with state standards and improve overall system effectiveness. BBCUD currently is noncompliant in part of its water system with the state's fire-flow standard, caused by undersized and substandard pipes that leak and break.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Pat Fallon (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Leary, Texas	\$500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to construct a 100,000-gallon elevated storage tank. Currently, the existing system is provided water by high service pumps working in conjunction with a pressure tank. Upon completion of the proposed project existing and future water customers in the city will be provided with reliable water pressure and adequate volume throughout the system. Previous funding includes \$ 1,494,000 in Rural Development loans and grants obligated on March 29, 2021.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Tony Gonzales (23)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Marathon WSC and SSC	\$1,237,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to rehabilitate the existing water distribution system by replacing some existing water lines, adding water lines, fire hydrants, valves, and appurtenances.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	August Pfluger (11)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Zephyr WSC	\$6,300,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing for Zephyr Water Supply Corporation. This will enable the company to acquire ownership of Thunderbird Bay water and take over its operation. Zephyr WSC will also install 28 miles of new water, a standpipe, and upgrades to the distribution facilities. The new waterline will increase capacity of the existing system and extend service. Upgrades to the existing Thunderbird Bay water system will be necessary to bring it into compliance with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and correct deficiencies. This includes construction of a new pump station, repairs to the existing pressure tank, dismantling the treatment plant standpipe, and upgrades the Harbor Point pump station. has been previously approved for a Loan of \$5,429,000 and Grants of \$571,000 and \$30,000.



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TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Pat Fallon (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Linden	\$450,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing for water distribution improvements. Linden's water system was originally installed in the 1930s. Due to age of the system, increases in leaks pose health and safety concerns for the supply of drinking water. Funds will be used for the replacement of aging water lines, water meters and fire hydrants. In addition, these funds will also be used to install a new elevated storage tank and a new groundwater well. When these improvements are completed there will be a reduction in leaks which will provide a healthy and safe water supply for the residents of Linden. Previous funding includes \$4,518,000 in Rural Development loans and grants obligated on July 17, 2017.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Troy Nehls (22)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Fort Bend Co. Fresh Water Supply District #2	\$6,388,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the water quality and pressure in the Four Corners and Rio Brazos service areas. The Four Corners area will consist of two water production facilities, with the construction of a 12 inch diameter waterline, in a looped system which will allow the district to isolate leaks and minimize the number of homes without water during a repair or break on the main waterline.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Pat Fallon (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Cypress Springs Special Utility District	\$4,584,000	\$3,730,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to expand the Cypress Springs Utility District in Mt. Vernon, Texas. The expansion will provide a new raw water pump, a 16-inch diameter water main, one two million gallon per day clarifier, two one million gallon per day filters, two high service pumps and a backwash lagoon which will increase the water flow from two million gallons per day to four million gallons per day. This expansion will bring the system into compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rules and regulations and provide facilities for the 20-year design period.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Roger Williams (25)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Post Oak S.U.D.	\$2,485,000	\$1,181,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to upgrade the existing 2" and 3" water mains to 4" and 6" water mains as well as related improvements. The proposed improvements are targeted in areas which do not meet the TCEQ Chapter 290 Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems specifically 30 TAC 290.44 (c) Minimum Water Line Sizes.



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TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Lance Gooden (05)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Ables Springs Special Utility District	\$631,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing to replace and supplement elevated storage tank capacity at the district's office site. Improvements will include a 300-gallon elevated water storage tank, mixing equipment, electrical components and controls, yard piping and appurtenances, draining, grading, and seeding.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Jodey Arrington (19)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Idalou	\$2,850,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to replace the aged, elevated storage tank with a 100,000 single pedestal elevated storage tank located on Locust and 2nd Street. In addition, a water treatment facility will be constructed to eliminate the 1,1-DCE contamination in well number 4 which will include a stacked tray aeration. This project will benefit 2,250 rural customers.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Nathaniel Moran (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	McClelland Water Supply Corp	\$1,980,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to make improvements to Plant 1. A second plant will be constructed with a new well, storage tank, pressure tank and boost pumps. Other improvements include replacing and upgrading approximately 22 miles of distribution lines throughout the corporation's service area. The improvements will bring the system in compliance with the rules and regulations set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in providing adequate water pressure to all customers served in the proposed project area. McClelland Water Supply Corporation serves approximately 2,000 residents located south of Shelbyville, Texas.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Greg Casar (35)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Garfield WSC	\$1,273,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to replace aging infrastructure, increase capacity to accommodate growth and meet new compliance regulations. This will consist of providing three phase power to the buck well and installing a larger pump to increase well production. The current pressure type filters with total capacity of 471 gpm with two gravity type filters with a total capacity of 800 gpm will be replaced. The Norwood plant will be back in operation by replacing the unusable 33,000-gallon ground storage tank with a new identical tank, replacing the outdated service pumps and aging piping, and installing screens on the filters for TCEQ compliance. A back-up generator for TCEQ compliance will be installed.

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TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Pete Sessions (17) John Carter (31)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Jonah Water Special Utility District	\$14,500,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to install and replace pvc pipes, a pump and construct a storage tank. Jonah Water Special Utility District will be able to install 9,650 linear feet of 24" PVC pipe, replace an existing 12" pipe along CR 100 and CR 118, and to construct a 1-million-gallon ground storage tank at the Chandler Road Pump Station. Existing pumps will be replaced with four 2500 gallon-per-minute pumps.
TX	John Cornyn Ted Cruz	Tony Gonzales (23)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	City of Wink	\$2,800,000		This Rural Development investment will used to move a 6-inch water line along Highway 115, also known as Hendricks Blvd, prior to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) reconstructing Highway 115 through town. The city plans to replace approximately 6,000 linear feet of existing water line, 9 fire hydrants, and a few valves. The water main is both asbestos concrete and ductile iron pipe which was installed in the late 1920's and has served its useful life. The improvement will provide healthy potable water to the city.
UT	Mike Lee Mitt Romney	Burgess Owens (04)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Mt Pleasant City	\$1,200,000	\$300,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to benefit Mt Pleasant City in providing reliable safe drinking water to its residents. One of Mt Pleasants main springs, Sneak spring has been designated by the Department of Environmental Quality as under the direct influence of surface water. Thus, they have had to turn it out of the system. This loss along with severe drought has cause Mt Pleasant to restrict water usage and even turn water off at times. These funds will be used to build a water treatment plant, add transmission piping and drill an additional well. The new water treatment plant will treat the water from Sneak spring so it can be used in the culinary water system, and the new well will provide an additional source of water for them.
UT	Mike Lee Mitt Romney	Blake Moore (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Oakley City	\$1,083,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funding. Previously awarded funding was obligated in May 2022 to provide funding to help drill a new back-up well, and update the well house and pump, providing more water to the city of Oakley, which is experiencing a water shortage due to drought. Oakley is a small rural community of 1,470 people in Summit County, Utah. Oakley has been restricting water usage during summer months and postponed all new development in the area last year. The proposed new well will be a deep well with a 14-inch casing and built on existing city-owned property. The new well will be sufficient for the city's demands and will allow future city development and growth.

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VA	Mark Warner Tim Kaine	Ben Cline (06)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Buena Vista Public Service Authority	\$5,424,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to fund the Buena Vista Public Service Authority (PSA) purchase of the water system serving the city and portions of Rockbridge County. The PSA has owned and operated the local public sewer system and assisted with water operations since it was formed in 2011. The current owner, Buena Vista Industrial Development Authority, has actively participated in planning the transition to facilitate improved system maintenance for more efficient service to nearly 7,000 users.
VA	Mark Warner Tim Kaine	Morgan Griffith (09)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Wythe County	\$10,866,000	\$2,737,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to address water quality and quantity issues for residents of the Dunsford Road area served by private wells. The scope of work includes new and replacement water line construction. Approximately 8 miles of four, six and eight-inch water lines will be installed along with one pump station, 110 water meters, and 34 fire hydrants. Replacement construction includes 9 miles of two, four, eight and 10-inch water line, one pressure reducing valve, 336 water meters and 39 fire hydrants. This project will correct an existing health hazard impacting 1,035 residents, improve water accountability and enable the county to offer service to 110 new customers and improved service to 336 existing clients.
VT	Bernie Sanders Peter Welch	Becca Balint (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Addison County Community Trust		\$450,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional funding to complete the Lindale Mobile Home Park (MHP) sewer system installation in Middlebury, Vermont. The project will address general age-related repairs and pollution and health hazards from individual septic failures. Creating a modern community sewer system complying with current environmental regulations, it will help keep Lindale MHP affordable for this rural community's low- to moderate-income families.
VT	Bernie Sanders Peter Welch	Becca Balint (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Town of Franklin	\$490,000	\$400,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to help create a transformational public water system for the town of Franklin, Vermont. The project is necessary to address a major deficiency identified by the Vermont Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division. It will develop a water source with standby disinfection capabilities; construct a transmission line to connect the source to the current distribution system; and install water meters for the system's customers. The currently used springs are drought-susceptible and cause operational issues when the water yield is below demand, requiring multiple purchases over time of potable water for the area's residents. The limited water supply also has caused a moratorium on new connections for more than 20 years. This has created negative impacts on local households, business expansion, and elderly residents aging in place at a local care facility. This rural area's 1,405 residents alone cannot cover these improvement costs. The project will help provide reliable, safe, and healthy water to the community.

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WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Tom Tiffany (07)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Turtle Lake	\$18,885,000		This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing due to increased project bid costs on the following project funded in FY21: This Rural Development investment will be used by the Village of Turtle Lake to upgrade their Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and sewer system. Funds will be used for collection system improvements, new west lift station, headworks and screening in plant, oxidation ditch improvements, membrane technology for waste treatment system, digester improvements, sludge handling improvements, as well as electrical and SCADA (controls). The original plant constructed in 2004 has not had any improvements and is in good condition, however, there is now a phosphorus effluent limit and current chloride limit. The plant is also experiencing higher flowrates and loadings from industries connected to the wastewater treatment system, and these private industries anticipate substantially higher flowrates and nutrient loadings over the next 20 years and the existing WWTP will not be able to meet the nutrient removal requirements without additional upgrades and treatment.
WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Bryan Steil (01)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Bristol	\$8,500,000		This Rural Development investment will be to construct a new 600,000-gallon water tower, make improvements to an existing water tower and reconstruct 6722 linear feet of water mains in the Village of Bristol, Wisconsin. A combination of well capacity plus storage capacity, is inadequate to meet current fire flow demands to the village. The village must operate at least one well continuously to ensure a sudden demand does not drain the tower, causing the system to lose pressure and lead to a boil water notice. The village has indicated that utility operators have had to sleep at a wellhouse to ensure system pressure is maintained while the existing water tower is down for maintenance. The water system has experienced 150 water main breaks since 2015 when it began tracking them and have identified several areas with a concentration of main breaks in need of repair. An analysis determined there are hydraulic limitations due to distribution system pipe sizes that do not allow for the village to operate all three wells at the same time without overflowing the existing water tower and over pressurizing the distribution system.
WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Derrick Van Orden (03)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Junction City	\$2,351,000	\$1,401,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to perform several upgrades to the water system as well as repainting and recoating the inside of the water tower. This project also includes installing a new watermain from Well 6, thru the park and in E 3rd Street, eliminating dead-end watermain by adding a watermain loop from Chapley Ave to Case Ave, and constructing a sampling line within an existing park shelter off this new main for Well 6. Notable associated items are valves, a hydrant, and both street and turf restoration. Funds will also be used for sewer improvements to enhance biological digestion, modifying aeration and the Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) as well as mixers. Lastly, improvements are also planned to the monitoring and control systems (SCADA) to improve operation efficiency of the plant. This project is being done in conjunction with sewer upgrades in the same areas of the village.

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WI	Ron Johnson Tammy Baldwin	Derrick Van Orden (03)	Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants	Village of Viola	\$323,000	\$197,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide additional financing due to increased project bid costs on the following project funded in FY21: Relocation of infrastructure in a portion of the Village of Viola community that are in a floodplain. The Kickapoo River flooded the Village in 2007, '08, '10, '16, '18 & '19, which resulted in sewer mains in the floodplain no longer servicing a habitable area. This project would include new sewer mains to replace mains in an abandoned area in the floodplain and make the necessary improvements to the system to relocate residential and commercial development out of the floodplain into proposed resettlement sites. This project would be done in conjunction with water main relocation and street replacement in the same areas.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants	Alaska Municipal League		\$250,400	This Rural Development investment will be used to support 10 local governments eligible considered unserved or underserved. Alaska Municipal League will help participating communities improve their management and controls.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants	Yukon Inter-Tribal Watershed Council		\$177,500	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide capacity-building trainings and to develop intensive technical assistance plans with and for eight unserved rural Yukon River Basin communities. The project will also provide a public education campaign aimed at source water protection.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants	Alaska Forum Inc.		\$164,000	This Rural Development investment will be used to improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste disposal facilities to deliver safe drinking water and sanitary, environmentally sound waste disposal by meeting Green Star Community Standards in twelve communities in rural Alaska. Alaska Forum will conduct Green Star community assessments and develop five-year work plans for participating communities and provide technical assistance and training.
AK	Lisa Murkowski Dan Sullivan	Mary Peltola (At Large)	Water and Waste Disposal Technical Assistance and Training Grants	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium		\$400,400	This Rural Development investment will be used to provide technical assistance and training for communities participating in the Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative to run community water and wastewater systems. Technical assistance provided through this grant will help develop capacity, based on economies of scale, to operate and maintain water and sewer systems in a sustainable manner, assist member communities by invoicing and collecting utility fees from customers, purchasing needed supplies, fuel, and equipment, and ensuring the water and sewer systems are operated in an efficient, sustainable manner.



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