

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Invites Applications to Build and Improve Rural Water Infrastructure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3, 2025 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Under Secretary Dr. Basil Gooden today announced funding is available to expand access to clean drinking water and modern wastewater systems in rural areas.

USDA is offering grants through the [Rural Decentralized Water Systems Grant Program](#) for nonprofit organizations and nonprofit Tribal lending institutions.

The organizations may relend funding or provide sub-grants to rural homeowners seeking to build, refurbish and service water wells and septic systems. Organizations may provide up to \$15,000 per household.

Projects should consider energy efficiency, resiliency and water reuse technologies.

USDA is particularly interested in applications that will advance Biden-Harris Administration priorities to:

- Reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change through economic support to rural communities.
- Ensure all rural residents have equitable access to Rural Development (RD) programs and benefits from RD-funded projects.
- Help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and improved infrastructure.

Electronic applications must be submitted through [Grants.gov](#) by 11:59 p.m. ET on March 3, 2025.

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