What does this program do?

Calendar Year 2022 Disaster Water Grants help eligible communities handle expenses related to incidents (Presidentially declared disasters) that damaged water systems.

For the purposes of this program, the term “water” refers to all water resource infrastructure, including drinking water, wastewater, storm drainage, and solid waste facilities.

Who can apply?

- Municipalities, counties, districts, authorities, or other political subdivisions of a state, commonwealth, or territory
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Community-based prefabricated home organizations

What is an eligible area?

- Rural areas and towns with populations of not more than 35,000
- Federally recognized Tribal lands
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For a current list of Presidentialy Declared Disasters, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at this link: https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations.

At the time of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), areas in the following states and territories experienced qualifying events in calendar year 2022: Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

How can funds be used?

Funds can be used to develop water infrastructure system capacity and resiliency to reduce or eliminate long-term risks from hazards resulting from (Presidentially declared) disasters during calendar year 2022.

How do we get started?

- Applications are accepted year-round, and can be filed electronically using RD Apply (available at this link: https://tinyurl.com/ya7s437u).
- You will find a link to the RD Apply Application Intake Guide at this link: https://tinyurl.com/2w8ekdh3.

Applications are also accepted through your local USDA Rural Development office. A map and state list can be found at this link: https://tinyurl.com/5yuf24mx.

Who can answer questions?

The USDA Rural Development Water and Environmental Program specialists who serve your area can help. A list of state-based offices is available at this link: https://tinyurl.com/5yuf24mx.

What law governs this program?

The 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act (Public Law 117-328, Division N, available at this link: https://tinyurl.com/2hjs7jyn).

NOTE: Because information changes, always consult official program instructions or contact your local Rural Development office for help. A list is available at this link: https://go.usa.gov/xJHPE. You will find additional resources, forms, and program information at https://rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.