

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Accepting Applications for Disaster Assistance for Water and Wastewater Systems Damaged by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12, 2018 – Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development Anne Hazlett today announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to repair water and wastewater systems [damaged by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria](#).

Applications for \$163,475,000 in supplemental grants will be accepted until all funds are exhausted.

To be eligible for funding, water and wastewater facilities must serve a rural area. Funds must be used for repairs or reimbursement for expenses incurred as a result of damage caused by the hurricanes. For details and more information on how to apply, see page 46137 of the September 12 [Federal Register](#).

Questions about the application process may be directed to the USDA Rural Development State Office where the applicant is located. For a list of offices, visit the [state office website](#).

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the report to the President from the [Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#) to help improve life in rural America. Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments in infrastructure, partnerships and innovation. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

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