

STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

USDA Seeks Applications for Technical Assistance and Training Grants

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20, 2020 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald “DJ” LaVoy today announced that USDA is accepting Fiscal Year 2020 applications for grants to help rural communities expand their capacity to access financial resources for economic development.

USDA is making grants available under the [Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program](#). These grants help rural communities with limited resources and staff access USDA funding for essential community facilities.

Eligible recipients are public entities, private nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes. Funding priority will be made to organizations that have experience providing technical assistance and training to rural entities.

Funds may be used to help rural communities identify financial resources, improve community facilities management functions, and prepare reports, surveys and applications.

Electronic applications must be submitted to [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by April 30, 2020, at midnight Eastern Standard Time. Paper applications must be submitted to the applicant’s [nearest USDA office](#) by May 5, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. local time. Additional information is available on page 9730 of the Feb. 20, 2020, [Federal Register](#).

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the [Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#) (PDF, 5.4 MB) to help improve the quality of 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

USDA also encourages applications that will support the Administration’s goal to combat substance use disorder, including opioid misuse, in high-risk rural communities by strengthening the capacity to address prevention, treatment and/or recovery.

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