Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training (TAT)

What does this program do?

USDA Rural Development

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USDA Rural Development provides TAT grants to eligible public bodies and private, nonprofit organizations (such as states, counties, cities, townships, incorporated towns, villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Tribes located on Federal or state reservations) to provide technical assistance and/or training in support of essential community facilities programs.

In turn, this technical assistance and training helps grantees identify and plan for community facility needs in their area. Once these needs are pinpointed, the grantee can find additional public and private financial resources.

Who may apply for this program?

- Public bodies
- Nonprofit organizations
- Federally-recognized Tribes

What is an eligible area?

Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, towns and Federallyrecognized Tribal Lands outside the boundaries of a city of 20,000 or more.

How may funds be used?

- Assist communities in identifying and planning for community facility needs
- Identify resources to finance community facility needs from public and private sources
- Prepare reports and surveys necessary to request financial assistance to develop community facilities
- Prepare applications for financial assistance from Rural Development
- Improve administrative and financial operations management
- Assist with other areas of need identified by the Secretary of Agriculture

What kind of funding is available?

- Maximum grant award is \$150,000
- Grant funds are limited and are awarded through a competitive process

Are matching funds required?

- Matching funds are not required, but preference is given to applications with cash matching funds.
- In-kind contributions cannot be used as matching funds
- Partnerships with other Federal, state, local, private and nonprofit entities are encouraged

How do we get started?

- Applications are accepted on an annual basis through a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in the Federal Register
- Program resources are available online (includes forms needed, guidance, certifications etc.)

Who can answer questions?

Contact your local RD office.

What law governs this program?

<u>7 CFR 3570 Subpart F;</u> Code of Federal Regulation; <u>2 CFR 200;</u> and Guidelines announced in NOFA, published in the Federal Register.

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled *"What Law Governs this Program?"* You may also contact your <u>State Office CF TAT Contact for assistance</u>. Find additional forms, resources, and program information at <u>rd.usda.gov</u>. *USDA is an equal opportunity provider,employer and lender.*

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