



## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA Seeks Applications for Household Water Well and Revolving Fund Program Grants

(December 8, 2016) – U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Under Secretary for Rural Development Lisa Mensah is inviting applications for grants under the [Household Water Well System](#) (HWWS) program and the [Revolving Fund Program](#) (RFP) for fiscal year 2017.

USDA’s Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will make HWWS grants available to private, nonprofit organizations to establish a lending program for homeowners to borrow up to \$11,000 to build or repair household water wells. An applicant must show that a project will remedy household well problems.

RUS anticipates that 10 applications may be funded during Fiscal Year 2017.

RUS will make Revolving Fund Program grants to private, non-profit organizations to establish a lending program to finance predevelopment costs for water or wastewater projects. Grants also may be used for short-term, small capital projects that are not part of the regular operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems. Applicants may receive Revolving Fund Program grants of up to \$100,000.

Priority for Household Water Well System and Revolving Fund Program grants may be given for projects to improve water efficiency; for projects in areas where 20 percent or more of the population are living in poverty; for projects in areas that lack running water, flush toilets, and modern sewage disposal systems; and for projects in areas with open sewers where there are high rates of disease caused by poor sanitation, such as colonias or Substantially Underserved Trust Areas.

Priority for Household Water Well System grants also may be awarded for projects in rural areas impacted by severe drought.

For additional details, see page 88199 of the December 8 [Federal Register](#).

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