

Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training Grants

What does this program do?

This program helps qualified, private nonprofits provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; helps applicants prepare applications for water and waste disposal loans/grants; and helps associations improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas.

Who may apply?

Nonprofits that have the proven ability, background, experience, and capacity to provide technical assistance or training on a national, regional, or state basis.

What is an eligible area?

- Rural areas and towns with populations of 10,000 or less – [check eligible addresses](#)
- Tribal lands in rural areas

How may the funds be used?

- To identify and evaluate solutions to water problems related to source, storage, treatment, distribution, collection, treatment, and disposal.
- To provide technical assistance and training to improve management, operations and maintenance of water and waste disposal systems.
- To prepare water and waste disposal loan and grant applications

Are there terms for grants?

- The project period for these grants is one year starting Oct. 1 and ending Sept. 30
- Applicant contributions must be used before USDA grant funds
- This is a reimbursement grant
- Grants are subject to the availability of funds

How do we get started?

[Download the latest Technical Assistance & Training Grant Application Guide](#). Single-state applications are accepted annually through your [local RD office](#) from October 1 – December 31.

Multi-state or national applications are accepted through the RD national office. Program resources are available online (forms, guidance, certifications, etc.).

Who currently participates in this program?

- [Previous year Technical Assistance and Training Grant Recipients](#)

Who can answer questions?

- Contact your [local RD office](#)
- National Office contact: [Anita O'Brien](#) – (202) 690-3789

What governs this program?

- Code of Federal Regulations, [7 CFR 1775](#)
- Section 306(a)(14)(A) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act 7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.

Why does USDA Rural Development do this?

This program helps small communities extend and improve water and waste treatment facilities for households and businesses. Good practices can save tax dollars, improve the natural environment, and may be necessary for manufacturers and other types of businesses to locate or expand operations.

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled “What Governs This Program?” You may also contact your local office for assistance. You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at rd.usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.