

Tribal Water and Wastewater Funding Sources

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (DWSRF) <i>(water)</i>	The DWSRF program is available to drinking water systems to finance infrastructure improvements. The program also emphasizes providing funds to small and disadvantaged communities and to programs that encourage pollution prevention as a tool for ensuring safe drinking water.	Contact the DWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water 202-564-4700 For regional specific contact see this map: https://www.epa.gov/drinkingwatersrf
	Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Tribal Set-Aside Program <i>(water)</i>	EPA's Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant – Tribal Set Aside (DWIG TSA) Program provides resources to assist tribes in improving water system infrastructure. Community water systems and non-profit non-community water systems serving tribal populations are eligible for project funding.		https://www.epa.gov/tribaldrinkingwater/tribal-set-aside-program-drinking-water-infrastructure-grant	Sam Russel russell.sam@epa.gov 202-564-4012 For regional specific contact see this map: https://www.epa.gov/tribaldrinkingwater/regional-tribal-drinking-water-coordinators
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) <i>(wastewater, sewer)</i>	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund program funds water quality protection projects for wastewater treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management.		http://water.epa.gov/grants_fund/index/cwsrf/cwsrf_index.cfm	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Clean Water State Revolving Fund 202-564-4700 For regional specific contact: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/forms/contact-us-about-clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf#state
USDA Rural Development	Waste and Water Disposal Direct Loans and Grants <i>(water, sewer)</i>	The purpose of this program is to develop water and waste disposal systems in rural areas with populations less than 10,000. Fixed, low interest rates. Repayment - up to 40 years. Grants may be available.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Paper applications are accepted, or applicants can register for and use RD Apply. Information is available here: http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program	Tedd Buelow Tedd.Buelow@wdc.usda.gov 720-544-2911 Building 56 Room 2300 Denver, Colorado 80225 For regional specific contact: https://www.rd.usda.gov/contact-us/state-offices
	Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan Program <i>(water, sewer)</i>	The purpose of this program is to provide a loan guarantee for the construction or improvement of water and waste disposal projects serving the financially needed communities of rural areas. This is achieved through bolstering existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans. Guarantees up to 90% available to eligible lenders.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees	
	Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of an application for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs. The maximum is \$30,000 or 75% of the predevelopment planning costs.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants	



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	Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants <i>(water)</i>	This grant program is designed to assist rural communities that have experienced a significant decline in quantity or quality of drinking water due to an emergency, or in which such decline is considered imminent, to obtain or maintain adequate quantities of water that meets the standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants	
	Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	This program assists very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design assistance, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households	
	Water & Waste Disposal Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands and Colonias <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	This grant provides access to safe reliable drinking water and waste disposal facilities and services to low-income communities that face significant health risks. Funds can be used for construction of basic drinking water and waste disposal systems including storm drainage.		http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-grants-alleviate-health-risks-tribal-lands-and-colonias	
	Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	The Rural Economic Development Loan (REDL) and Grant (REDG) programs provide funding to rural projects through local utility organizations.		https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rural-economic-development-loan-grant-program	
Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce	Public Works <i>(water, sewer)</i>	Empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure, and generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment.	Application packages are available at www.grants.gov . Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP FFO.	https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/	United States Department of Commerce 202-482-2000 For regional specific contact: https://www.eda.gov/contact/
	Economic Adjustment <i>(water, sewer)</i>	Assists state and local interests in designing and implementing strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base.			
National Rural Water Association	NRWA Revolving Loan Fund <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	The Rural Water Loan Fund (RWLF) is a funding program specifically designed to meet the unique needs of small water and wastewater utilities. The RWLF provides low-cost loans for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or pre-development costs associated with larger projects. The RWLF was established through a grant from the USDA/RUS, and repaid funds used to replenish the fund and make new loans.	Applications can be accessed on website. Applications and supporting documents can be sent by mail or email.	http://nrwa.org/initiatives/revolving-loan-fund/	Rural Water Loan Fund nrwarwlf@nrwa.org 1-800-332-8715 2915 South 13 Street Duncan, Oklahoma 73533



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Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)	Communities Unlimited Water/Wastewater Loans <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	Communities Unlimited offers loans with terms up to 15 years for small, rural community water/wastewater projects. Loans enable rural communities to make the necessary repairs and improvements needed to maintain an uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water and wastewater disposal for their customers.	Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Please contact the Lending Department to request an application.	https://www.communitiesu.org/index.php/How-We-Help/water-waste-water-loans.html	Holly Baker hbaker@crg.org 479-443-2700 ext. 114 3 East Colt Square Drive Fayetteville, Arkansas 72703
CoBank	Rural Water and Wastewater Lending <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	CoBank works with rural water and wastewater not-for-profit systems, municipalities, and investor-owned utility companies to provide interim and bridge financing, refinance of existing debt, term loans for system upgrades, and lines of credit.	Applications are accepted continuously. To apply, complete an online Loan Request Form at: www.cobank.com/h2oloan	http://www.cobank.com/About-CoBank/Industries-We-Serve/Water.aspx	Mark Shillingford Water@cobank.com 844-846-3135 6340 South Fiddlers Green Circle Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111
HUD Southwest Office of Native American	Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	Provides funding for recipients in infrastructure construction, such as water and sewer facilities. Eligible applicants for assistance include any Indian tribe, band, group, or nation (including Alaska Indians, Aleut, and Eskimos) or Alaska Native village which has established a relationship to the Federal government as defined in the program regulations. In certain instances, tribal organizations may be eligible to apply.	An electronic copy of the application package and application instructions for this NOFA can be downloaded from: www.grants.gov	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/icdbg	Bob Holden Robert.J.Holden@hud.gov 602-379-7213 One North Central Avenue, Suite 600 Phoenix, Arizona 85004
	Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	The IHBG program allocates formula funding to tribes or tribally designated housing entities for the delivery of a range of affordable housing opportunities and housing-related activities to low and moderate income members of Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and native Hawaiians. Each year, IHBG recipients identify and report on IHBG-funded activities.	Each Tribe or Tribally Designated Housing Entity must submit a form HUD 52735, a combined Indian Housing Plan and Annual Performance Plan (IHP/APR) to the SWONAP at least 75 days before its fiscal year end.	https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/grants/ihbg	
	Tribal Housing Activities Loan Guarantee Program (Title VI) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	Title VI is an effective public investment tool that HUD offers to federally recognized tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs). It provides an additional source of financing for affordable tribal housing activities. It may be used to: Create new housing, rehabilitate housing, build infrastructure, construct community facilities that supports housing, acquire land to be used for housing, prepare architectural & engineering plans, and fund financing costs.	Although every project is different, HUD has developed a general checklist for the Title VI Loan Guarantee application process: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=titleviouanguarapp-chklist.pdf	http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/homeownership/titlevi	Andrea Dunyon Andrea.V.Dunyon@hud.gov 602-379-7202 For regional specific contact see this map: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/onap/map/nationalmap
Indian Health Service	Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) Program <i>(water, wastewater, solid waste)</i>	The SFC Program assist Tribal governments with the identification of sanitation facility infrastructure needs (water, waste water and solid waste), project planning, and design, construction funding and inspection and operation & maintenance technical assistance.	Tribal government representatives should contact the IHS Sanitation Facility Construction Area Director for more information.	https://www.ihs.gov/dsfc/	Mark Calkins mark.calkins@ihs.gov 301-443-1046 For regional specific contact: https://www.ihs.gov/dsfc/staff/

Additional resources can be found on state-specific funding tables.

