

Puerto Rico Water and Wastewater Funding Sources

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Organization	Program (key words)	Purpose or Use of Funds	How to Apply	Website	Contact
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.	DWSRF assistance is provided directly from state agencies. Contact the DWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/dwsrf/allotments/territorial_basicsinformation.cfm	Myrek Nunez nunez.myrek@epa.gov 787-977-5808 City View Plaza II #48 Road 165 km, 1.2 STE 7000 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968 or Eva Hernandez evahernandez@salud.gov.pr 787-777-0152 P.O. Box 70184 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) <i>(sewer)</i>	The CWSRF program funds water quality protection projects for wastewater treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management.	CWSRF assistance is provided directly from state agencies. Contact the CWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/cwsrf/cwsrf_index.cfm	Yasmin Laguer Diaz laguer.yasmin@epa.gov 787-977-5848 City View Plaza II #48 Road 165 km, 1.2 STE 7000 Mail Code: STE 7000 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968 or Javier Verardi javierverardi@jca.pr.gov 787-767-8073 P.O. Box 11488 Santurce, Puerto Rico 00910



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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 can be 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	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/pr	Nereida Rodriguez nereida.rodriguez@pr.usda.gov 787-766-5158 or Elis Marrero elis.marrero@pr.usda.gov 787-766-5212
	Water and Waste Disposal Guaranteed Loan <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/rd-apply	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-guarantees/pr	
	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.	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	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-predevelopment-planning-grants/pr	Wilma Castro wilma.castro@pr.usda.gov 787-766-5144 654 Munoz Rivera Avenue San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918
	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/rd-apply	http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants/pr	
Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) <i>(water, sewer)</i>	The program provides annual grants to address the housing, community and economic development needs and priorities of communities and residents.	Contact the CDBG program in your state for information on how to apply.	https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg-state/	Olga De La Rosa-Andjua olga.l.delarosa@hud.gov 787-766-5107 235 Federico Costa Street Suite 200 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918



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Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce	Public Works (water, sewer)	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 federal funding opportunity.	https://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/	Juan Bauza jbausa@eda.gov 215-435-72212 900 Market Street Room 602 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
	Economic Adjustment (water, sewer)	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	Rural Water Loan (water, wastewater)	The Rural Water Loan Fund (RWLF) is a funding program specifically designed to meet the unique needs of small water and wastewater utilities. It 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/Rural Utilities Service, and uses repaid funds to replenish the fund and make new loans.	Applications and supporting documents can be sent by e-mail or mail. Applicants may also contact any State Rural Water Association for assistance in preparing and submitting the required documents.	https://nrwa.org/initiatives/revolving-loan-fund/	Gloria York gloria@nrwa.org 580-252-0629 2915 South 13th Street Duncan, Oklahoma 73533
Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP)	Communities Unlimited Water/Wastewater Loans (water, wastewater)	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.	For more information, contact the main office. Applications can be accessed on website and sent by e-mail.	https://www.communitiesu.org/index.php/How-We-Help/water-waste-water-loans.html	Deborah Temple deborah.temple@CommunitiesU.org 479-443-2700 Ext. 111 200 River Market Avenue #100 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

