



Rural Development

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

Program Overview

The Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG) program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Water quality or quantity may be impacted. A federal disaster declaration is not required.

What kind of event can qualify as an emergency?

- Drought or flood.
- Earthquake.
- Tornado or hurricane.
- Disease outbreak.
- Chemical spill, leak or seepage.
- Other disasters.

NOTE: A federal disaster declaration is not required.

How may the funds be used?

- Grants up to **\$150,000** are for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and related maintenance.
- Grants up to **\$500,000** are for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility or waterline extensions.

Eligible Areas

- Rural areas and towns with 10,000 or fewer people. Check eligible addresses at <http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov>.
- Federally recognized Tribal Lands.
- Colonias.

NOTE: The area to be served must also have a median household income less than California's median household income for non-metropolitan areas which is \$62,883.

Eligible Applicants

- Most State and local governmental entities.
- Nonprofit organizations.
- Federally recognized Tribes.

NOTE: Privately owned wells are not eligible.

How to Apply

Applications are accepted year round through the local USDA Rural Development office. For a list of offices and staff contact information, see other side.

Staff Contacts

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