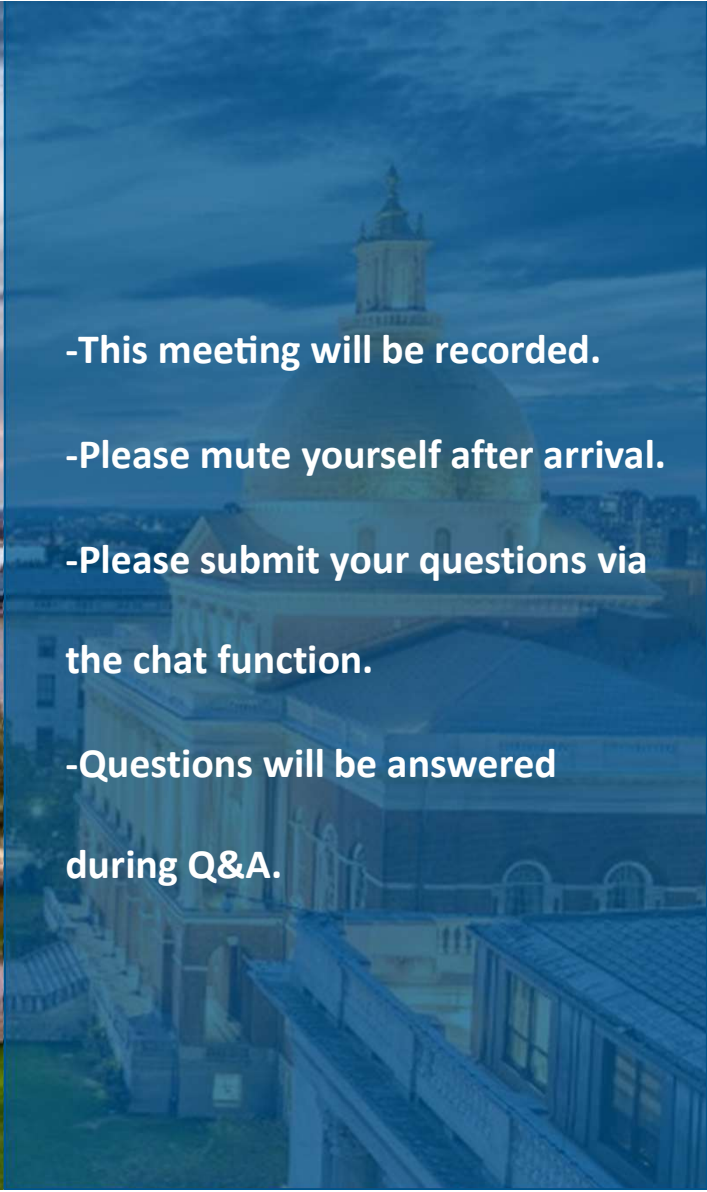


An aerial photograph of Boston, Massachusetts, taken at sunset. The city skyline is visible in the background, with several skyscrapers illuminated. The foreground shows a large green park area with trees and a path. A blue semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Massachusetts Federal Funds Partnership

July 2026 Meeting

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- A blue-tinted image of the Massachusetts State House dome, which is the central focus of the right side of the slide. The dome is a large, white, classical structure with a prominent cupola on top. It is surrounded by other buildings and greenery, though the image is mostly obscured by a blue overlay.
- This meeting will be recorded.
 - Please mute yourself after arrival.
 - Please submit your questions via the chat function.
 - Questions will be answered during Q&A.

Agenda

FFIO Updates

Open Funding Opportunities

Introducing Build for Mass – Federal Funds
and Infrastructure Office

USDA's Rural Development Office on
Community Facilities, Water/Wastewater
Programs, and other resources.

Q&A



FFIO Updates



Federal Updates

Budget Reconciliation

Earlier this month, the House and Senate passed a reconciliation bill to fund Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection for FY2026.

Update: Congressional leadership has discussed introducing a third reconciliation package that focuses on the Department of Defense.

ROAD to Housing Act

On Monday, the Senate passed the **21st Century ROAD to Housing Act** aimed to lower the costs of housing in the United States. The bill includes more than 45 provisions aimed to streamline environmental review, encourage zoning reform, establish pre-approved home designs, create new grant programs, and more.

Update: Became law on July 10, 2026

Surface Transportation Bill

Surface transportation funding authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) expires at the conclusion of Federal FY2026 (September 30).

Update: On Friday, May 22, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved its version of a bill, titled the **BUILD America 250 Act**. The Senate is expected to release its version of a bill in the coming months.



FFIO Announces Third Round of Municipal & Tribal Technical Assistance Grants

Last week, FFIO announced our 3rd round of MTTA Grants. Just under \$1 million was awarded in this round to 21 communities across the state. FFIO has now awarded just under \$3 million to 57 communities across the state.

Grant funds support the following activities:

- Planning
- Feasibility studies
- Grant-writing
- Post-award implementation support
- Hiring personnel
- & more!

We're continuing to accept MTTA applications on a rolling basis. Contact fedfundsinfra@mass.gov with questions!

The graphic features a blue background with a bridge and a group of people. At the top right is the Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The title 'MTTA ROUND 3 AWARDEES:' is in red. Below it, a list of 21 communities and their grant amounts is displayed in two columns. At the bottom right is a small map of Massachusetts and the website URL.

TOWN OF MARION - \$45,000	TOWN OF CLARKSBURG - \$25,000
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON - \$30,000	TOWN OF WALPOLE - \$35,000
TOWN OF FRANKLIN & TOWN OF BELLINGHAM - \$30,000	TOWN OF PLAINVILLE - \$45,000
TOWN OF WHATLEY - \$30,000	TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH - \$30,000
TOWN OF CONWAY - \$35,000	TOWN OF PELHAM - \$35,000
TOWN OF DEERFIELD - \$30,000	TOWN OF ROWE - \$30,000
BERKSHIRE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - \$64,700	CITY OF WOBURN - \$147,784.67
TOWN OF MONTAGUE - \$110,000	TOWN OF WORTHINGTON - \$27,500
TOWN OF SHELBURNE - \$30,000	TOWN OF HATFIELD - \$30,000
TOWN OF BECKET - \$25,000	TOWN OF NEEDHAM - \$40,000
	TOWN OF GILL - \$30,000

<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/federal-funds-infrastructure-office>

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Find more information on Federal Funds Partnership meetings, video recordings, grant lists, and other resources on the [FFIO website](#).



Follow [FFIO on LinkedIn](#) to see the latest updates from our office.



Contact the FFIO email inbox (FedFundsInfra@mass.gov) for questions about federal grant opportunities!



Open Funding Opportunities

Open Grant Opportunities

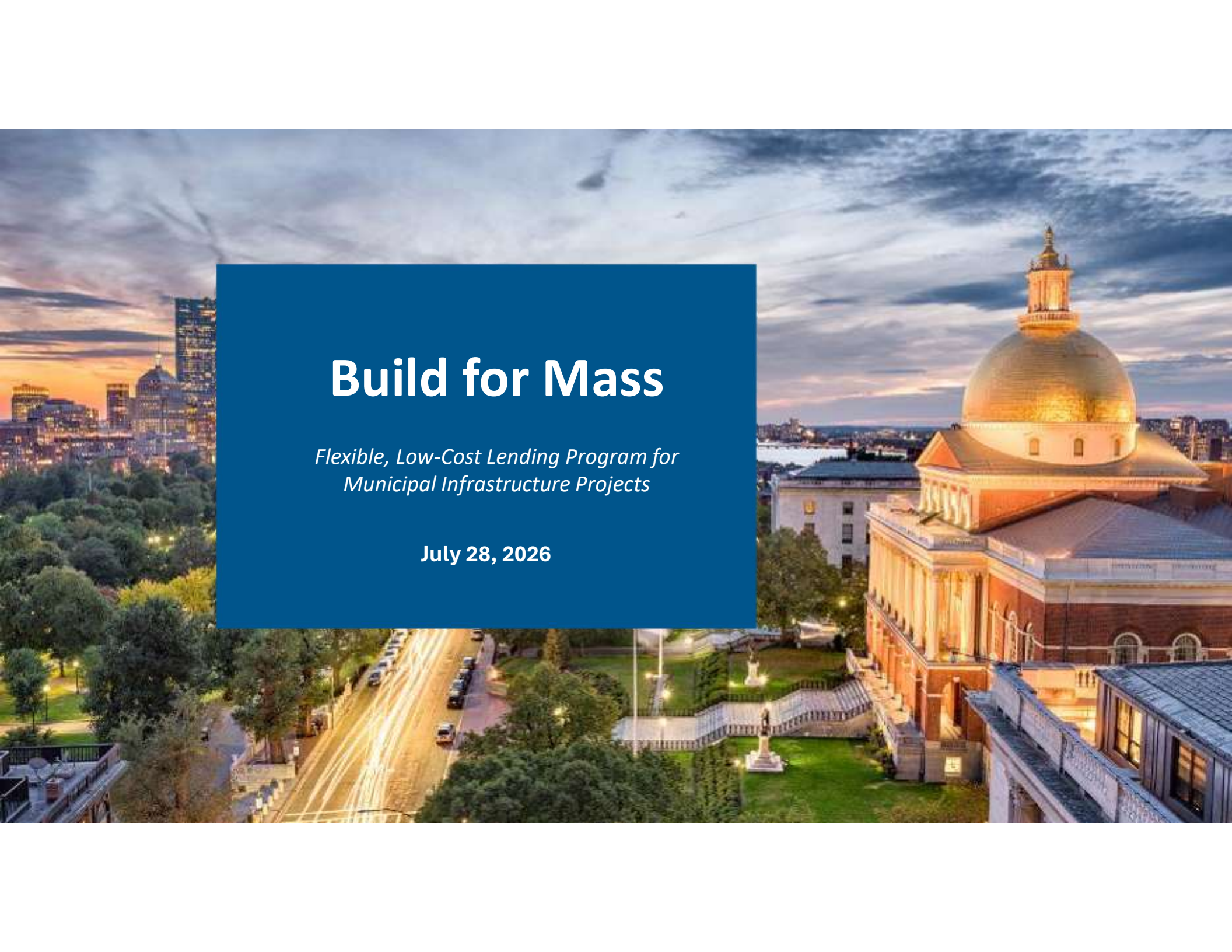


Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Deadline
<u>Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program</u>	States, Cities and Towns, Special district governments, Federally recognized Tribes.	\$5M	8/31/26
<u>Healthy Homes Production Grant Program</u>	States, City and Towns, Federally recognized Tribes, 501(c)(3)s other than higher ed institutions	\$4M	8/31/26
<u>Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program</u>	States, Cities and Towns, Special district governments, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, 501(c)(3)s other than higher ed institutions	\$3M	8/31/26

Open Grant Opportunities



Grant Name	Eligibility	Max Award	Deadline
<u>FY27 Brownfields Job Training (JT) Grants</u>	States, Local governments, Land Clearance Authority, Regional Council, Redevelopment Agency that is chartered or otherwise sanctioned by a State, Federally recognized Tribes, 501(c)(3), and others.	\$300k	9/23/26



Build for Mass

*Flexible, Low-Cost Lending Program for
Municipal Infrastructure Projects*

July 28, 2026

Build for Mass: Announced July 14th!



The Commonwealth's **first general municipal infrastructure lending program** to provide Massachusetts municipalities with **flexible, low-interest financing** to:

- **Address funding gaps**
- **Advance priority projects, and**
- **Maximize access to federal resources.**

Housed at MassDevelopment, Build for Mass includes two revolving loan programs:



General Loan Program

Low-cost financing for projects supported by federal funding, including economic development, clean energy, climate resilience, and other critical municipal infrastructure improvements

Green Loan Program

Bridge financing for municipal clean energy projects that qualify for the federal Direct Pay program, enabling municipalities cover upfront costs and receive IRS Section 48 tax credits upon completion.

Build for Mass: \$75 Million for Local Projects



\$50 million from the Commonwealth Federal Match and Debt Reduction Fund, established through legislation proposed by Gov. Healey to help Massachusetts compete for federal funding

\$25 million from the Department of Energy Resources, in partnership with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, to support clean energy projects and lower long-term energy costs.

Background: Identifying Needs and Opportunities



Over the past two years, the Healey-Driscoll Administration has been developing a lending program that provides funding to municipalities for clean energy, transportation, housing, and economic development projects.

2024 legislation allows for up to \$50M for loans and grants to cities and towns



FFIO worked with HKS to understand municipal finance needs and state infrastructure banks



Partnered with the Collins Center to support community engagement work



Held interagency meetings to develop strategic plan; conducted more focused muni outreach



Ongoing: FFIO, MassDev, EEA, DOER, Climate Office, and others work to identify projects



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Addressing Two Problems through Loan Programs



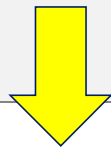
Problem #1	Program Response	Federal Connection	Key Features	Possible Examples
Community has a finance gap on a federally funded capital project (previously funded or viable federal applicant); it is unable to access needed funding through another state program.	General Loan Program 	- Federal discretionary grant - Federal formula funds - Congressionally Directed Spending (“CDS”)	- Low interest loan (2.0%-2.5%) 5-20-year loan terms - Priorities: Gateway Cities, rural communities, Healey-Driscoll policy goals	Quincy <i>Manet Ave. Seawall Project</i> \$5M need - Received FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Funding Pittsfield <i>Downtown Renewal Project</i> \$5M need - Received FY24 USDOT Reconnecting Communities Grant

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Addressing Two Problems through Loan Programs



Problem #2	Program Response	Federal Connection	Key Features	Possible Example
Communities have a timing problem and need up-front bridge loans to initiate a qualifying clean energy projects eligible for federal tax credits	Green Loan Program 	IRA's Direct Pay Tax Credit program (new rules expand eligibility for geothermal and battery storage projects)	- Low interest loan (2.00%-2.5%) 3-4-year loan terms - Loans capped at 30% of project cost - Eligible projects: Ground-sourced heat pumps ("GSHPs"); battery storage	Northampton <i>Forbes Library Ground-Source Heat Pump ("GSHP") Project</i> \$1.6M need Orleans <i>Net Zero Fire Station GSHP Project</i> \$1.6M need



OBBBA Update on Direct Pay:

The investment tax credit eligibility period for investments in geothermal or battery storage projects **expanded** under OBBBA

- Projects that begin construction by 12/31/33 are eligible for the full tax credit
- Projects that begin construction between 2034 and 2035 will receive reduced credit values

Source: National League of Cities

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**Have a Priority
Infrastructure
Project?**

Tell us about it!

**Submit an interest form by scanning this QR code
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USDA Rural Development Southern New England Jurisdiction (CT, MA & RI)

Overview of Community Programs:

Lyndon S. Nichols

Community Economic Development & Outreach Director

 **Rural Development**
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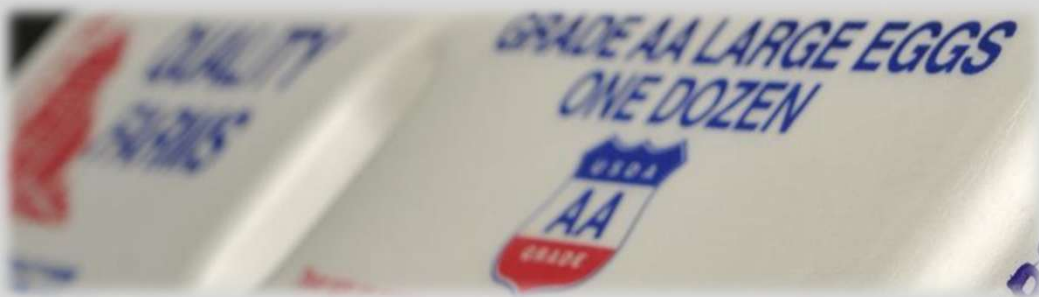
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What is “USDA Rural Development”?

One of 17 Agencies and 18 Offices in USDA

“The Peoples Department” - May 15, 1862, President
Abraham Lincoln

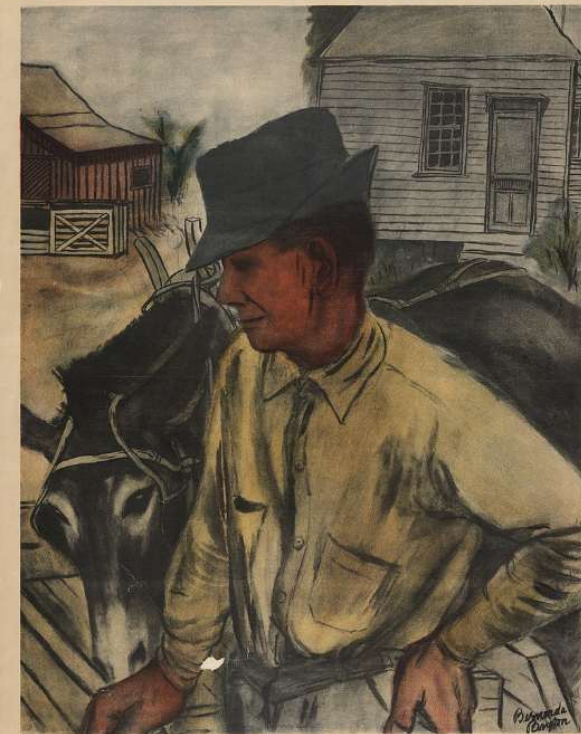
What USDA RD is not...



USDA Rural Development – *In the beginning...*



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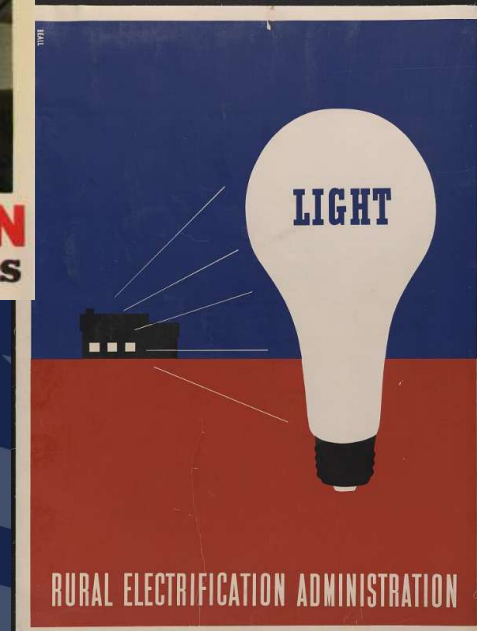


RESETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION
Small Loans Give Farmers a New Start



New Deal U.S. federal
agency created May 1, 1935

Rural Electrification Act
of 1936



USDA Rural Development



USDA Rural Development is committed to helping improve the economy and quality of life in rural America. Through our programs, we help rural Americans in many ways.

USDA Rural Development Southern New England



Our Mission:

To increase economic opportunity and improve quality of life in rural and tribal communities in Southern New England (SNE)



Our Impact:

USDA Rural Development SNE has invested well over \$1 Billion over the past three years in water/wastewater, electric, and telecommunications infrastructure; housing; community facilities

USDA RD Southern New England Jurisdiction



Amherst, MA State Office

451 West Street, Suite 2
Amherst, MA 01002
Phone: 413-253-4300
Administers activity in three state jurisdictions

Amherst, MA Area Office

451 West Street, Suite 2
Amherst, MA 01002
Phone: 413-253-4300
Serving: Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden counties

Holden, MA Area Office

52 Boyden Road
Holden, MA 01520
Phone: 508-829-4477
Serving: Worcester, Middlesex, Essex and Suffolk counties

Wareham, MA Area Office

15 Cranberry Highway
West Wareham, MA 02576
Phone: 508-295-5151 Ext. 3
Serving: Bristol, Norfolk, Plymouth, Dukes, Nantucket and Barnstable counties



Warwick, RI Area Office

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West Wareham, MA 02576
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Windsor, CT Area Office

100 Northfield Drive
Windsor, CT 06095
Phone: 860-688-7725
Fax: 855-947-9638
Serving: Tolland, Middlesex, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, and Fairfield counties

Franklin, CT Area Office

106 Route 32
Franklin, CT 06254
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Fax: 855-947-9638
Serving: Windham, and New London counties

USDA Rural Development

Administers over 70 Programs

Supports rural communities with loan and grant investments of over \$50 billion annually

Portfolio of investments exceeds \$220 billion





USDA Rural Development Summary of Programs

Together, America Prospers

USDA Rural Development at a Glance

Rural America's Partner in Prosperity

USDA Rural Development invests in rural America with loan, grant, and loan guarantee programs because we understand a strong community is rooted in its people. The commitment and resources we bring to rural communities helps drive economic security and prosperity. Our programs expand access to high-speed internet, electric, and transportation infrastructure, and support business growth, healthcare, education, housing, and other community essentials.

We stand ready to be your partner in prosperity for rural America. Contact us today to learn more and connect with the local USDA Rural Development team that serves your area:

Website: rd.usda.gov/ct-ma-ri
Twitter: @RD_SNE

We have more than 70 programs to support rural America.



Single Family Housing



Multifamily Housing



Community Programs



Energy and Electric Programs



Telecommunications Programs



Water and Environmental Programs



Business and Cooperative Programs



USDA Rural Development Summary of Programs

Rural Housing Service | Single Family Housing

Program	Overview	Applicant	Population	Additional Information
Housing Preservation Grants	Repairs housing owned or occupied by low income rural families. Funds can be used to operate a program that finances repair activities for single-family and small rental properties.	State and local governments, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes	Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or fewer	Program Type: Grant Website: https://go.usa.gov/v2/DeY
Individual Water and Wastewater Grants for Colonias	Provides funding to offset the cost of connecting residential water and waste service lines, pay utility hook-up fees, and install plumbing and related fixtures	Must own and occupy a home in an eligible-area Colonia recognized prior to October 1989, and have a taxable income below the most recent poverty guidelines	Colonias must be located in an unincorporated rural area with a population of 10,000 or fewer.	Program Type: Grant Terms and Conditions: Only available in designated Colonias in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. Website: https://go.usa.gov/v2/CH9
Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Grants	Provides funding to qualified organizations who offer technical assistance to train groups how to build their own and each others' homes	Private organizations, nonprofits, government organizations, and federally recognized Tribes	Rural areas with populations up to 20,000 (In special circumstances, communities with populations up to 35,000 can apply.)	Program Type: Grant Website: https://go.usa.gov/v2/DET
Single Family Housing Direct Home Loans	Provides mortgage financing for applicants to buy, build, improve, or repair an eligible rural home as their primary residence	Families and individuals with an adjusted income at or below the low-income limit for the area	Rural areas with populations up to 20,000 (In special circumstances, communities up to 35,000 can apply.)	Program Type: Direct Loan Terms and Conditions: Loans can cover up to 100 percent of the home's market value, with terms of 33 - 38 years. Applicant may be eligible for payment assistance (subsidy) on the loan. Website: https://go.usa.gov/v2/DEP

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<http://tinyurl.com/USDA-AD3027>

Rural Development Programs



Rural Housing Service

Single Family Housing
Programs

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Programs

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Water & Environmental
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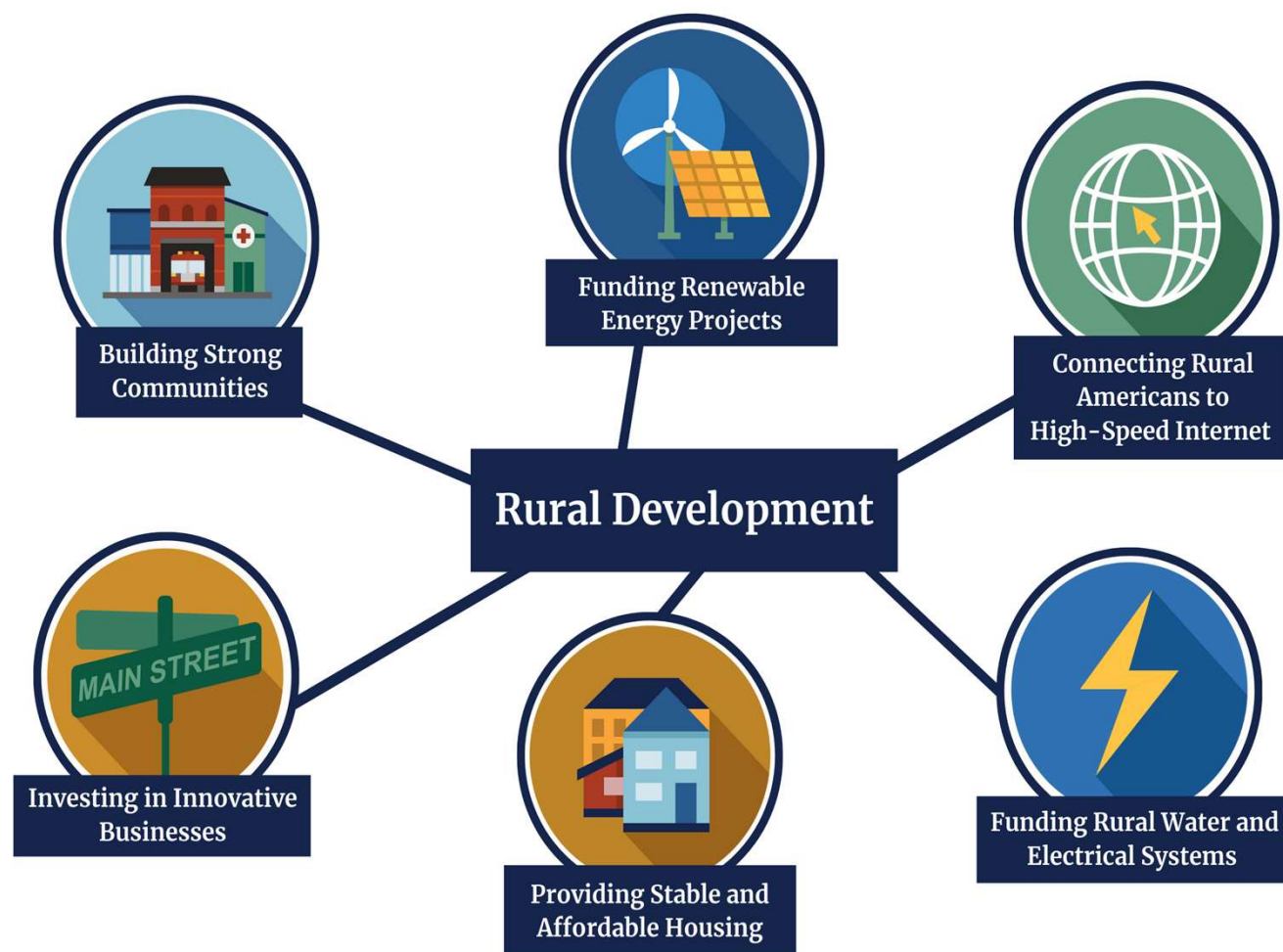
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USDA Rural Development

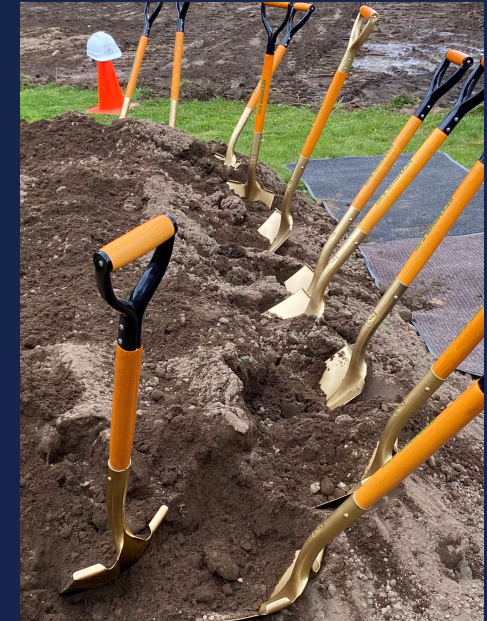


Our programs help rural people thrive and when rural people thrive, America thrives.

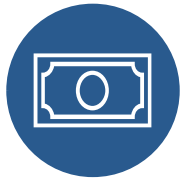
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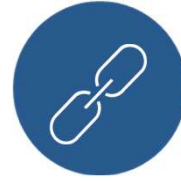
Community Facilities Programs



Community Facilities



Community Facilities (CF)
Direct Loans & Grants



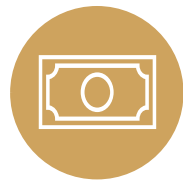
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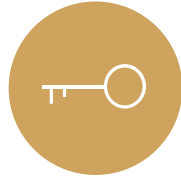
Economic Impact Initiative Grants



Rural Community Development
Initiative Grants (RCDIG)



Community Facilities Relending
Program



Congressionally Directed Spending



Community Facilities Technical
Assistance and Training Grant

Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loans & Grants



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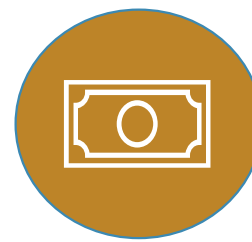
Funds to improve, construct, develop, or finance essential community facilities for rural communities such as hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, certain schools, child care centers, fire and rescue, public safety facilities, libraries, and town halls.



Eligibility

Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes

Rural areas with populations of 20,000 or fewer for direct loans and grants; 50,000 or fewer for loan guarantees.



Funding Limits

Program Type: Grant

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Rural Community Development Initiative Grants



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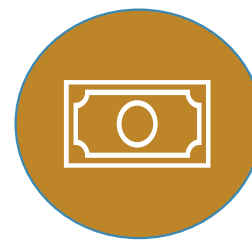
Facilitates housing, community facilities, and community and economic development projects. Grant funds can cover training sub-grantees to conduct homeownership or minority business entrepreneur education, providing technical assistance to sub-grantees on strategic plan development, researching and identifying alternative funding sources, preparing boards of directors, and creating training tools such as videos, workbooks or reference guides.



Eligibility

Government organizations, nonprofits, and certain private, for-profit organizations in rural areas.

Rural areas with populations of 50,000 or fewer including any urbanized area neighboring it

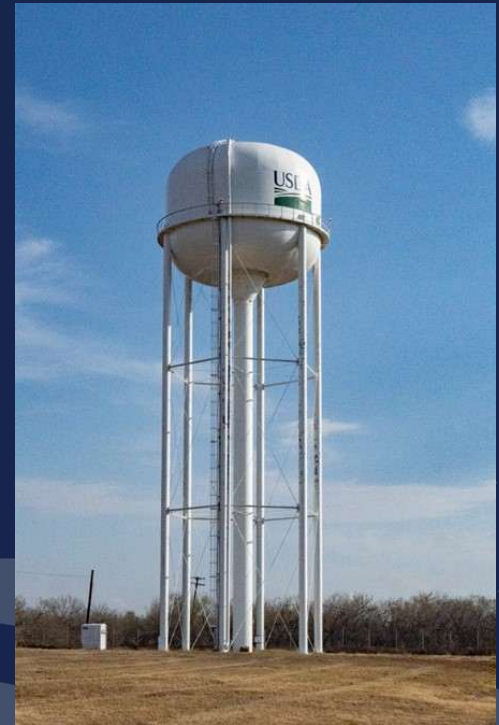


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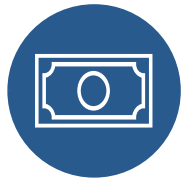
Program Type: Grant Terms and Conditions: Grants range from \$50,000 - \$250,000, and there is a matching fund requirement equal to the amount of the grant award.

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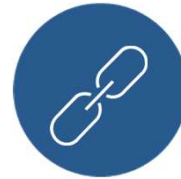
Water & Environmental Programs



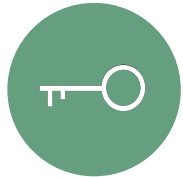
Water & Environmental



Water & Waste Disposal Loans,
Grants, and Loan Guarantees



Emergency Community Water
Assistance Grants



Water & Waste Disposal Technical
Assistance & Training Grants



Water & Waste Disposal
Predevelopment Planning Grants



Solid Waste Management Grants



Revolving Funds for Financing
Water and Wastewater Projects

Water & Wastewater Loans and Grants



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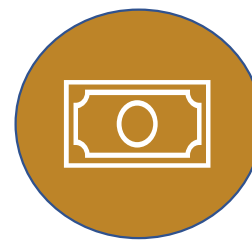
Provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary waste water and solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses. Funds can be used to buy, build, repair, and improve public water and waste treatment and collection systems.



Eligibility

Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes

Rural areas with populations fewer than 10,000, Colonias and Tribal lands.



Funding Limits

Program Type: Loans, grant (if available) Terms and Conditions: The loan term will not exceed 40 years.

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Water & Wastewater Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG)



Purpose

Helps low-income communities with the initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Direct Loan and Grant or Loan Guarantee programs.

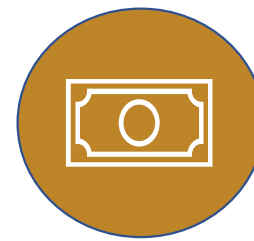


Eligibility

Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes.

NOTE: The area must have a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80 percent of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income.

Rural areas with populations fewer than 10,000, Colonias and Tribal lands.



Funding Limits

Program Type: Grant Terms and Conditions: Maximum grant amount is \$30,000, or 75 percent of predevelopment planning costs.

OPEN

Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households Grants (SEARCH)



Purpose

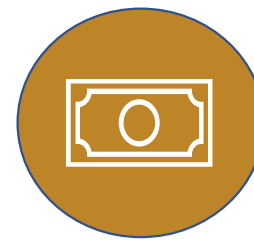
Helps small, financially distressed rural communities pay for predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects. Funds can be used to support proposed projects to build or improve rural water, wastewater, solid waste disposal, or storm water disposal facilities, or to make public or private improvements.



Eligibility

Government organizations, nonprofits, and federally recognized Tribes.

NOTE: Eligible service areas must be rural, considered financially distressed, and: • Be located in cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of **2,500 or fewer**, according to the most recent U.S. Census data • Have median household incomes either below the poverty line - or less than 80 percent of the statewide, nonmetropolitan median household income.



Funding Limits

Program Type: Grant

OPEN



Questions?



Thank You!



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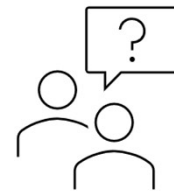


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Rural Development

Q&A

Place your questions in the chat!



Federal Funds Partnership Meeting Schedule

Future meeting dates:

- Tuesday, September 22nd, 2-3 pm
- Tuesday, October 27th, 2-3 pm