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# **Water and Environmental Programs Direct Loans, Guarantees and Grants**

## **Purpose**

- Water and Waste Disposal loans and grants may be made to develop, extend, or improve water and wastewater systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage, in rural areas.

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## **Eligible Applicants**

- A public body or a non-profit association serving a community with a population of 10,000 or less. Applicants must also show that they are unable to afford commercial credit.



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## **Loan Terms/Rates**

- 30 years for sewer
- 40 years for water
- The interest rates are based on the median household income of the service area.

**Current Rates** Market 5.125 %, Intermediate 4.125% and Poverty 3.125%.



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## **Grant Eligibility**

Grants are available to supplement loans when:

- The service area is determined to be low income **and**
- The projected user rates will be unreasonably high



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## **AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT**

- **\$2.82 billion available for Water and Waste Disposal Facility loans**
- **\$968 million available for grants**
- **[www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)**

