

# USDA Rural Development Funding for Rural Sewer Systems



**Community Programs** 

## **Community Programs**

- Community Facilities (town halls, fire halls, DPW buildings, fire trucks, police cars, libraries, etc.)
- Water & Waste (water & sewer projects)

USDA Water & Sewer website - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWEP\_HomePage.html

USDA Community Facilities website - http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/HCF\_CF.html

## **Community Programs**

- Community Facilities: eligible applicants include:
  - Public bodies, non-profits, & tribes located in communities or a service area less than 20,000 population.
- Water & Waste: eligible applicants include:
  - Public bodies, tribes, non-profits located in communities or a service area less than 10,000 population.
- <u>Community Facilities Programs</u>:
  - Direct loan program

20,000 population limit

3.375% fixed interest rate, updated quarterly

Loan terms up to 40 years, dependent upon useful life of facility

No prepayment penalties

Loan amounts dictated by repayment ability

## Water/Sewer Programs (WEP):

### Direct Loans and Grants

Funds may be used for new systems, rehabilitation of existing systems, and storm sewer separation.

10,000 population limit

Grant funds are used to keep user rates at an affordable level based upon 1.5% of the MHI of the service area.

3 tiers of interest rates, which change on a quarterly basis

No prepayment penalties or call periods

Up to 40 year term

## Single Family Housing

- Section 504 Home Repair Program
- Home repairs including
  - Wells/Septic Repairs/Replacements
  - Roofing
  - Interior plumbing/electrical
  - Exteriors/Windows/Siding
- Statewide Michigan RD obligated \$1,000,000 in grants
  - About 200 grants
- Statewide Michigan RD obligated \$1,000,000 in loans
  - About 200 loans
- Many states don't utilize their allocation so we could do more



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FAMILY HOUSING
HOME REPAIR
PROGRAM

## Fiscal Year 2019 Community Programs Obligations

**Community Facilities** 

Direct Loan - \$24,035,509

Direct Grant - \$1,854,904

31 police/fire/emergency vehicles, 13 DPW trucks/snowplows/loaders, 5 fire stations/twp halls/medical facilities, 24 other equipment

Water and Sewer

Direct Loan - \$78,183,000

Direct Grant - \$28,764,000

28 water and sewer projects, 177% of loan allocation, 230% of grant allocation

## Water and Sewer Interest Rates Jan 1, 2020 – Mar 31, 2020

- Poverty Interest Rate
  - MHI of less than \$41,678 with a third-party documented violation of a health or sanitary standard 1.625%
- Intermediate
  - MHI between \$41,678 \$52,097 2.25%
- Market
  - MHI over \$52,097 2.75%

## **Grants for Planning**

## Water/Sewer Programs:

- Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG)

Funding Limit - \$30,000 or 75% of the project cost, whichever is less.

Available to communities under population of 10,000

Restricted to communities with MHI below 80% of SNMHI or \$41,678

Grant pays for the costs associated with developing a complete application

Applicants must prove that they are unable to pay these development costs on their own.

PPG funds cannot be used to pay for work already completed.

Costs incurred prior to grant approval will not be considered eligible.

## Grants for Planning Continued and 306C

### • Water/Sewer Programs:

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

Same grant eligibility parameters as PPG

Funding Limit - \$30,000 or 100% of the project cost, whichever is less.

Available to communities under population of 2,500

### Water/Sewer Programs:

- Section 306C Water and Waste Disposal Grants

These funds have been set aside for eligible projects that benefit members of Federally Recognized Native American Tribes. Residents of the rural area to be served must face significant health risks due to the fact that a significant proportion of the community residents do not have access to, or are not served by, adequate, affordable, water and/or waste disposal systems. Documentation to support the poor sanitary waste disposal and health risks should be provided to USDA. Water and waste disposal systems can obtain up to 100 percent grants to construct basic drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste disposal and storm drainage. Also, under this program, the systems can obtain funds to provide grant assistance directly to individuals to install necessary indoor plumbing like bathrooms and pay other costs of connecting to the system.

Funding Limit - \$2,000,000 per project

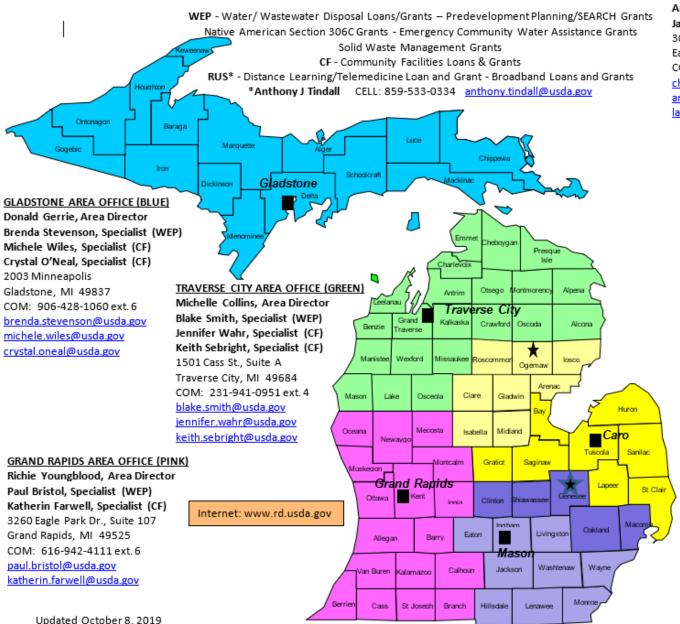
## Other Funding Partners and Miscellaneous Items

• LEVERAGING – Funds from other sources including, but not limited to:

CDBG
SRF/DWRF
MDOT
DDA/TIFA
Applicant's general and/or enterprise funds

- The percentage of leveraging may give your project priority over another project by assigning additional priority points!
- Rural Development accepts applications year round and can fund projects any time, subject to funding availability and approval of funding allocations.
- If project is not selected for funding, the project remains on our application list until withdrawn by the applicant.
- For those pending applications, it is strongly suggested that either the applicant or the engineer keep us informed on any changes of project scope and amount of funds needed.
- Rural Development projects funded with our regular allocation are not required to comply with Davis Bacon.

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## Rural Community Assistance Program Help

- RCAP can prepare SHPO applications, Environmental Reports (Assessments) and can assist borrowers with publication of NOA's and FONSI's.
- Other services include:
  - Borrower income surveys if approved by RD
  - Rate Analysis
  - RDApply training and assistance for applicants
  - Vulnerability Assessments/Emergency Response Plans
  - Application Assistance
- These services are typically at no cost for the borrower.
- Other services are available on a fee-for-service basis.

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## Forsyth Township/Gwinn Water & Sewer

- Started out as a water project but SAW grant identified sewer issues
- \$5,487,441 construction contract
- Obligated \$4,900,000 water August, 2011
- Obligated \$1,900,000 sewer February, 2015.
- Substantially complete May, 2016.



## Sanilac County/Worth Township Sewer

- Sanilac Co. Worth Township Sewer
- Over 1700 new sewer customers, 6 lift stations, 24 miles of sewer, 5 cell lagoon.
- 5 contracts totaling \$33,923,495
- Obligated funds 8/2/13 and 7/13/17, started Fall 2017, complete Spring 2019.



## Ludington Water Treatment Plant

- Total Project Cost \$9,817,000
- Funding obligated July 5, 2016
- Upfront procurement of treatment equipment July and August, 2016
- Prime contract bid Sept. 13, 2016
- Loan Closing/Preconstruction Meeting October 18, 2016.
- First milestone pretreatment complete by May 1, 2017.
- Plant maintained operation during entire project.
- Substantial Completion Prefinal Inspection October 10, 2018.
- Plant filter capacity increased from 8 MGD to 12.8 MGD within same footprint.

## **LUDINGTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**IMPROVEMENTS** SW

OWNER: CITY OF LUDINGTON LUDINGTON, MI

ENGINEERING FIRM: FISHBECK, THOMPSON, CARR & HUBER GRAND RAPIDS. MI



High-rate sedimentation system with inclined plate settlers

AFTER



The pretreatment equipment was arranged in two complete treatment trains to meet the total combined capacity of 8 MGD.



Flocculation basins are located upstream of the sedimentation tanks. Stainless steel baffle walls direct flow through four flocculation chambers across horizontal paddle mixers.

New filter transfer pumps and associated piping serving the new filters

**BEFORE** 

One of two new filters installed within the existing west clarifier





Sodium hypochlorite equipment was relocated where it is closer to the process feed points and more accessible to operators.

The City of Ludington retained Fishbeck to increase the capacity of their water treatment plant to 8 million gallons per day (MGD). The plant had been downrated by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to 3.2 MGD because it did not have an adequate number of filters to meet current design standards. Fishbeck's innovative approach replaced the existing clarifiers with a high-rate pretreatment system, which provided the needed capacity in the space of only one existing clarifier. The other clarifier was retrofitted with two new filters and chemical feed equipment. Fishbeck's design more than doubled the plant's capacity within the existing footprint, with additional filter capacity to allow future expansion on the same site.



FISHBECK, THOMPSON, CARR & HUB



## Section 504 Home Repairs

- Section 504 loan and grant eligibility has income limits based on family size and what county (typically very low income).
- There are maximum property market value limits as well.
- Loan funds are available to repair improve, modernize, remove health & safety hazards, and/or remodel for disabled accessibility.
- Home must have access to its own water & waste and located on a publicly maintained road.
- Must own and occupy the dwelling as a primary residence.
- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- Must have legal capacity to incur a debt obligation.
- No manufactured home community homes.
- Loans are up to \$40,000 at 1% for twenty year term.
- Lifetime grant assistance of \$10,000 for applicants over 62.
- A mortgage is required for all loans over \$7,500.
- Grants must be repaid if ownership changes within 3 years of grant approval.

### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## 504 SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING HOME REPAIR PROGRAM



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http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants/mi

## Section 504 Details

- Income limits for loans
- Maximum property value limits

## 504 LOAN INCOME LIMIT PER FAMILY SIZE

FAMILY SIZE	1 – 4	<u>5—8</u>
Allegan	\$36,050	\$47,600
Antrim	\$30,800	\$40,700
Barry	\$35,750	\$47,200
Bay	\$30,550	\$40,350
Benzie	\$31,950	\$42,200
Berrien	\$33,250	\$43,900
Calhoun	\$32,100	\$42,400
Cass	\$31,350	\$41,400
Charlevoix	\$32,700	\$43,200
Clinton	\$37,150	\$49,050
Eaton	\$37,150	\$49,050
Emmett	\$34,000	\$44,900
Grand Traverse	\$38,750	\$51,150
Ingham	\$37,150	\$49,050
Ionia	\$31,000	\$40,950
Isabella	\$31,900	\$42,150
Jackson	\$32,300	\$42,650
Kalamazoo	\$36,950	\$48,800
Kent	\$38,300	\$50,600
Lapeer	\$38,150	\$50,400
Leelanau	\$37,700	\$49,800
Lenawee	\$39,050	\$51,500
Livingston	\$51,200	\$67,600
Macomb	\$38,150	\$50,400
Marguette	\$34,600	\$45,700
Midland	\$37,300	\$49,250
Monroe	\$39,500	\$52,150
Muskegon	\$31,050	\$40,950
<u>Oakland</u>	\$38,150	\$50,400
Otsego	\$30,800	\$40,700
Ottawa	\$42,000	\$55,450
Saginaw	\$31,800	\$42,000
Shiawassee	\$32,400	\$42,800
St. Clair	\$38,150	\$50,400
Van Buren	\$36,950	\$48,800
Washtenaw	\$50,600	\$66,800
Wayne	\$38,150	\$50,400
All other	\$30,550	\$40,350

### **MAXIMUM PROPERTY MARKET VALUE**

Alcona, Alger, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Baraga, Barry, Bay, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Clare, Clinton, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Gladwin, Gogebic, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Houghton, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Iosco, Iron, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Keweenaw, Lake, Lapeer, Luce, Mackinac, Macomb, Manistee, Marguette, Mason, Mecosta, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Ontonagon, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Schoolcraft, Shiawassee, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Van Buren, Wayne and Wexford Counties \$251,862

Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau and Lenawee Counties \$253,000

> Oakland County \$254,000

Livingston County \$267,000

Washtenaw County \$297,000



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## Section 504 Details cont'd.

- Income limits for grants are lower than for loans.
- Loans are originated out of 8 offices statewide
  - Contact information provided.

### **PURPOSE**

The Section 504 loan and grant program helps very low-income homeowners repair and modernize their homes.

### **HOW CAN FUNDS BE USED?**

Loan funds are available to repair, improve. modernize, remove health and safety hazards, and/or remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities.

Grant funds are available to remove health or safety hazards, and/or remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities.

### PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

The property must be in an eligible rural area. Maps indicating eligible areas are located on the website below:

http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/ welcomeAction.do? pageAtion=sfp&NavKey=property@11

Property requirements include, but are not limited to the following guidelines:

- Must not be income producing, no in-ground swimming pool, no active farm structures.
- The home can not be located in a manufactured home community.
- Property must have access to its own water & waste utilities and located on a publicly maintained road.
- Value of property cannot exceed the Maximum Property Market Value.

### WHAT ARE THE TERMS?

The loan program offers up to \$40,000 at a 1% interest rate and a 20 year term.

The grant program offers up to \$10,000 of lifetime assistance.

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Must own and occupy the dwelling as a primary
- U.S Citizen or qualified alien status.
- Must have adequate / dependable income and acceptable credit to qualify for a loan
- Must be 62 years or older to be eligible for grant
- Must have household income that does not exceed the very low income guidelines. Please refer to the Income Limit Per Family Size chart on the back of the brochure
- Must have legal capacity to incur debt obligation
- Other restrictions may apply

### WHERE CAN I APPLY? Contact the office that serves the

county you want to purchase a home in

Caro Office - (989) 673-8173, Ext. 4 1075 Cleaver Road, Caro, MI 48723 (Bay, Gratiot, Huron, Lapeer, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola counties) Flint Office - (810) 230-8766, Ext. 4 1525 North Elms Road, Flint, MI 48532 (Clinton, Genesee, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Shiawassee and Wayne counties) Grand Rapids Office - (616) 942-4111, Ext. 6 3260 Eagle Park Drive, Ste 107, Grand Rapids, MI 49525 (Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa counties) Mason Office - (517) 676-4644, Ext. 4 525 N. Okemos Street, Ste B, Mason, MI 48854 (Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston and Washtenaw counties) Paw Paw Office - (269) 657-7055, Ext. 4 1035 E. Michigan Avenue, Paw Paw, MI 49079 (Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties) Sault Ste. Marie Office -- (906) 632-9611, Ext 4 2847 Ashmun, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 (Alger, Baraga, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Mackinaw, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Presque Isle and Schoolcraft counties) Traverse City Office - (231) 941-0951, Ext. 4 1501 Cass Street, Ste A, Traverse City, MI 49684 (Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Crawford, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Montmorency, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego and Wexford counties) West Branch Office - (989) 345-5470 Ext. 4. 240 W. Wright Street, West Branch, MI 48661 (Arenac, Clare, Gladwin, Iosco, Isabella, Midland,

Ogemaw and Roscommon counties)

#### WHAT SECURITY IS REQUIRED?

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A mortgage is required for all loans of \$7,500 or more. The agency does not require a first lien position, but the total of all debts secured by the property must not exceed the property's market

Grants do not require a security instrument, but must be repaid if ownership changes within 3 years of grant approval

### **504 GRANT ONLY INCOME LIMIT PER FAMILY SIZE**

FAMILY SIZE	1	2	3	4
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Allegan	\$15,150		\$19,450	
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	\$13,450			
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Charlevoix	\$13,750		\$17,650	
Clinton	\$15,650		\$20,050	
Eaton	\$15,650			\$22,300
Emmett	\$14,300			
Grand Traverse	\$16,300	\$18,600	\$20,950	\$23,250
Ingham	\$15,650	\$17,850		
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Midland	\$15,700	\$17,900	\$20,150	\$22,400
Monroe	\$16,600		\$21,350	
Muskegon	\$13,000	\$14,900	\$16,750	\$18,650
Oakland	\$16,050	\$18,350	\$20,600	\$22,900
Otsego	\$12,950	\$14,800	\$16,650	\$18,500
Ottawa	\$17,650	\$20,150	\$22,700	\$25,200
Saginaw	\$13,400		\$17,200	\$19,100
Shiawassee	\$13,600		\$17,500	
St. Clair	\$16,050		\$20,600	
Van Buren	\$15,550			
Washtenaw	\$21,250		\$27,350	
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All other	\$12,850	\$14,650	\$16,500	\$18,350

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