Advancing Water Solutions for Rural Areas

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Water and Waste Infrastructure Investments in Small and Rural Communities

National Governors Association Water Policy Institute

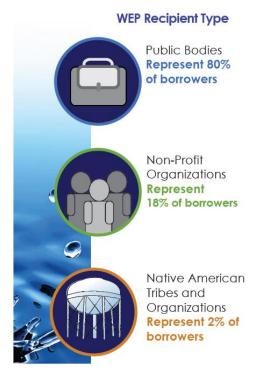
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Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) Overview

- \$2.9 billion available in FY 2019
- WEP finances acquisition, construction or improvement of:
 - Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution
 - Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal
 - Solid waste collection, disposal and closure
 - Storm water collection, conveyance and disposal
- WEP serves populations of 10,000 or less except for the Loan Guarantee Program, which has a 50,000 limit.
- WEP is administered in partnership with 47 State Offices and hundreds of field offices throughout rural America.
- Engineering & Environmental Staff (EES) provides support to WEP, Telecom, and Electric Programs.



Congressional and Other Set-Aside Funds for Special Programs and Populations

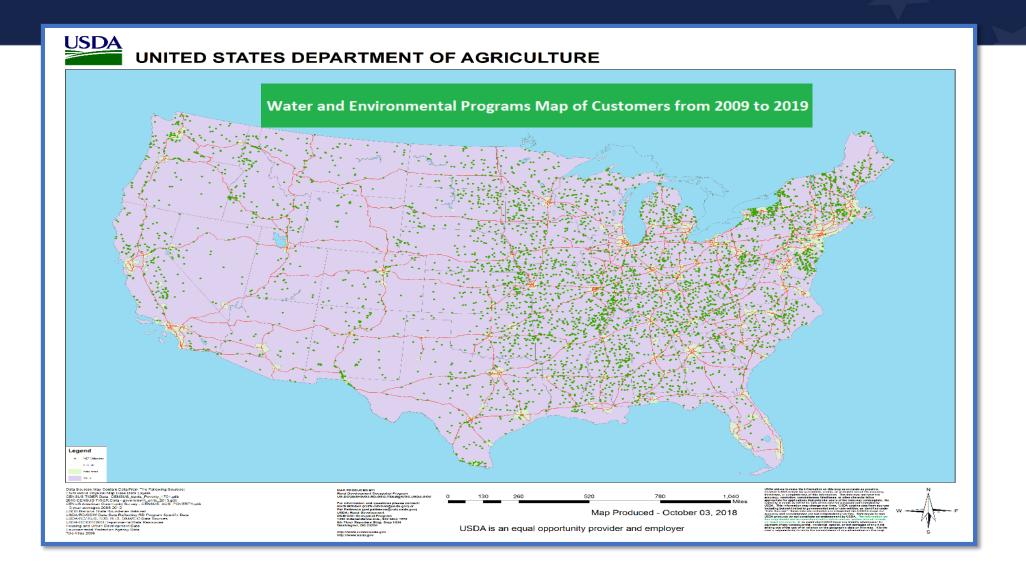
- Native American/Colonias
- Rural and Native Alaskan Villages
- Technical Assistance and Training Programs
- Solid Waste Management
- Household Water Well Systems
- Revolving Loan Funds
- Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)
- Regional Economic Development (SECD and REAP)
- Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities & Households (SEARCH)
- Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG)
- Disaster Supplemental Funding



WEP Water and Waste Disposal Programs' Impact FY 2009 – FY 2019

- 2,187 counties served in all 50 states and 4 territories
- 26,100,883 rural residents received new or improved water and waste disposal service
- 9,666,994 households and businesses benefited by improved service
- Average annual household income of population served = \$37,067
- Rural communities served:
 - 83% 5,000 or less population
 - 69% 2,500 or less population
 - 54% 1,500 or less population
 - 44% 1,000 or less population
- 19.9 billion invested to build new or improved infrastructure
 - 66% loan; 34% grant -- 24% leveraged with other funding sources (\$4.8 billion)
- \$134 Million in Guaranteed Loans with private lenders
- \$288 million in technical assistance funds provided to rural communities
 - 941,599 technical assistance visits

USDA WEP Borrowers



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Rural Development's Website – Water and Environmental Programs <u>https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/all-programs/water-</u> <u>environmental-programs</u>

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