

USDA Rural Development Community Facilities – Disaster Assistance

USDA Rural Development delivers a number of programs to help improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout the nation. These programs may also help rural communities, businesses and individuals impacted by a disaster such as fire, drought or earthquakes.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 2019 – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Housing Service Administrator Bruce Lammers today announced that USDA is making **\$150 million in grants** available through the Community Facilities Program to help rural communities continue their recovery from the devastating effects of hurricanes, fires and other natural disasters.

Click [here](#) to read more about this funding opportunity for municipals and non-profits in your county.

Community Facilities Loan & Grant Program	Disaster Assistance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA provides loans and a limited amount of grant funding for the construction, renovation, or purchases and installation of equipment for essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. • Eligible projects include fire and police facilities, community centers, hospitals, schools, city vehicles, food banks, daycare centers, and more. • Eligible applicants include most state and local government entities, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Tribes. • Projects must be located in rural areas and towns of up to 20,000 in population • Long-terms fixed-rate loans. The length of term depends on the type of facility being improved or equipment installed and its useful life. • Grant funding awarded based on financial need, availability of funds and are a maximum of \$50,000. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USDA can help rural communities repair or rebuild their community facilities and replace damaged equipment after a disaster.

For additional resources on applying for any of USDA Rural Development programs, contact our staff below for your county or visit www.rd.usda.gov/pa.

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