



Rural Development

Water & Environmental Programs

PLANNING GRANT PROGRAMS

**Predevelopment Planning Grant (PPG)
CFDA No. 10.760**

**Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural
Communities and Households (SEARCH)
CFDA No. 10.759**

Purpose:

Provide financial assistance to eligible communities who lack resources to pay for completing RD application, feasibility studies (PER/ER), design assistance and technical assistance (analysis needed for application development; not including development of plans/specs or bidding documents)	same
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Funding:

\$30,000 or 75% of eligible costs, whichever is less	100% of eligible costs not exceeding \$30,000 with no match required
No repayment required if additional funds are not provided for capital project by RD	Same
Funds advanced used in calculation of loan/grant for proposed project and subtracted from total grant eligibility	Same
One time only disbursement of grant funds after all work is accepted	Same

Priorities:

Systems with limited resources	Same
Smallest systems with lowest incomes	Same
Fund availability	Same

Eligibility:

Public body, not-for-profit, cooperative, federally recognized Indian tribe – must have DUNS # and be registered in S.A.M.	Same
Project serves financially distressed communities with MHI below 80% of the Statewide MHI	Same
Project serves an area with a population of 10,000 or fewer	Project is located in a city or town with a population of 2,500 or fewer

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Eligibility (continued):

<p>Funds limited to projects with a high potential for subsequent funding soon after application submitted and must be related to a project to construct, enlarge, extend, or otherwise improve water, sanitary sewage, solid waste disposal, and storm wastewater disposal facilities</p>	<p>Same</p>
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Ineligible:

<p>Cannot pay for costs already incurred</p>	<p>Same</p>
<p>Purchase of real estate, vehicles or other property</p>	<p>Same</p>

Documents for Eligibility Determination:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SF 424 Application for Federal Assistance (Non-Construction) • SF 424A Budget Information • SF 424C Assurances • Applicant’s Narrative • Evidence of Organization • Environmental Review-Categorical Exclusion without ER • Audits (most current fiscal year end) • Prefer Draft of Contracts or Agreements for Professional Services 	<p>Same</p>
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Documents Following Eligibility Notification:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RD 442-7, Operating Budget • Certification of Compliance with Federal Requirements/Laws 	<p>Same</p>
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