

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA Seeks Applications for Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grants

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, 2021 – United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Bette Brand today invited applications for grants to help rural communities expand their capacity to access financial resources and build prosperity.

USDA plans to make the grants available under the [Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant Program](#), subject to the availability of funding. Through this program, rural communities with limited staff and resources can build the capacity needed to access USDA funding to support essential community facilities.

Funds may be used to help rural communities identify financial resources, improve the management of community facilities, and prepare reports, surveys and applications. Eligible recipients are public entities, private nonprofit organizations and federally recognized tribes.

USDA encourages applications that will support recommendations made in the [Report to the President of the United States from the Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity](#) (PDF, 5.4 MB) to help improve life in rural America.

Applicants are encouraged to consider projects that provide measurable results in helping rural communities build robust and sustainable economies through strategic investments. Key strategies include:

- Achieving e-Connectivity for Rural America
- Developing the Rural Economy
- Harnessing Technological Innovation
- Supporting a Rural Workforce
- Improving Quality of Life

Paper applications must be postmarked and mailed, shipped or sent overnight by 4:00 p.m. local time on March 29, 2021. Electronic applications must be submitted via [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) by midnight Eastern time on March 22, 2021.

For additional information, see page 1920 of the Jan. 11, 2021, [Federal Register](#).

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