Community Facilities Program



ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- Provide an essential service to the community, typically provided by local government.
- Necessary for the development and sustainability of the community.
- Considered a public improvement, with demonstrated public support.
- May not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.

ELIGIBLE AREAS

- Unincorporated rural areas
- Incorporated rural communities with populations up to 20,000.
- Applicant can serve a single community, several communities, a county, or several counties.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Governmental entities towns, cities, counties, townships, or special purpose districts such as hospitals, schools, or fire districts.
- Non profit organizations with significant ties to the local rural community.

<u>USDA RURAL</u> <u>DEVELOPMENT LOAN</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

- Loans
- Two types of loans direct and guaranteed
- Direct
 - maximum term is 40 years, or the useful life of the security.
 - interest rate based upon community median household income (MHI)
- Guaranteed
 - terms and rates negotiated with lender
 - RD can only guarantee taxable issues



<u>4/1/2012</u>

Poverty rate 4.50% MHI< \$35,376

Intermediate rate 3.875% MHI< \$39,798

Market rate 3.375% MHI> \$39,798

Terms: 40 year Max 30 years on building Useful Life on equipment

USE OF FUNDS

- Loan funds can be used for
 construction of new facilities
 - purchase and renovation or expansion of existing facilities.
 - expansion or improvements to facilities already owned by the applicant.
 - purchase of major equipment.
 - costs of acquiring land and rights-of-way.

<u>SECURITY</u> REQUIREMENTS

- Non profit organizations
 - pledge of revenue
 - real estate mortgages
 - promissory notes
 - financing statements
 - assignment of title for vehicles
 - security agreements
- Public bodies
 - general obligation bonds
 - assessments
 - bond pledging other taxes
 - revenue bonds that require levy of taxes if revenues are inadequate



- Health care services
- Community, social, or cultural services
- Fire, rescue, and public safety services.
- Transportation facilities







<u>USDA RURAL</u> <u>DEVELOPMENT CF GRANT</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

- Cannot be considered a major part of project funding.
- <u>Extremely</u> limited statewide allocation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications are accepted anytime, at all area offices.
- Fiscal year begins October 1, following annual funding allocation by the national office.
- Applications are ranked by priority, which is determined by:
 - existence of health or safety hazard
 - regional or multi-community effort
 - amount of leveraged funds
 - percentage of guaranteed funds
 - amount of USDA funds needed
- Application packages include:
 - Preliminary Architectural Report and Plans
 - Environmental

Water and Wastewater Program



WWD Loans and Grants

- Rural Area Cities and Towns with a population of 10,000 or less
- Unable to finance with own resources, and unable to obtain commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.

WWD Loan and Grant Purposes

- •Drinking Water
- •Sanitary Sewer
- •Solid Waste Disposal
- •Storm Drainage

Typical Drinking Water Projects

- New Rural Water System
- Rural Water Line Extensions
- Water Storage Tanks
- Water Treatment Plants

Typical Sanitary Sewer Projects

- •New Sewer Systems
- •Sewer System Line Extensions
- •Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements

Typical Solid Waste Disposal Projects

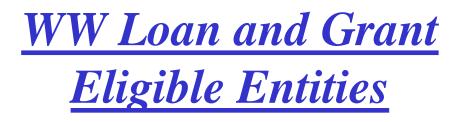
- •Landfills
- Trash Trucks

Typical Storm Drainage Projects

Storm Drainage ImprovementsSeparate Storm and Sanitary Sewers







- Public Bodies Municipalities, counties, water districts, sewer districts, etc.
- Nonprofit corporations including cooperatives.

Available Financing Options

Public Bodies

- Conventional
- Private issues
- Ohio Department of Development (CDBG)
- Ohio Public Works
- Ohio Water Development Authority
- Rural Development Direct Funds
- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
- Ohio EPA (water and sewer)
- Economic Development Administration

Nonprofit Corporations

- Conventional financing
- Private Bond Issues
- Rural Development Guarantees
- Rural Development Direct Funds
- Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
- Ohio EPA (water only)

WWD Direct Loan Interest

Rates

- Poverty
- Intermediate
- Market

2.0 percent

2.75 percent

3.375 percent

(As of 4-1-2012)

- Rates change quarterly
- Borrowers select the rate in effect at loan approval or at loan closing
- All rates are fixed at loan closing

WWD Loan Repayment Terms

- Repayments are scheduled in accordance with availability of revenue
- Useful life of facilities
- State law limitation
- 40 year maximum term

WWD Loan Security

- Notes, Bonds, Mortgages
- General Obligations
- Revenue
- Special Assessments



- Necessary to reduce user rates to a reasonable level
- Median household income (MHI) must be below the State non-metropolitan MHI of \$44,220.
- 75 percent statutory maximum
- 25-35 percent more realistic



- Can only guarantee taxable issues
- Guarantee normally will not exceed 80 percent
- Rate is negotiated between borrower & lender
- Rate may be fixed or variable
- Maximum term is 40 years or useful life



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