

APPROPRIATIONS

Requests

LABOR- HHS- EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

REQUEST: \$11.25 million and bill language for rural facilities under the Community Services Block Grant Act to provide technical assistance to low-income rural communities who are in the process of developing water and wastewater systems. This is not an earmark; it is an authorized program and RCAP competes for these award funds.

“PROVIDED FURTHER, NOT LESS THAN \$11,250,000 SHALL BE FOR SECTION 680(3)(B) OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ACT...”

“Infrastructure investment is a rare ‘win-win’ that generally boosts overall economic productivity in the long run and creates jobs in the short term.”

—McKinsey Global Insights,
*Infrastructure Productivity:
How to save \$1 trillion a year*

AGRICULTURAL- RURAL DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

REQUEST: at least \$9 million and bill language in the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) account to improve the operation and management of small community water and wastewater systems. RCAP competes for these funds.

“...OF WHICH \$9,000,000 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR A GRANT TO A QUALIFIED NON-PROFIT MULTI-STATE REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATION WITH EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH SMALL COMMUNITIES ON WATER AND WASTEWATER PROBLEMS, THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SUCH GRANT SHALL BE TO ASSIST RURAL COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 3,300 OR LESS IN IMPROVING THE PLANNING, FINANCING, DEVELOPMENT, OPERATION, AND MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS.”

REQUEST: \$8 million in Agriculture Appropriations for the Rural Community Development Initiative (RCDI).

REQUEST: Set aside 5% of USDA Essential Community Facilities appropriations for technical assistance and training.

INTERIOR- ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

REQUEST: \$17.7 million for EPA Environmental Programs and Management account for technical and regulatory compliance assistance to small communities for both drinking water and clean water activities, with language allowing for fair competition between technical assistance providers.

“...EPA SHALL AWARD GRANTS ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS AND GIVE PRIORITY TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT CONDUCT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE NATIONAL IN SCOPE; AND CURRENTLY PROVIDE MULTI-STATE REGIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE...”

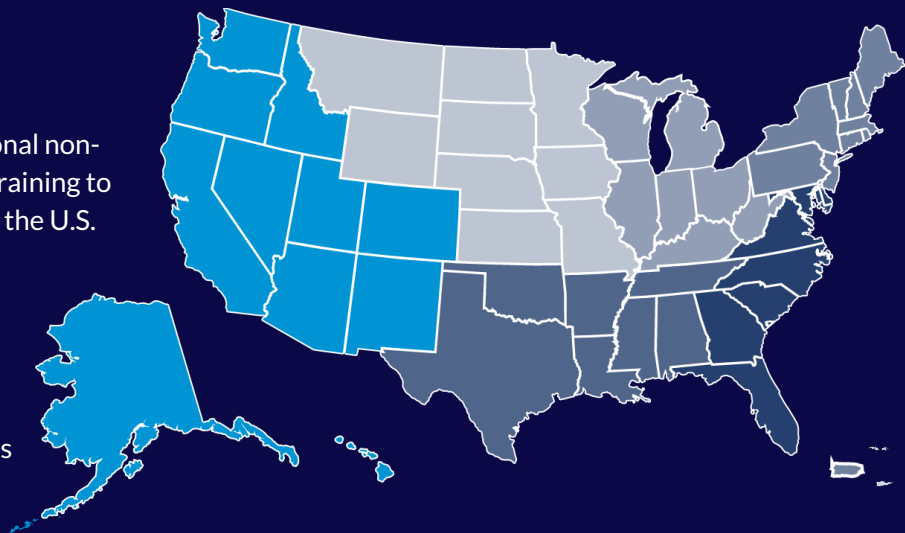
REQUEST: Provide \$25 million for Small Publicly Owned Treatment works Technical Assistance, authorized in Section 4103 of America’s Water Infrastructure Act (P.L. 115-270).

WHAT IS RCAP?

The Rural Community Assistance Partnership is a national non-profit network that provides technical assistance and training to small, rural water and wastewater systems throughout the U.S.

We help communities:

- Maintain compliance with federal and state regulations
- Protect the public health and environment
- Develop, operate and maintain sustainable systems
- Build local leadership capacity and economic opportunity.





Program FACTS

\$97.4 Billion

The amount EPA estimates is needed to repair our nation's critical water infrastructure in small towns

HHS Office of Community Services Rural Facilities

HHS-OCS funding enables RCAP to work with the smallest, poorest communities in America.

Since 1981, HHS has provided funding for technical assistance for rural community facilities as part of its efforts to address extreme poverty in America. For disadvantaged rural communities, the lack of clean water or adequate wastewater infrastructure is a public health issue and an obstacle to economic growth. The lack of these facilities is also a roadblock to development of commercial or industrial facilities and new housing – all sources of jobs and business activities. Funding from HHS-OCS is key to efforts to improve water and wastewater facilities in small, low-income, rural communities.

USDA Rural Development Water & Wastewater Programs

USDA-RD funding enables RCAP to assist RUS loan-eligible and grant-eligible communities.

Since 1988, RCAP has worked with RUS to provide assistance to communities of 3,300 or fewer residents that are eligible for RUS loans or grants—helping them both with the technical aspects of system operations & with finding the financial resources necessary to operate their systems sustainably. By assisting these communities on the path to fiscal viability, RCAP reduces their reliance on future government grants and loans. RCAP's work is closely aligned with Rural Development's long & short-term performance measures—particularly the goal of “ensuring the sustainability of water and wastewater systems in rural communities.”

U.S. EPA Water & Wastewater Programs

EPA funding enables RCAP to assist small systems with regulatory compliance.

RCAP has partnered with the EPA in serving small water and wastewater systems for over 20 years. RCAP provides customized technical assistance and training to address drinking water & wastewater compliance issues. RCAP works to develop local leadership capacity to help systems maintain compliance over the long-term. Despite many successes over the years underprivileged rural areas go unassisted and RCAP's waiting list continues to grow with communities that face continued compliance & regulatory challenges.

CURRENT FUNDING FROM FY2019

DRINKING WATER SRF	\$1.1 BILLION
CLEAN WATER SRF	\$1.6 BILLION
RD WATER GRANTS	\$475 MILLION



SUPPORT STRONG FUNDING LEVEL FOR FY20

DRINKING WATER SRF	\$1.3 BILLION
CLEAN WATER SRF	\$1.7 BILLION
RD WATER/WW GRANTS	\$530 MILLION

INFRASTRUCTURE NEED IS INCREASING MORE THAN FEDERAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING.

THE RCAP NETWORK:



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