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Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

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Objective to assist eligible rural communities recover from an emergency that has resulted in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for household and businesses. Water quality or quantity may be impacted.



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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Public Bodies-including cities, counties, and special Districts,
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes
- Colonias
- Mutual Water Companies
- Rural areas with populations less than 10,000
- Median household income for non-metropolitan areas less than \$\$62,883



Agency Name

DEFINITIONS

Acute shortage:

A situation when system either cannot deliver water at all through its distribution system or only deliver on a sporadic basis.

Emergency:

Occurrence of an incident such as, drought, earthquake, flood, disease outbreak , landslide, chemical spill or other disasters.

Significant decline in quality:

Present source or delivery system does not meet current Safe Drinking Water Act requirements as result of emergency.

Significant decline in quantity:

Significant decline caused by a disruption of potable water as a result of the emergency.



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Eligible Uses

- 1. Waterline extensions from existing systems.**
- 2. Construction of new waterlines.**
- 3. Repairs to existing system.**
- 4. Construction of new wells, storage tanks, transmission lines, treatment plants, other sources of water.**
- 5. Equipment replacement**
- 6. Supplement other funding.**
- 7. Pay cost incurred within 6 months of application date.**
- 8. All cost associated with project**



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MAXIMUM GRANTS

1. Grants up to \$500,000 to alleviate significant decline in quantity or quality of water available within two years of filing an application.
2. Grants not to exceed \$150,000. made for repairs, partial replacement on an established system to remedy an acute shortage caused by an emergency.



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APPLICATION COMPONENTS

1. Preliminary Engineering Report.
2. Environmental (NEPA)
3. Application 424
3. Most recent audit (2012)
4. Budget 442-7
5. Water and Waste Grant Agreement 1780-12



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