

Household Water Well System Grant Recipients

The Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program has been established to provide loans to help individuals finance the costs of household water wells. The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) awards HWWS grants to qualified private non-profit organizations to establish lending programs to provide water well loans to individuals. A lending program must be operated as a revolving loan fund.

Individuals who own or will own and live in an existing home in a rural area may apply for a well loan from an approved organization. Water well loans may be made in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 at one percent interest for up to 20 years. The individuals may use the loans to construct, refurbish, and service their private household well systems.

Funding Availability

Since its inception in 2005, grant funding has been available as follows for each fiscal year:

FY 2005	\$1,986,100
FY 2006	\$ 990,000
FY 2007	\$ 990,000
FY 2008	\$ 993,000
FY 2009	\$ 993,000
FY 2010	\$ 993,000
FY 2011	\$2,173,662

Grant Awards:

HWWS grants totaling \$5,114,000 have been awarded to organizations in 14 states:

California	Ohio
Georgia	Pennsylvania
Iowa	Tennessee
Michigan	Texas
Minnesota	Vermont
Missouri	Virginia
New York	Wisconsin

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Fiscal Year 2010

Organization	Grant	Match
1. North Central Economic Development Association Staples, MN	50,000	6,575
2. Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing, Inc. Alpena, MI	250,000	372,000
3. Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council Mayfield, PA	113,000	15,000
4. Self-Help Enterprises, Inc. Visalia, CA	85,000	53,600
5. Self Help Housing of East Texas Newton, TX	115,000	11,500
6. Seven Rivers Resource Conservation & Development Area Baxley, GA	80,000	8,000
7. South Central Ozark Community Improvement Corporation Pomona, MO	300,000	78,500

California

Self-Help Enterprises

Address: 8445 West Elowin Court, Visalia, California 93290

Contact: Mr. Patrick Isherwood, Administrative Analyst

Telephone: (559) 802-1653

e-mail: patricki@selfhelpenterprises.org

Grant: \$85,000 Matching: \$53,600

Project: Self-Help Enterprises assists in improving the living conditions of low-income residents of the mostly rural San Joaquin Valley area of California, including Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties. With the HHWS Grant, Self-Help Enterprises plans to provide loans to nine low-income homeowners for construction, refurbishment, or servicing of their individual household water well systems.

Georgia

Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

Address: 239 NE Park Avenue, Suite E, Baxley, Georgia 31513

Contact: Mrs. Brenda Hallman, Program Manager

Telephone: (912) 367-7679

e-mail: wheelstowork@sevenrivers.bellsouth.net

Grant: \$100,000 Matching: \$10,000

Project: Seven Rivers Resource Conservation and Development Area proposes to establish a revolving loan fund to provide low-interest loans to an estimated 13 to 22 households throughout 16 counties in southeast Georgia. The loans will be used to repair or replace failing private water wells. The project also will educate homeowners and the public on protecting drinking water quality and using best management practices for wells. The 16 counties to be served are Appling, Atkinson, Berrien, Bacon, Brantley, Clinch, Charlton, Cook, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes, Ware, Pierce, Coffee, Wayne and Jeff Davis.

Michigan

Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing Inc.

Address: 3022 US-23 South, Suite E, Alpena, Michigan 49707

Contact: Alfred C. West, Jr., Executive Director

Telephone: 989-356-9090

e-mail: awest@nemah.org

Grant: \$250,000 Matching: \$372,000

Project: Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing Inc. (NEMAH) will make loans to assist approximately 45 low-to-moderate income homeowners. The loans will be used to repair or replace homeowner's failing or failed private water wells. The goals of the project are to provide clean, safe drinking water, provide affordable loans for rural homeowners, and to educate homeowners about water quality and how it relates to health. NEMAH will serve homeowners in 11 counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle Counties.

Minnesota

North Central Economic Development Association

Address: 403 Prairie Avenue NE, Suite 100, Staples, Minnesota 56479

Contact: Ms. Cheryal Hills, Executive Director

Telephone: (218)-894-3233 e-mail: chills@regionfive.org

Grant: \$50,000 Matching: \$6,575

Project: NCEDA plans to establish a loan program to assist at least 10 low-income homeowners in paying for household water well repair, service, and construction. NCEDA will team with the Region Five Development Commission to deliver affordable financial assistance to homeowners who need a water well system at their primary residence. Priority will be given to homeowners in remote rural areas who may not be eligible for other funding. NCEDA will serve homeowners in 5 counties in central Minnesota: Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison, Todd, and Wadena.

Missouri

South Central Ozark Community Improvement Corporation

Address: 4407 County Road 2340, Pomona, Missouri 65789

Contact: Mr. John Murrell, Jr.

Telephone: (417) 256-4226

e-mail: jmurrell@scocog.org

Grant: \$300,000 Matching: \$78,500

Project: SCOCIC plans to create a revolving low-interest loan fund to assist low-income rural homeowners in paying for either the renovation of their existing wells or the drilling of new wells. SCOCIC will team with the South Central Ozark Council of Governments to deliver the water well program. The service area will be seven counties in southern Missouri: Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark Shannon, Texas, and Wright Counties.

Pennsylvania

Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council

Address: 1300 Old Plank Road, Mayfield, Pennsylvania 18433

Contact: Ms. Suzanne Berkowitz, RC&D Program Assistant

Telephone: (570) 282-8732 ext 4

e-mail: sue@pnercd.org

Grant: \$113,079 Matching: \$15,000

Project: Pocono Northeast Resource Conservation & Development Council will provide loans to an estimated 20 to 30 households in 10 counties. The Northeast Pennsylvania Household Water Well System Program also will provide education, outreach, and technical resources to rural residents. Part of the program will focus on proper well placement, construction, and maintenance. The project will serve the rural areas of Carbon, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Mountour, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, and Wayne Counties.

Texas

Self Help Housing of East Texas

Address: 107 East Court Street, Newton, Texas 75966

Contact: Ms. Kimberly Poplin, Interim Director

Telephone: (409) 379-4663

e-mail: selfhelp.housing@yahoo.com

Grant: \$150,000 Matching: \$15,000

Project: Self Help Housing of East Texas proposes to establish a revolving loan fund to help 18 to 30 low-income, elderly, and disabled individuals repair water well systems. The project will serve 5 counties: Jasper, Newton, Orange, Sabine, and Tyler Counties.

Fiscal Year 2005

Organization	Grant	Match
1. Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water Westerville, OH	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
2. Self-Help Enterprises Visalia, CA	\$100,000	\$10,000
3. Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Roanoke, VA	\$688,100	\$68,810

Fiscal Year 2006

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1. Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Roanoke, VA	\$300,000	\$30,000

Fiscal Year 2007

Organization	Grant	Match
1. Jobstart Chautauqua, Inc. Mayville, NY	\$60,000	\$65,000
2. Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing, Inc. Alpena, MI	\$404,000	\$133,000
3. Region XII Council of Governments Carroll, IA	\$176,000	\$160,000
4. Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Service, Inc., dba NeighborWorks* of Western Vermont West Rutland, VT	\$250,000	\$100,000
5. Self-Help Enterprises Visalia, CA	\$100,000	\$10,000

Fiscal Year 2008

Organization	Grant	Match
1. Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties Oak Ridge, TN	\$50,000	\$30,000

Fiscal Year 2009

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1.	Aid to Distressed Families of Appalachian Counties Oak Ridge, TN	100,000	30,000
2.	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Roanoke, VA	300,000	150,000
3.	Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. Virginia, MN	100,000	55,000
4.	Foundation for Rural Housing, Inc. Madison, WS	100,000	31,000
5.	Golden Triangle Resource conservation and Development Area, Inc. Blakely, GA	100,000	10,000
6.	Lakes & Pines Community Action Council, Inc. Mora, MN	44,000	4,400
7.	Self-Help Enterprises, Inc. Visalia, CA	100,000	70,000
8.	Vinton County Housing Development Corporation McArthur, Ohio	149,000	14,900