

# Rural Utilities Service Water and Environmental Programs

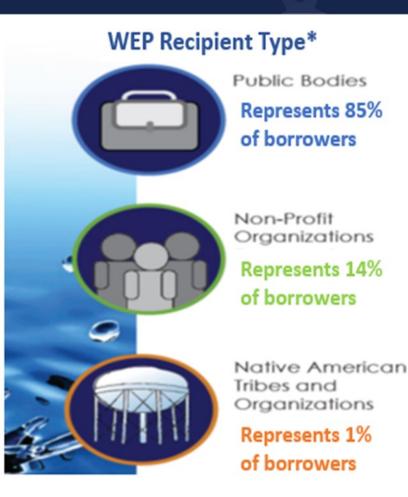


**Rural Development** 

# Water and Environmental Programs (WEP) Overview

#### Water and Waste Disposal Programs

- WEP finances water, sewer and solid waste utilities to provide affordable services to rural communities with populations of 50,000 or less. WEP invested \$2.12 billion\* in rural communities in FY 2021 to impact 4.69 million rural residents\*\*. (\*Technical assistance not included. \*\*Construction programs only.)
- WEP can finance the acquisition, construction or improvement of:
  - Drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage and distribution
  - Sewer collection, transmission, treatment and disposal
  - Solid waste collection, disposal and closure
  - Storm water collection, conveyance and disposal
- WEP is administered in partnership with 47 State Offices and hundreds of field offices throughout rural America.



### Water and Environmental Programs FY 2021 Program Performance Indicators & Other Results

Population Served**	4.69M
New Connections Only**	15,613
Miles of Line Repaired, Replaced, Installed**	40,771
Projects Alleviating Health or Sanitary Issues**	418 of 599 (69.8%)
Leveraged Non-Federal Dollars (19.4%)*	\$410.74M
Leveraging Federal Funds (1.53%)*	\$32.40M
Total Federal and Non-Federal Leveraged Funds (20.9%)*	\$443.14M
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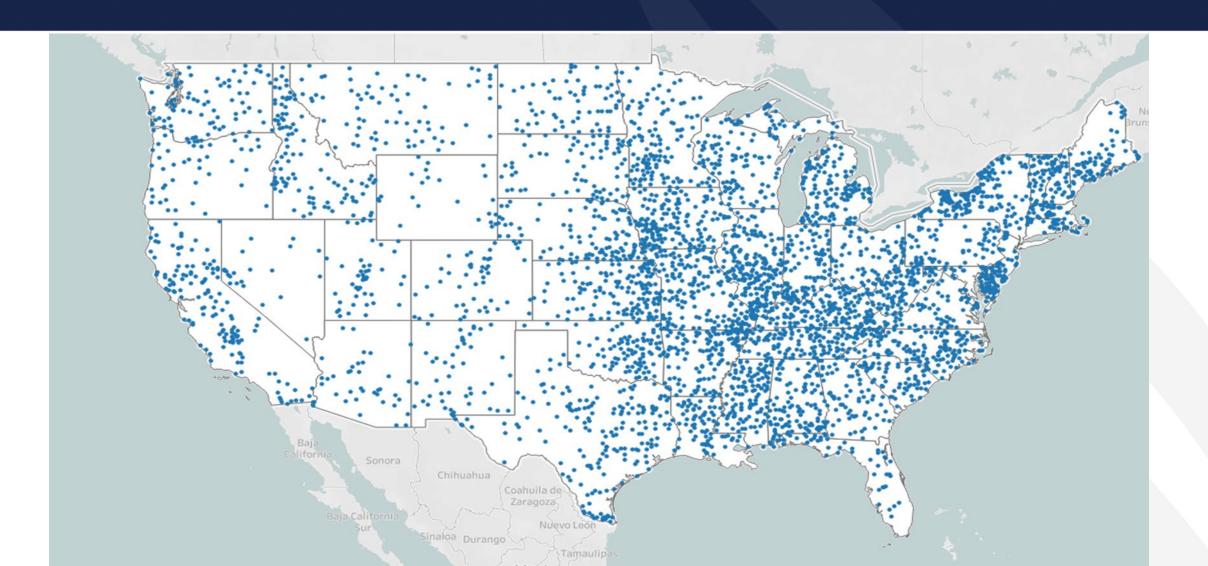
<u>NOTE</u>: WEP has no restrictions on whether WEP grants can be used as match for other Federal Grant Programs. However, WEP grants are limited to statutory authority or a determination of financial need, whichever is less. Grants cannot be used in conjunction with guaranteed loans.

**CONACT, Section 306 (16)** states: Grants under paragraph (2) of this subsection may be used to pay the local share requirements of another Federal grant-in-aid program to the extent permitted under law providing for such grant-in-aid program. Federal funds include FPA, HUD, IHS, etc.

Water and Environmental Programs FY 2021 Program Performance

- Average annual household income of population served = \$37,137
- Average Monthly Household Water Cost = **\$58.52**
- Average Monthly Household Sewer Cost = **\$57.24**
- Rural communities served:
  - 83% 5,000 or less population
  - 69% 2,500 or less population
  - 55% 1,500 or less population
  - 46% 1,000 or less population

#### Water and Environmental Programs Borrowers FY 2012 – FY 2021



## WEP Water and Waste Disposal Programs FY 2012 – FY 2021 Program Impact

- 2,074 counties served in all 50 states and 3 territories\*
- 21,355,938 rural residents received new or improved water and waste disposal service\*\*
- Rural communities served\*\*:
  - 83% 5,000 or less population
  - 68% 2,500 or less population
  - 53% 1,500 or less population
  - 43% 1,000 or less population
- 7,909,607 households and businesses benefited by improved service\*\*
- Average annual household income of population served = \$36,056\*
- \$16.88 billion invested to build new or improved infrastructure\*
  - 67% loan; 33% grant
  - 23.9% (\$4.04 billion) leveraged with other non-federal funding sources
    - \$138.65 million in Guaranteed Loans with private lenders (.8%)
    - \$1.01 billion in Applicant Contribution (6%)
    - \$31.14 million in Project Tap Fees (.2%)
    - \$2.86 billion in Other Non-USDA Funding (16.9%)
- \$312 million in technical assistance funds provided to rural communities
  - 504,290 technical assistance visits

### The President's 4 Pillars

- 1. Beating the Pandemic
- 2. Enabling Economic Recovery
- 3. Promoting Racial Justice
- 4. Addressing Climate Change