

# 2022 IACC - Wenatchee



USDA - Rural Development  
Water and Environmental  
Program (WEP)

Financing of Water,  
Wastewater, Stormwater  
and Solid Waste Projects



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**USDA –RD has these two programs:**  
**The Water & Environment Program (WEP)**  
**The Community Facilities Program (CF)**



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# RD Water and Environmental Program (WEP)

Provides financial assistance for water, sewer, storm water and solid waste disposal facilities to:

- Rural Areas with populations less than 10,000
- Eligible applicants include municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Indian tribes, and non-profit corporations such as homeowners associations
- Priority will be given to public entities in areas smaller than 5,500 people to restore a deteriorating water supply, or to improve, enlarge, or modify a water facility or an inadequate waste facility.
- Preference will also be given to requests that involve the merging of small facilities and those serving low-income communities.



# Funding

## Loans and Grants may be used for:

- Construct, repair, modify, expand or make improvements to:
  - water supply and distribution systems
  - waste collection and treatment systems
  - storm drainage and solid waste disposal facilities

## Other costs eligible for reimbursement are:

- acquire a water supply or water rights
- legal and engineering costs, connected with development of facilities & planning
- acquisition of rights-of-way and easements
- relocation of roads and utilities
- Equipment if it is tied to the utility and necessary for proper O&M
- Subsequent funds for cost over runs are acceptable



# Water & Environmental Programs Projects

## Soap Lake Water & Sewer Mains Project



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## Odessa Street & Water Mains Project



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# RD Financial Assistance for WEP

- Provides loans up to 40 years on projects.
- Current interest rates are determined each quarter. Right now they are:  
2.125%, 2.75% and 3.5%
- Median Household Income (MHI) Must be below \$60,049 (State Nonmetropolitan Household Income) to qualify for up to 45% grant
- Health & Sanitary financing
- Must be below \$48,039 (80% of SNMHI) to qualify for up to 75% grant.



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# RD Financial Assistance for WEP

- Can apply anytime during the year.
- All applications are required to be accompanied by both an environmental report (ER) and preliminary engineering report (PER).
- Coordinates with State RD Engineer & Environmental Coordinator for technical assistance through project
- Be your contact throughout the construction phase.
- Project close out/ loan closing
- Servicing, payment collection and annual reports



# Water & Environmental Programs Projects

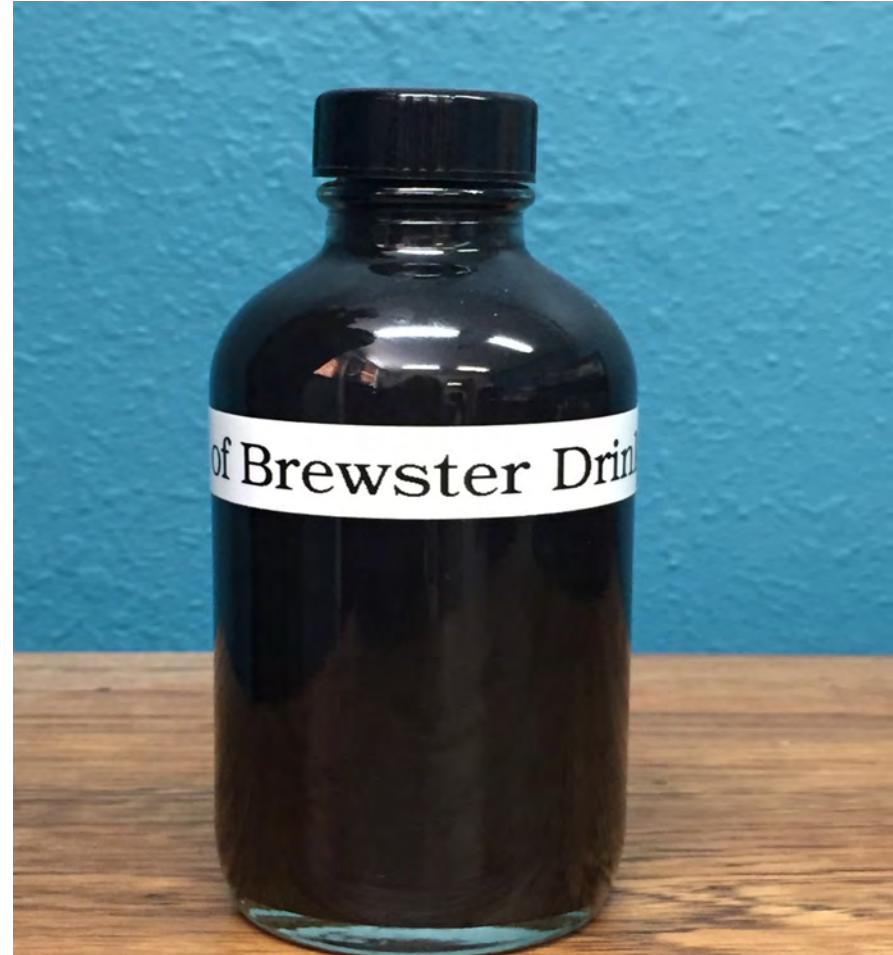
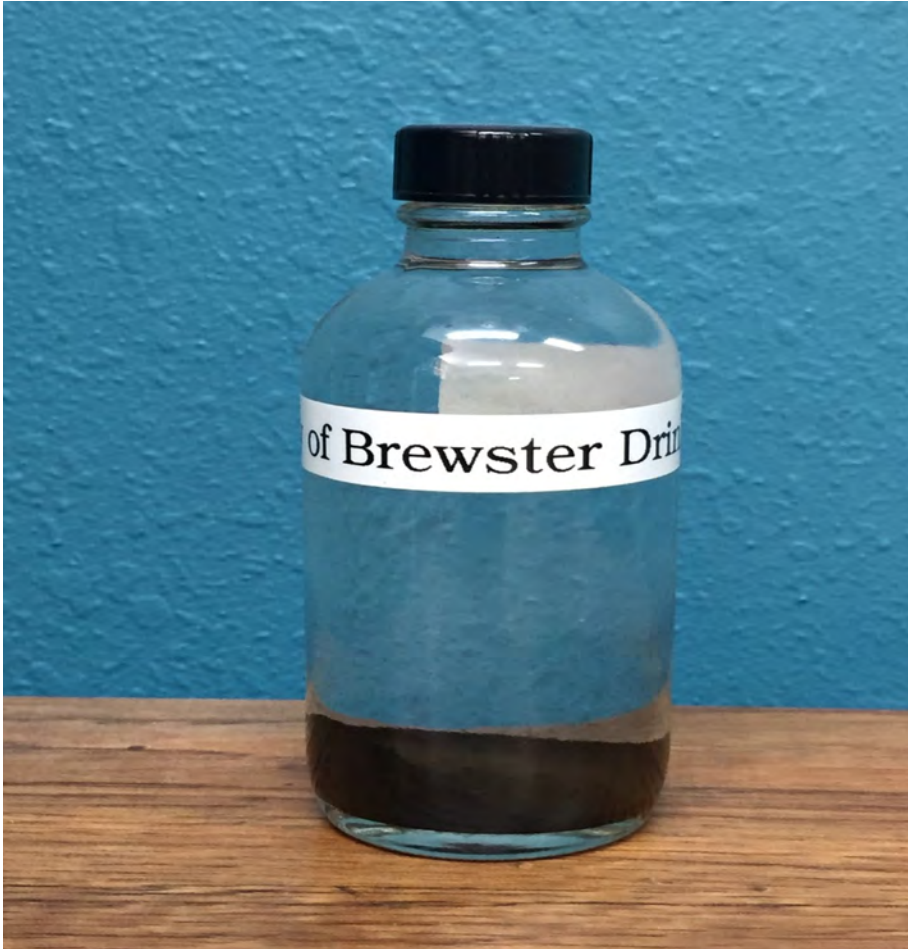
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# Tell Us Your Story

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# RD Apply Online Application

- What is RD Apply?
  - New web-based application system used to apply to Rural Development
  - User-friendly tracking of application process, keeps track of the flow
  - Currently can be used for Water and Wastewater program
  - Users will be linked to the application with an E-Authentication ID

Home Notifications Admin Tutorials

Application Id: 3001795 | Borrower Name: Missouri Water Co

You are logged in as: Orlet

Interview

Customer

Facilities

Volume/Flow

Project Cost

Financial

Service Area(s)

Documents

Summary/Submit



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# RD Apply Online Application

- eAuth is the Security System that RD Apply and many USDA public applications utilize for access.
- eAuth is the login process that is required to get into RD Apply.
- eAuth is only available to those who have signed up to receive their eAuth ID.
- In order to get into RD Apply and work in it, a Level 2 eAuth ID must be received.



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# Water & Environmental Programs Projects

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# Noteworthy Points

- NEPA
- EJCDC
- Subsequent Financing
- EDU's
- AIS
- BABA
- Does RD require wages under the Davis Bacon Act & State Wage Requirements?
- Interim Financing



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# Buy American Iron & Steel (AIS)

- What is American Iron & Steel
  - **“iron and steel products”** means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: **lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.**
  - Iron and Steel products - not Mechanical or Electrical
- RUS Bulletin 1780-35 (AIS)
  - Instructions for implementing **AIS Language into the EJCDC Documents.**
    - Engineer Certifies Contract Complies with AIS (Exhibit B)
    - Contractor Certifies Construction Complies with AIS (Exhibit C)
    - Manufacturer Certifies Products Complies with AIS (Exhibit D)



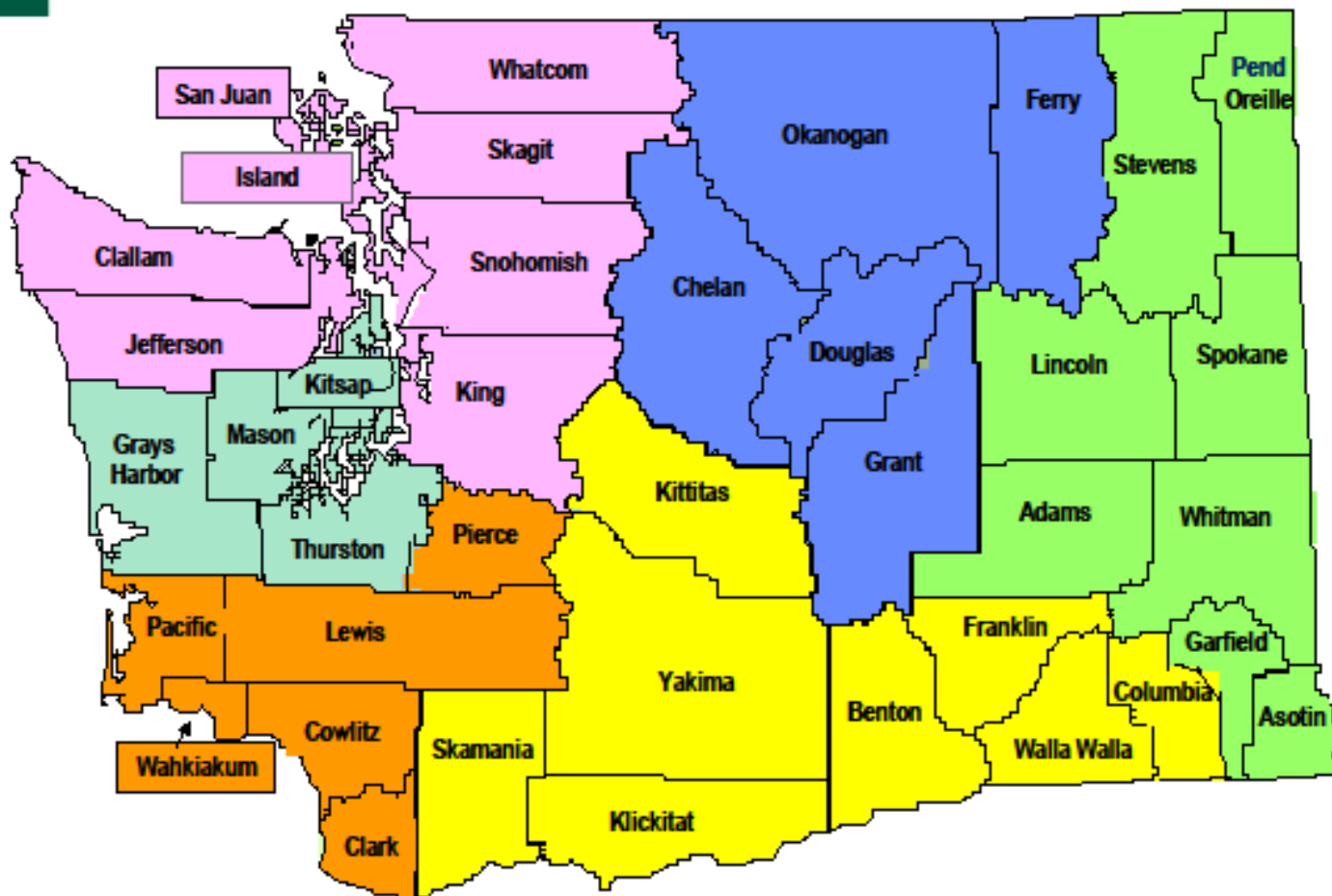
# Rural Development Web Sites

- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/wa>
- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs>
- <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/rd-apply>





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