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USDA Seeks Applications to Improve Solid Waste Management in Rural Areas

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7, 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that it is accepting grant applications to reduce water pollution in rural areas by improving solid waste management.

Applications are being accepted under the Solid Waste Management Grants program. USDA provides the grants to organizations that offer technical assistance or training to help rural communities manage solid waste sites and eliminate water pollution.

Eligible applicants include public bodies, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes and academic institutions in rural areas and towns with 10,000 or fewer residents. Special consideration may be given to projects serving areas with fewer than 5,500 or 2,500 people, multiple states or lower-income populations.

Funds may be used to:

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to identify threats to water resources.
- Provide technical assistance or training to enhance the operation and maintenance of active landfills.
- Provide technical assistance or training to help communities reduce the amount of solid waste coming into a landfill.
- Provide technical assistance or training to prepare for the closure and future use of a landfill site.

Projects should be completed in 12 months.

Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. EST on Dec. 31, 2021.

USDA Rural Development encourages applicants to consider projects that will advance key priorities under the Biden-Harris Administration to help rural America build back better and stronger. Key priorities include combatting the COVID-19 pandemic; addressing the impacts of climate change; and/or advancing equity in rural America. For more information, visit https://www.rd.usda.gov/priority-points.

Additional information is available on Grants.gov. If you'd like to subscribe to USDA Rural Development updates, visit our GovDelivery subscriber page.

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