



USDA RD: Oregon's Partner in Safe Water

USDA Rural Development Oregon

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Rural Development: Rural America's Partner in Prosperity

RD is a catalyst for rural prosperity. Through loans, grants, and partnerships with local leaders, RD provides tools and resources to ensure rural families, businesses, and communities have what they need to prosper.

- RD invests in infrastructure and high-speed internet that opens doors to better jobs, innovation and healthcare
- RD partners with rural families, businesses, and utilities to provide technical assistance and financial support
- Together, these programs help create jobs, support economic development, and build essential services like housing, community facilities, and infrastructure.



USDA Rural Development Programs



We offer more than 40 programs that support rural America, including:

- Single-Family Housing Programs
- Multifamily Housing Programs
- Community Facilities Programs
- Business and Cooperative Programs
- Water and Environmental Programs
- Telecommunications Programs
- Electric Programs

Water and Environmental Programs

Water and Waste Disposal Assistance

Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants

Purposes:

- Improve infrastructure
- Support public health and safety or
- Promote economic development





Other Purposes

- Legal and engineering fees
- Land acquisition, water and land rights, permits and equipment
- Start-up operations and maintenance
- Purchasing existing facilities to improve service or prevent loss of service

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (ECWAG)

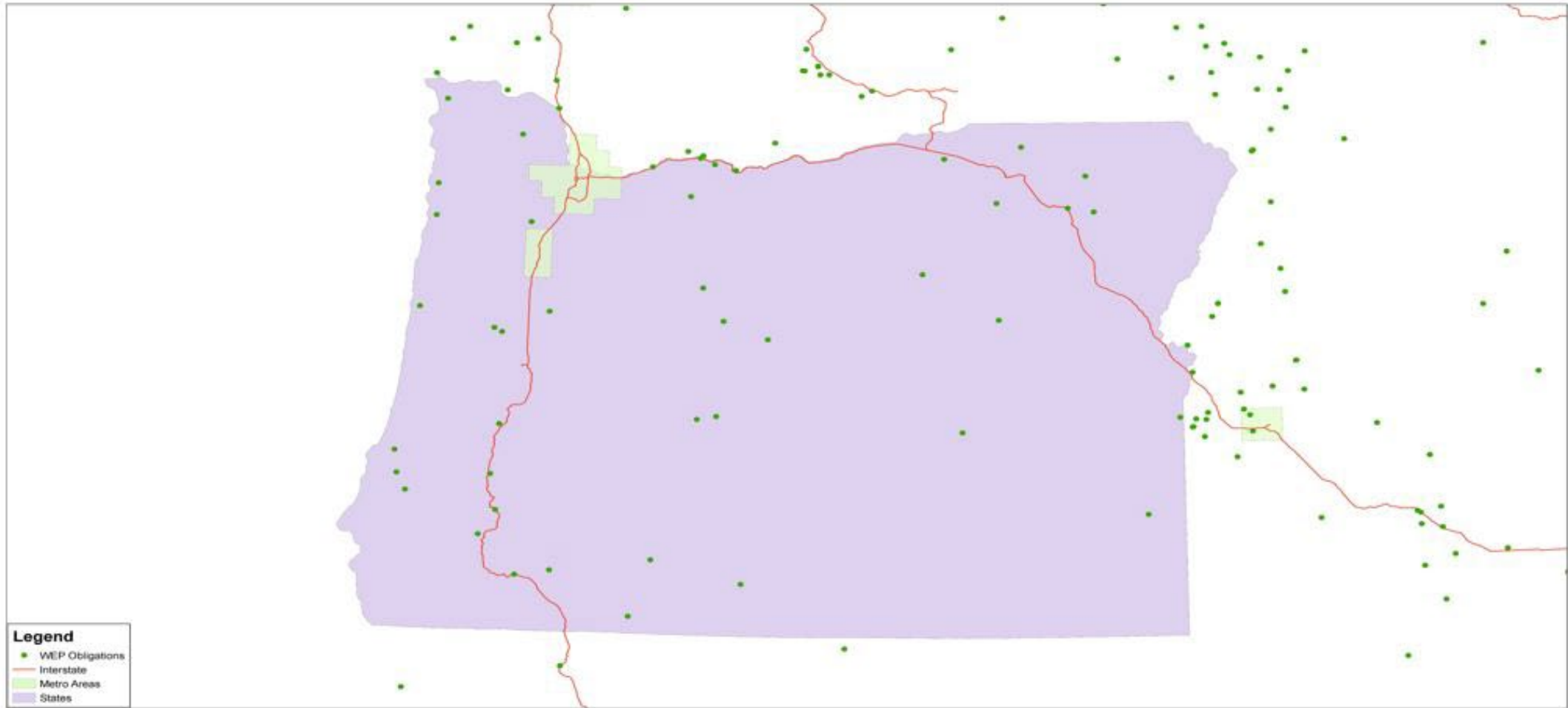


- Finance emergency repairs to rural drinking water systems
- Up to \$1 million for water source and \$150,000 for line repairs
- Address decline in water quantity or quality
- Must be caused by an “unforeseen emergency”
- Must have occurred within one year before application or will imminently occur within two years.

Water and Waste Disposal Program Oregon Investments, FYs 2010 - 2020

107,682	Rural residents receiving new or improved water and waste disposal service
39,882	Households and businesses benefited by improved service
561	New households and businesses connected
58	Projects funded (29 water / 28 waste / 1 combo)
\$190,000,000	Invested to build new or improved infrastructure: \$140,000,000 in direct loans and \$50,000,000 in grants (72% / 29%)
\$37,000,000	Leveraged from other funding sources (19.5%)
11,537	Technical assistance visits to help rural systems and communities
25	Counties served

Water and Waste Disposal Program Oregon Project Map, FYs 2010 to 2020



Our Customers: Exclusively Rural

In FY 2020:

100%	Of projects served populations of 5,000 or less.
67%	Of projects served populations of 2,500 or less.

In rural communities receiving funding:

The average annual household income is:	\$45,580
Average monthly household water costs are:	\$74.34
Average monthly household sewer costs are:	\$74.71

Portfolio:

146	Loans
87	Borrowers

Rural Development Funded Projects



City of Prineville, Crooked River Wetlands

New wastewater system – Completed 2017

\$4,000,000 loan
\$1,000,000 grant
\$3,913,500 additional funding

\$8,913,500 total project cost



City of Hood River

Water pipeline project – Completed in 2013

\$13,099,000 loan (40 years at 2.55%)

\$ 9,877,300 grant

\$22,976,300 total project cost



Parkdale Sanitary District

Wastewater Treatment Plant - Completed in 2020

\$1,513,000 loan (30 years)

\$ 203,000 loan (30 years)

\$1,377,454 grant

\$3,093,545 total project cost

Technical Assistance



Project Planning and Application Development Assistance

- **Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households (SEARCH) Program**
- **Water and Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants (PPG) Program**
- Grants to assist with the preliminary engineering reports (PERs) and environmental reviews required for USDA funding applications
- Maximum grant of \$30,000
- 25% match required for PPG grants
- MHI below \$42,284
- Populations under 2,500 for SEARCH grants



Water and Environmental Programs

Circuit Rider Program

Circuit Riders

Can assist with:

- Day-to-day operational issues
- Financial issues
- Management issues
- Energy audits



Contact Information

Assistance under USDA Rural Development programs is available to applicants in areas designated as “rural.” Under law, the definition of “rural area” is different for each program.

Contact your local USDA Rural Development office for more information.

Or go to: www.rd.usda.gov/or

Or call 1 (800) 670-6553 (toll free)

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