RCAP/USDA 2022 Disaster Assistance Program

The Rural Community Assistance Partnership Incorporated (RCAP)

RCAP is a national network of nonprofit organizations that works across every state, the US territories, and Tribal lands. Our network includes more than 350 technical assistance providers that work with small, rural, and Tribal communities on critical infrastructure with decades of experience in water, wastewater and solid waste. Through a grant from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), RCAP is providing free training and technical assistance (TA) services to rural communities that were impacted by federally declared disasters (https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations) in calendar year (CY) 2022. Services will be available through January 2026.

RCAP TA Services and Training for Project Development

Eligible program activities include on-site technical assistance to support post-disaster mitigation, emergency preparedness and recovery assistance, identifying and evaluating solutions to address disaster-impacted systems’ challenges, helping communities develop and prepare applications for water, wastewater, solid waste, and stormwater loans and grants (including the requisite predevelopment activities), and delivering critical disaster and resilience training and resources to system personnel such as operators and managers as well as community leaders/decision makers.

Find out more about USDA’s CY 2022 Disaster Grant program here.

Eligibility Requirements

Water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste systems in rural areas with populations up to 35,000 are eligible for assistance if they were damaged by Presidential declared disasters in calendar year 2022. Priority will be given to disadvantaged/distressed communities with populations of 5,500 or less, but all eligible communities are encouraged to contact staff for additional information.

Contact your RCAP Region or the National Office program managers listed below for more information on eligibility and available assistance.

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Midwestern RCAP
Midwest Assistance Program (MAP)
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Communities Unlimited (CU)
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Great Lakes RCAP
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP)
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RCAP Solutions (RSOL)
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Southeastern RCAP
Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP)
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