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Rural Water and Wastewater Systems Capacity Development Resources - RCAC and HRWA

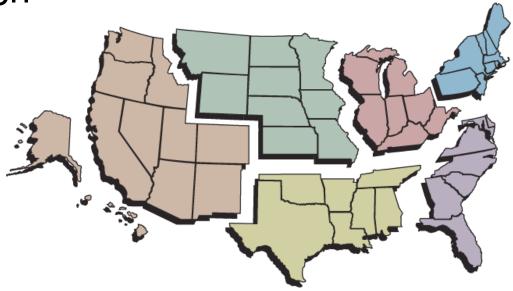






What is RCAC?

- Non-Profit Corporation
- Serve 11 Western States
- Corporate office in West Sacramento.
- 140+ employees
- Serve Rural
 Communities





The RCAP Network: 6 Regions



Rural Community Assistance Partnership



www.rcap.org

Western RCAP

Rural Community Assistance Corporation 916/447-2854 www.rcac.org

Midwest RCAP

Midwest Assistance Program 952/758-4334 www.map-inc.org

Southern RCAP

Community Resource Group 479/443-2700 www.crg.org

Northeast RCAP RCAP Solutions 800/488-1969 www.rcapsolutions.org

Great Lakes RCAP

WSOS Community Action Commission 800/775-9767 www.glrcap.org

Southeast RCAP

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project 866/928-3731 www.southeastrcap.org

"Improving the quality of life in rural communities"

RCAC Services

www.rcac.org

Lending

RCAC makes loans for affordable housing development, environmental infrastructure, community facilities and small businesses.

Learn More

Environmental

RCAC works to make small community water, wastewater and solid waste systems sustainable.

Learn More

Community & Economic Development

RCAC supports communities to create a vision, set goals and implement an action plan for community and economic development projects.

Learn More

Housing

RCAC partners with nonprofit housing organizations to develop, finance and operate affordable single- and multifamily housing.

Learn More

Native Communities

RCAC works with Tribes and Native communities to maintain and develop drinking water, wastewater, solid waste and housing services.

Learn More



Hawai'i Rural Water Association (HRWA)







Non-Profit Organization serving our rural water and wastewater utilities. Founded in 2010. Office located in Kamuela, Hawaii. Website: www.hrwa.net

A member of the National Rural Water Association. Office located in Duncan Oklahoma. Founded in 1976 Website: https://nrwa.org



Hawai'i Rural Water Association

Training, Technical Assistance and Capacity Development Programs for Water and Wastewater



Infrastructure Stability

Product Quality

Customer Satisfaction

Operational Resiliency

Community Sustainability & Economic Development

- USDA RD Water Circuit Riders
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- EPA Water Training and Technical Assistance
- USDA FSA Source Water Specialist





Operational Optimization

Water Resource Adequacy

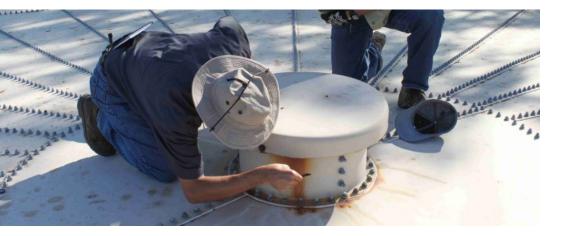
Stakeholder Understanding & Support

Financial Viability

Employee Leadership & Development

RCAC and HRWA's Circuit Rider Programs

The focus of both of our Circuit Rider
 Programs is to build Technical, Managerial and
 Financial capacity of small rural Communities







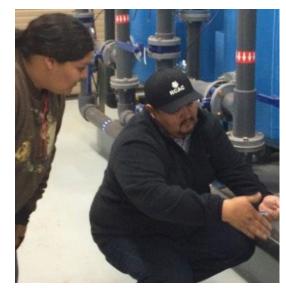
Technical

- Drinking Water & Wastewater System Technical Assistance including:
 - Operations and Maintenance
 - Compliance and Monitoring Assistance
 - Capital and Emergency Infrastructure Projects

Managerial

Capacity

- Drinking Water & Wastewater System Managerial Assistance including:
 - Utility Governance Board
 Training
 - Help with development of Utility Policies and Procedures



Capacity Continued

Financial

- Drinking Water & Wastewater System Financial Assistance including:
 - Financial Analysis
 - Capital Improvement Plans
 - Grant and loan application assistance





RCAC Small Water System Circuit Rider Program - funded by HI Department of Health

 Provide TMF Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) for small community water system operators, owners, and decision-makers (Boards, etc.)



HRWA's EPA TTA Program

Assist small public water systems comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act. Training and technical assistance is available to public water system personnel (including non-community systems) through this program to achieve safe drinking water standards.







HRWA's Source Water Program

- Source Water Technicians identify areas where pollution prevention is most needed.
- Create local teams made up of citizens and individuals from federal, state, local, and private organizations.
- Collaborate to create a Rural Source Water Protection plan to promote clean source water.
 - The plans identify voluntary actions the community can implement to prevent source water pollution.







RURAL WATER

NRWA America's Largest Utility Membership



Eligible Projects

•Pre-development (planning) costs for infrastructure projects

Replacement equipment, system upgrades, maintenance and small capital projects
Energy efficiency projects to lower costs and improve system sustainability
Disaster recovery or other emergency loans are available

Key Points

•Below market interest rate (currently 3%) and a maximum repayment period of 10 years

•Quick turnaround time (just a few days if documents are in order)

•Loan amounts may not exceed \$100,000 or 75% of the total project cost, whichever is less

Emergency loans are 90-day no interest, with immediate turn around on applications
NRWA charges no administrative or processing fees

•Systems must be public entities (municipalities, counties, special purpose districts, Native American Tribes, nonprofit corporations and cooperatives) serving up to 10,000 persons, or in rural areas with no population limits

RCAC Loan Programs

Affordable Housing	Environmental Infrastructure Loans	Community Facility	Small Business Loans
Loans Finance construction and	Financing to construct, improve or	Loans Financing to construct or improve	Financing for businesses to create or retain jobs.
rehabilitation of single- and multifamily housing for low-income families.	expand the supply of safe drinking water and waste disposal systems in the rural West.	essential community facilities in the rural West.	Learn More/Access Application
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Household Water Well Loan/Grant Programs

Low interest rate loans and grants to construct, refurbish or replace individual household and small (serving less than 15 connections) water well systems.

Learn More/Access Application

Loan Programs at a Glance

Which loan program(s) fits your needs? Read or download this overview of RCAC's loan programs.

Loan Fund Contacts

Talk directly to a loan fund officer to answer your loan fund questions.

Contact Here

Access Here

RCAC's Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program

Goals

 Help create, improve or expand the supply of <u>safe</u> <u>drinking water, waste</u> <u>disposal systems and other</u> <u>facilities</u> for communities serving less than 50,000 persons

- Bridge funds Predevelopment
- Gap funds
- Emergency Funds
- Capital Improvement Funds

RCAC's Environmental Infrastructure Loan Program

Key points

- RCAC is a CDFI
- Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Loans
- Fast and efficient process
- Can do short, intermediate, or longer term loans

Eligibility

- Non-profit organizations
- Government entities
- Communities serving 50,000 or less (10,00 for USDA Guaranteed Program)



RCAC Loan Borrower Eligibility

- Non-profit organizations
- Government entities
- Communities serving 50,000 or less (10,00 for USDA Guaranteed Program)

RCAC Infrastructure Loans

- Loan application is available at <u>https://www.rcac.org/lending/enviro</u> <u>nmental-loans/</u>
- Short term interest rate subject to change
- RCAC Loan Committee can make loan policy exceptions to fit community needs
- Contact information for RCAC Loan Officers is available online

Loan Officer: Lydia Looknanan Email: <u>LLooknanan@rcac.org</u> Phone: 530-908-0391



Mahalo!

For more information on RCAC and HRWA visit www.rcac.org or www.hrwa.net

Or contact us: Mahana Gomes, HRWA <u>Hrwaoffice@hawaiirwa.org</u> 808-315-8925



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2020 Hawaii Infrastructure Funding Forum Jan 23, 2020 Discussion Questions for this afternoon

o How can State help make funds accessible more broadly?

o How can we improve access to funding sources (broker/banking, leveraging loan funds) - to get the most mileage out of available funds?



