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GENERAL NEWS

USDA Offers \$7.5 Million in Grants to Help Communities Recover from Natural Disasters

Tuesday on the [grants.gov](#) website, the U.S. Department of Agriculture ([USDA](#)) [announced](#) that it is making available \$7.5 million in funding under the Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training ([CF TAT](#)) Grant Program as part of the Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act, 2019. The grants may be used for relief in areas affected by hurricanes Michael and Florence, wildfires in 2018, tornadoes and floods in 2019, and other natural disasters.

Eligible recipients are public entities, private nonprofit organizations, and federally recognized tribes, which will provide technical assistance and training regarding essential community facilities programs. Funds may be used to help rural communities identify financial resources, improve community facilities management functions, and prepare reports, surveys, and applications. Funding priority will be given to organizations that have experience providing technical assistance and training to rural entities.

The deadline for electronic applications through [grants.gov](#) is **April 30, 2020** and for receipt of paper applications is **May 5, 2020**. Additional information is available on the *Federal Register* [notice](#) published on February 20.

PH PROGRAM NEWS

OCI Posts 2020 Capital Fund Formula Grant Materials

The Office of Capital Improvements ([OCI](#)) has posted on the [2020 Capital Fund Processing Information](#) website the following 2020 Capital Fund formula grant materials:

- A [Capital Fund program timeline](#)
- A [letter to PHA executive directors](#) about the 2020 grants
- A [development per unit funding report](#)

You'll find the instructions and links to all of the materials on the [2020 Capital Fund Processing Information](#) page at [OCI's website](#).



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