

Household Water Well System Grant Recipients

The Household Water Well System (HWWS) Grant Program has been established to help individuals finance the costs of household water wells that they own or will own in rural areas. Qualified private non-profit organizations will be the grant recipients. They will receive HWWS grant funds to establish a lending program that will provide water well loans to individuals. The water well loans may be made in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 at one percent interest for up to 20 years. The individuals may use the loans to construct, refurbish, and service their household well systems.

The HWWS Program made grants to the following organizations:

Fiscal Year 2005

	Organization	Grant	Match
1.	Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water Westerville, OH	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
2.	Self-Help Enterprises Visalia, CA	\$100,000	\$10,000
3.	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Roanoke, VA	\$688,100	\$68,810

Fiscal Year 2006

	Organization	Grant	Match
1.	Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project Roanoke, VA	\$300,00	\$30,000

Fiscal Year 2007

	Organization	Grant	Match
1.	Jobstart Chautauqua, Inc. Mayville, NY	\$60,000	\$65,000
2.	Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing, Inc. Alpena, MI	\$404,000	\$133,000
3.	Region XII Council of Governments Carroll, IA	\$176,000	\$160,000
4.	Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Service, Inc., dba NeighborWorks* of Western Vermont West Rutland, VT	\$250,000	\$100,000
5.	Self-Help Enterprises Visalia, CA	\$100,000	\$10,000

Project summaries and contact information begin on the following page.

Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water

Address: 601 Dempsey Road, Westerville, OH 43081

Contact: Paul Humes, Director of Lending Programs

Telephone: 614-898-7791 e-mail: phumes@ngwa.org

Grant : \$1,000,000 Matching Amount: \$100,000

Project: The Foundation for Affordable Drinking Water will provide loans to target individual homeowners who lack financial resources to upgrade or replace 165 water well systems. A second goal is to educate loan recipients on regular well maintenance and annual testing of the system. The Foundation is authorized to operate a lending program in 18 states. Nine states are priorities for the extension of the lending program: Connecticut, Illinois, Florida, Texas, California, New Jersey, Michigan, Georgia, and Virginia.

Self-Help Enterprises

Address: 8445 W. Elowin Court, Visalia, CA 93290

Contact: Denise Fletcher, Program Manager for Housing Rehabilitation/
Homebuyer Services

Telephone: 559-651-1000 e-mail: info@selfhelpenterprises.org

Grant : \$100,000 (FY 2005) Matching Amount: \$10,000
\$100,000 (FY 2007) Matching Amount: \$10,000

Project: Self-Help Enterprises proposes to provide loans to 12 low-income households in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties, California, each fiscal year.

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project

Address: 145 West Campbell Ave., S.W., Ste 800, Roanoke, Virginia 24001-2868

Contact: Mary C. Terry, President and CEO

Telephone: 540-345-1184 e-mail: vwp@sercap.org

Grant: \$688,100 (FY 2005) Matching Amount: \$68,810
\$300,000 (FY 2006) Matching Amount: \$30,000

Project: Southeast RCAP proposes to use the \$688,100 grant to provide loans for private well systems to approximately 125 low-to-moderate-income individual homeowners. The target area covers seven states: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The \$300,000 grant will be used to make loans to an additional 50 homeowners.

Jobstart Chautauqua, Inc.

Address: 2 Academy Street, Mayville, New York 14757
Contact: John D. Murphy, Executive Director
Telephone: 716-753-4650 e-mail: john_murphy@chric.org
Grant: \$60,000 Matching Amount: \$65,000 Other: \$5,000
Project: JobStart Chautauqua proposes to provide low-interest loans to homeowners through the Chautauqua County Water Well Program. Homeowners may use the loans to service or repair their private water wells or to drill new ones to replace old, unusable wells if servicing or repair proves ineffective. JobStart Chautauqua projects producing at least 40 safe and reliable water wells.

Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing Inc.

Address: 3022 US-23 South, Suite E, Alpena, Michigan 49707
Contact: Alfred C. West, Jr., Executive Director
Telephone: 989-356-9090 e-mail: awest@nemah.org
Grant: \$550,000 Matching Amount: \$133,000 Other: \$150,000
Project: Northeast Michigan Affordable Housing Inc. will develop a loan program to assist approximately 135 low-to-moderate income homeowners. The loans will be used to repair or replace the homeowner's private water wells. The organization serves 11 counties in the state of Michigan. The goals of the project are to provide clean, safe drinking water, provide affordable loans for rural homeowners, and to educate homeowners about water quality and how it relates to health.

Region XII Council of Governments

Address: 1009 E. Anthony Street, Carroll, Iowa 51401
Contact: Laurie Gilbert, Housing Programs Manager
Telephone: 712-792-9914 e-mail: lgilbert@region12cog.org
Grant: \$176,000 Matching Amount: \$160,000
Project: Region XII Council of Governments plans to make loans to income eligible families who reside in Audubon Carroll, Crawford, Greene, Guthrie, and Sac Counties. The assistance will provide funds for new wells or to refurbish or repair existing wells.

**Rutland West Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.,
dba NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont**

Address: 110 Marble Street, West Rutland, Vermont 05777

Contact: Lucy Biddle, Executive Director

Telephone: 802-438-2303 e-mail: lbiddle@nwwvt.org

Grant: \$250,000 Matching Amount: \$100,000

Project: NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont will provide low-interest loans to 25-37 moderate-to-low-income households to repair or service their private water wells through the project, the Vermont Private Well Repair Fund.