

# Wastewater Drinking Water Program



The Wastewater Drinking Water (WDW) program is administered by the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to assist Indiana communities that struggle with inadequate water supply and failing wastewater treatment. WDW is funded with Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) dollars.

About the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): Rural communities have many pressing needs that require outside financial assistance. Through OCRA, Indiana requests CDBG dollars from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). OCRA then administers funding to rural communities, allocating it to programs that promote livable communities, address unmet community development needs and promote activities that enhance local economic development efforts. Assistance is available to non-entitlement cities, incorporated towns and counties.

## Wastewater Drinking Water Program Goals

- Protect the health of community members and the environment.
- Reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities.
- Improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth.

## Eligibility Requirements

- The project should be a part of the community's overall strategy.
- Eligibility is subject to Low-to-Moderate (LMI) % and beneficiary requirements.
- Projects must meet a national objective, be an eligible activity under the CDBG program, and comply with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.

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