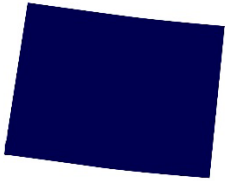


# The Rural Community Development (RCD) Program

Helping Wyoming's rural and tribal communities build and maintain safe water and wastewater systems



## Wyoming State Facts



- 318** community water systems
- 290** water systems serve communities with fewer than 3,300 people
- \$558 million** estimated water infrastructure need for small systems
- 38%** of the population lives in a rural area

Sources: EPA, Census

## About the RCD Program

The [Rural Community Development \(RCD\)](#) grant program builds capacity to create, expand, and maintain safe, affordable water and wastewater systems in rural areas. RCD serves very small communities in sparsely populated areas made up predominately of residents with low income who lack safe water and wastewater treatment services and sometimes even indoor plumbing. RCD tailors its support based on community need. It helps communities assess water and wastewater infrastructure and accessibility needs, helps identify and secure funding for water facility upgrades, builds capacity through local experts to establish and maintain water facilities, and trains water operators to ensure water systems are functional and compliant. There are currently [eight RCD grant recipients](#) — six regional organizations and two organizations that support tribal communities. RCD grant recipients [Midwest Assistance Program, Inc. \(MAP\)](#) and [Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. \(ITCA\)](#) serve communities in the state of Wyoming.

## Example of RCD's Support in Wyoming

### Manville, Wyoming

The drinking water distribution system in the town of Manville, Wyoming was installed in the early 1900s and has since fallen into a state of disrepair. In order to apply for a grant through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP), the town needed certain required governmental accounting processes, a rate analysis, and an operations and maintenance manual. With RCD funding, MAP developed government accounting tools that enabled the clerk to separate payments and expenditures into the appropriate accounts. Secondly, MAP collaborated with the clerk to provide the town with a rate analysis that examined operating costs and debt repayment. Finally, MAP presented the community with the recommendation to create a GIS-centric operations and maintenance manual, which the community could utilize to maintain the proposed infrastructure. With MAP's assistance, the town was able to meet the requirements for applying for the ARP grant and received a \$3.5 million grant to improve its water distribution system.

## National Outcomes\*

With the help of RCD:



**\$742 million**  
in additional funding  
secured for communities



**83,000 residents**  
have gained access to  
safe drinking water



**49,000 residents**  
have gained access to  
sanitary sewer systems



**2,100 communities**  
served by RCD projects

\*Outcomes for RCD grant recipients' work across the country since FY21



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