

Program Title: **Rural Community Facilities**

Short Description: Loans and/or grants to assist communities with a population of less than 20,000 with essential community facilities.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: \$130,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: US Department of Agriculture

Managing Agency: US Department of Agriculture

Status: Municipalities may submit grants to USDA now.

Award Criteria: Priority to projects for:

- Municipalities with population under 5000;
- Low Income Communities; and
- Healthcare, public safety, or public and community services.

Time Line for use: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602.

Details: ARRA - page 4

- Rural Facilities website
- http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rhs/cf/brief_cp_grant.htm

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