USDA Rural Development
Support to Water Infrastructure
Water Infrastructure – Rural Communities

• About 80% of the country is rural but serves as the country’s backbone for critical lifelines such as food, water, and energy

• About 80% of water utilities across the country serve rural communities of 10,000 people or less

• About 80% of the country’s “persistent poverty” are in rural and are predominantly concentrated in the Delta, Appalachia, Colonias, and Tribal areas
Planners and Planning – Crucial to Water Infrastructure

- Bring planning to rural
- Rural partners can assist in financing and implementation
  - USDA
  - Lenders
  - Rural TA Providers
- Rural prosperity through access to clean drinking water
- Community Resilience
From Planning to Implementation

**Foundations & Other Partners**  
Communities with Low Capacity

- **GRANTS ONLY**  
  Very Low Capacity

- **GRANTS + DIRECT LOANS**  
  Low Capacity

**Planning & Capacity Building**

**Banks and Lending Institutions**  
Communities Ready for Lending

- **DIRECT LOAN + LOAN GUARANTEE**  
  Mid Capacity

- **DIRECT LOAN + LOAN GUARANTEE**  
  Resilient Communities

- **GRADUATION TO PRIVATE MARKET OR SELF SUFFICIENCY**  
  High Capacity

**Evolution of Community Technical Assistance and Financing Needs**
Water Infrastructure

Programs by Development Phase