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Announcing the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program

—USDA Funded Program to Support Disaster-Stricken Rural Communities—

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This program is targeted at rural communities that faced a recent natural disaster and need assistance using the USDA Community Facilities Program.

“CDFA is grateful to the USDA for funding the CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program,” said Toby Rittner, President & CEO of CDFA. “The struggle for rural communities to access capital is well-known to CDFA and our members. Those facing natural disasters need even more assistance. We look forward to working with the USDA to help as many rural communities as possible utilize the Community Facilities Program to restore and invest in their infrastructure.”

The CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program will combine CDFA's knowledge of development finance programs with strategic support from private sector partners to create a transferrable toolkit of finance programs and other resources capable of leveraging community facilities infrastructure in rural communities throughout the nation. This program will offer resources that are accessible to every rural community, including a Rural Finance Resource Center, Rural Finance Newsletter, and Rural Finance Toolkit, along with targeted technical assistance support for six rural communities.

These six rural communities will receive technical assistance from a dedicated team of development finance experts with experience in rural financing and knowledge of the economic challenges facing that community. The selected communities will receive an on-site visit to discuss how the USDA Community Facilities Program can be used as a financing mechanism, a roadmap outlining recommendations and potential next steps, and ongoing support to apply for the USDA's Community Facilities Program.

Rural communities eligible to receive targeted, on-site technical assistance must have a population of no more than 20,000 and have a Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for hurricanes or wildfires in 2018 or floods or tornadoes in 2019. CDFA maintains a list of eligible states and counties for this program, and rural communities are encouraged to contact CDFA to determine eligibility.

For more information about the [CDFA Community Facilities Technical Assistance Program](#), visit the CDFA website.

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