



Rural Development

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Dear Mr. Buckman,

We are in receipt of your initial application dated October 29, 2024, for assistance from USDA, Rural Development, for your proposed Water System Improvements. The proposed applicant and project have been found eligible for funding. Based upon the funds available for this program over the last two fiscal years and the number of applications reviewed or pending, we anticipate that funds for which you are competing may be available during Fiscal Year 2025. Your application will compete with similar applications through a priority ranking system.

In your application, you requested \$7,927,000 in federal assistance. We are agreeable to consideration of approximately this amount, subject to the availability of funds, and final underwriting. The proportion of any loan and grant funding will be discussed with you at a later time.

**This is not a commitment of funds or a representation as to the availability of funds, nor is it concurrence with your proposed scope of work. You are advised against taking any actions or incurring any obligations, which would limit the range of alternatives to be considered or have an adverse effect on the environment until funds from Rural Development are actually made available.**

Satisfactory completion of the environmental review process must occur prior to the issuance of a letter of conditions and any funding proposal. Further consideration of your request will proceed when final determination has been reached regarding the environmental impacts of the project and the underwriting is complete. We will contact you as further information is needed.

Sincerely,

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Valarie Handy  
Acting Director, Water & Environmental Programs

CC:

Crystal O'Neal,  
Area Specialist

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