



Green Lending Qualification Checklist

Environmental Infrastructure

To promote water and energy efficiency, Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) gives priority to loan applications for projects that incorporate significant green methods and materials. New or rehabilitation projects that incorporate water and energy savings features promote infrastructure and community planning that is healthier for residents and the environment. These practices include using renewable energy, energy efficiency, water conservation, environmentally sensitive site planning, efficient building materials and attention to indoor air quality.



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Criteria

To qualify for RCAC green lending priority the new or rehabilitation project must use at least two or more of the following criteria in the design. Other methods/materials also will be considered if they contribute significantly to conservation/sustainability.

I will
incorporate

Energy Efficiency:

Building activities that incorporate energy efficiency criteria (see Green Lending Qualification Checklist – Housing and Community Facilities) _____

Energy efficient retrofits and upgrades to pumps and treatment processes (*requires business case) _____

Leak Detection Equipment _____

Producing clean power for treatment systems on site (wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, biogas powered combined heat and power) _____

Replacement or rehabilitation of distribution lines (*requires business case) _____

Water Efficiency:

Purchase of water efficient fixtures, fittings, equipment or appliances _____

Installation of water meters for non-metered systems _____

Purchase of leak detection devices and equipment _____

Purchase of meter reading equipment and systems _____

Replacement or rehabilitation of distribution lines (*requires business case) _____

Green Infrastructure:

Implementation of wet weather management systems for utility buildings and parking areas which may include: the incremental cost of porous pavement, bioretention, trees, green roofs, and other practices that mimic natural hydrology and reduce effective imperviousness. _____

Environmental Infrastructure checklist (Continued)

I will
Incorporate

Environmentally Innovative Projects (*requires business case):

Projects, or components of projects, that enable the utility to adapt to the impacts of global climate change

Projects, or components of project, consistent with “Total Water Management” planning framework; or other planning framework within which project life cycle costs (including infrastructure, energy, consumption and other operational costs) are minimized

Others Proposed:

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*Business case – Letter or other form of documentation from the project’s consulting engineer that the improvements(s) will result in a meaningful (10% or greater) energy and/or water savings or an environmentally innovative project. Note, that “replacement or rehabilitation of distribution lines” can be both an energy and water efficiency factor as long as the consulting engineer identifies and quantifies both.

Certification: I certify that _____ will incorporate the above-checked methods/materials into the project for which this financing is a part.

Signature of Authorized Signer

DATE: _____

Print Name of Authorized Signer