



Rural Community Assistance Corporation

Overview of Services



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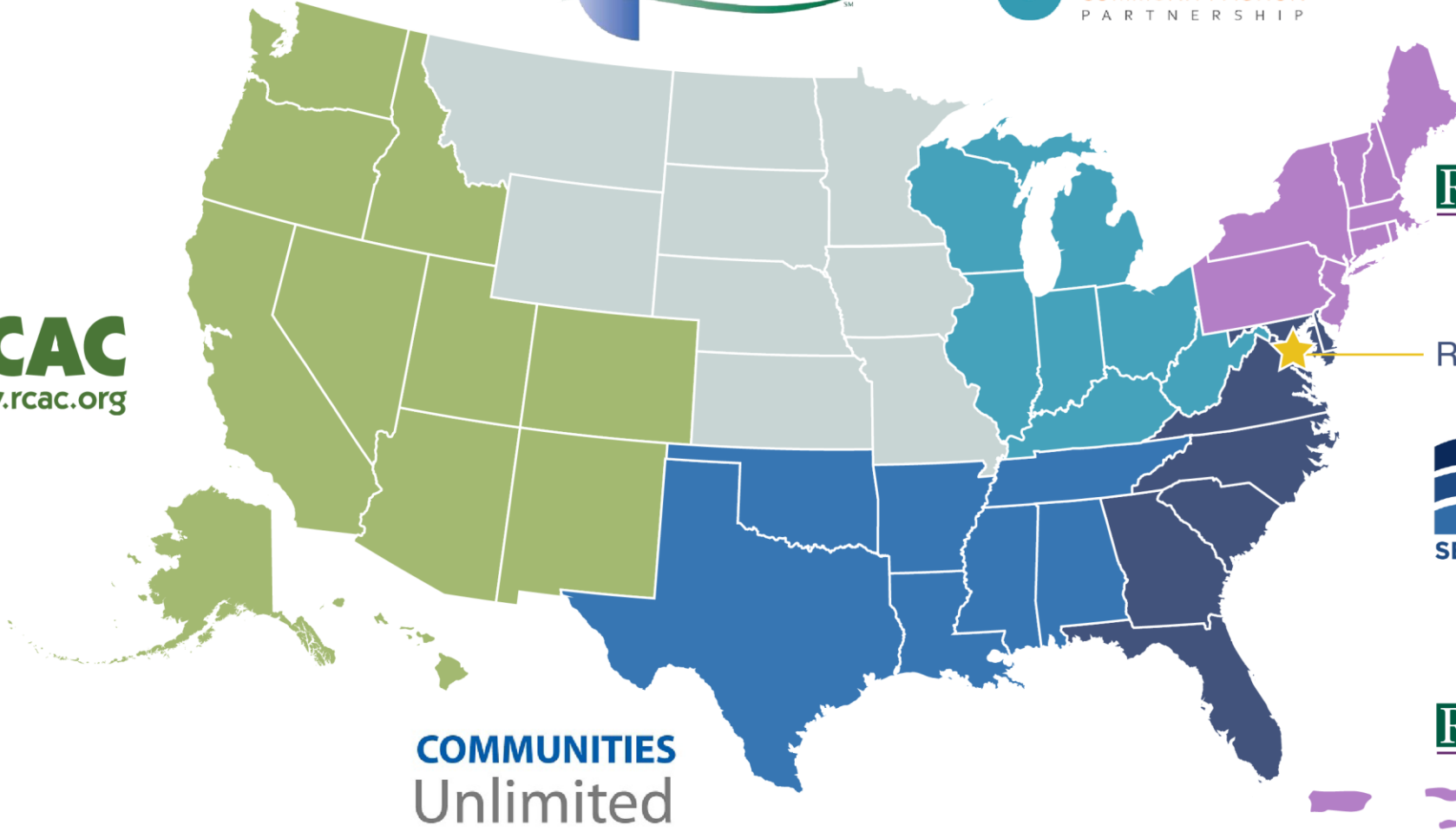
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Rural Community Assistance Partnership



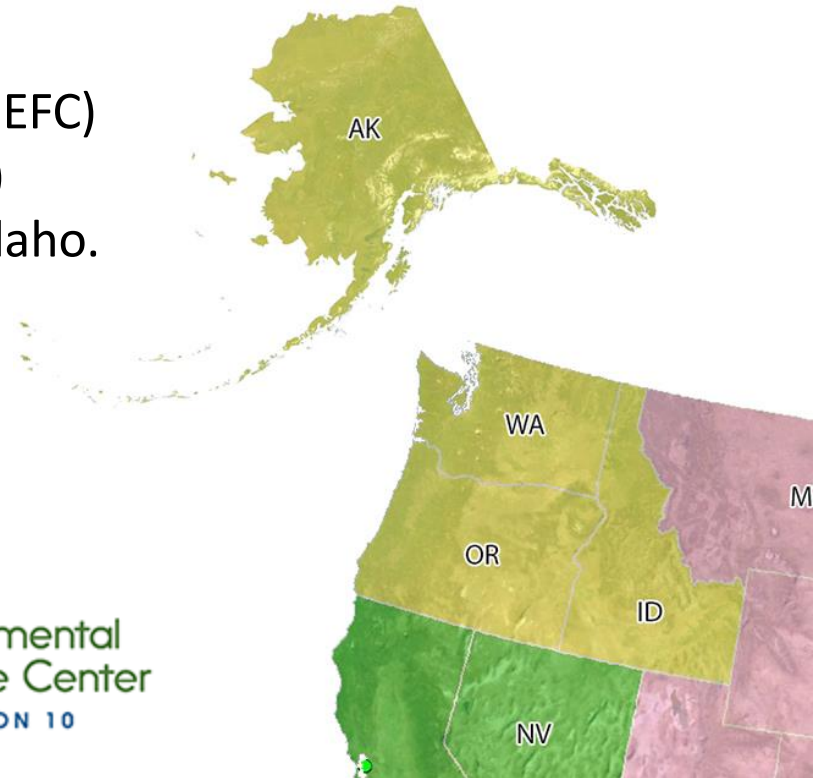
RCAP National Office



COMMUNITIES
Unlimited

Environmental Finance Center Network

In a competitive application process RCAC was selected as the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 – Alaska, Washington, Oregon and Idaho.



Environmental Finance Center Network

- **Services**
 - Develop and provide financial modules and tools to communities impacted by adverse environmental conditions
 - Collect and share infrastructure finance resources for communities use in identifying financial solutions
 - Provide financial and environmental training
 - Provide technical assistance for developing financial sustainability
 - facilitate source water protection dialog opportunities
 - Support Tribal infrastructure finance education
 - Provide logistics and facilitation services for other financial and environmental meetings, workshops and conferences.

RCAC's mission

- RCAC partners with rural and Indigenous communities to achieve their vision and well being through technical assistance, training, financial resources and advocacy.

RCAC's vision

- Rural and Indigenous communities throughout the West are empowered to be vibrant, healthy and thriving.

RCAC's core values

- Leadership: identifies innovative strategies to further rural community and economic development and inspires partners to achieve great outcomes
- Collaboration: achieves superior results by respectfully and inclusively identifying partners
- Commitment: works with passion and dedication to improve rural communities and the lives of their low-income residents
- Quality: produces exceptional work products to help our partners meet their goals
- Integrity: practices the highest professional standards and cultural competency in our work

RCAC Programs



Affordable housing



Community facilities



Water and wastewater infrastructure financing (Loan Fund)



Classroom and online training



On-site technical assistance



Income surveys

RCAC Programs, Continued



Disaster Recovery Services



Native Communities



Environmental Finance Center



Regionalization



Cost of Service Analyses



Clerk Training

And more!!!

About RCAC

- Funded by foundations, federal and state contracts
- Multi-state contracts through RCAP from
 - USDA RD
 - EPA DW
 - EPA WW
 - EPA EFC
 - HHS
- Various state contracts

RCAC Programs

- Communities <10,000 population
- Preference for <3,300 population
- Some contracts require community be low income
- Most federal contracts have certain number of projects, trainings that are designated for tribal populations

Financing assistance

- RCAC housing, environmental infrastructure or community facilities, and small business financing
- Community development loans available to Tribes, Tribal entities and individuals in the Southwest
- Small business Re-Emerging Loan Fund (RELieF)
- USDA Rural Development Section 502 Loan Packaging program



Housing services

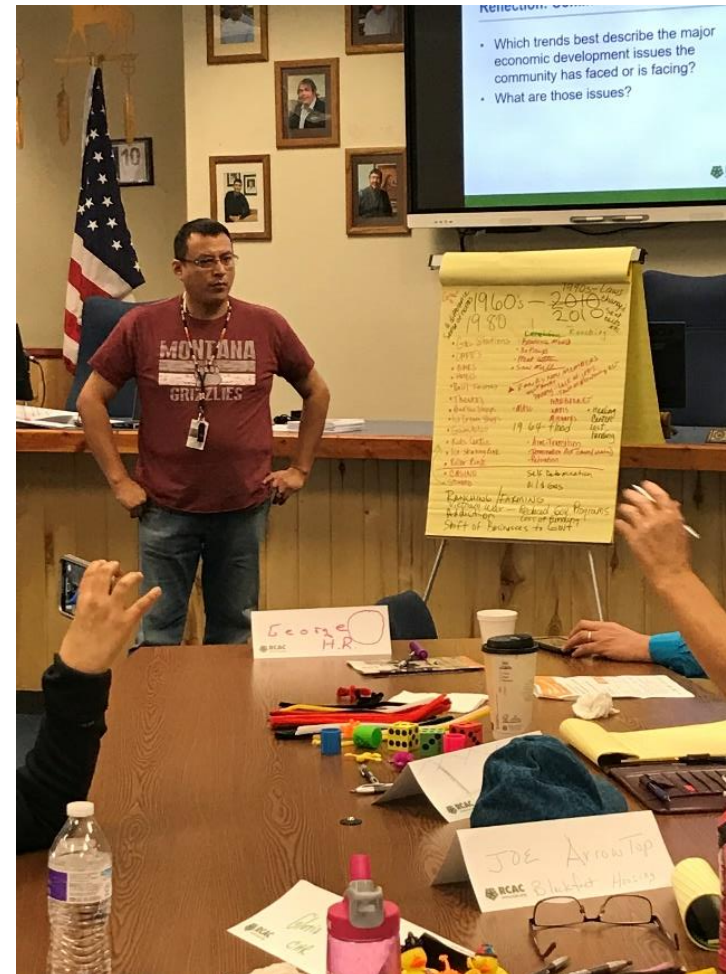
- RCAC affordable housing assistance
- Tribal Housing Excellence Academy (THE Academy), housing and development assistance on Tribal lands
- Development Solutions, real estate development that support nonprofit organizations
- USDA Rural Development Mutual Self-Help Housing



Building Rural Economies

Trains and builds community support for local entrepreneurial development

In Fiscal Year 2023, the Building Rural Economies team served 96 projects and supported 108 rural businesses through one-on-one coaching



Environmental services

- RCAC water, wastewater and solid waste assistance
- EPA Region 10 Environmental Finance Center
- RDApply Applications
- Loan/grant reporting assistance



Environmental services

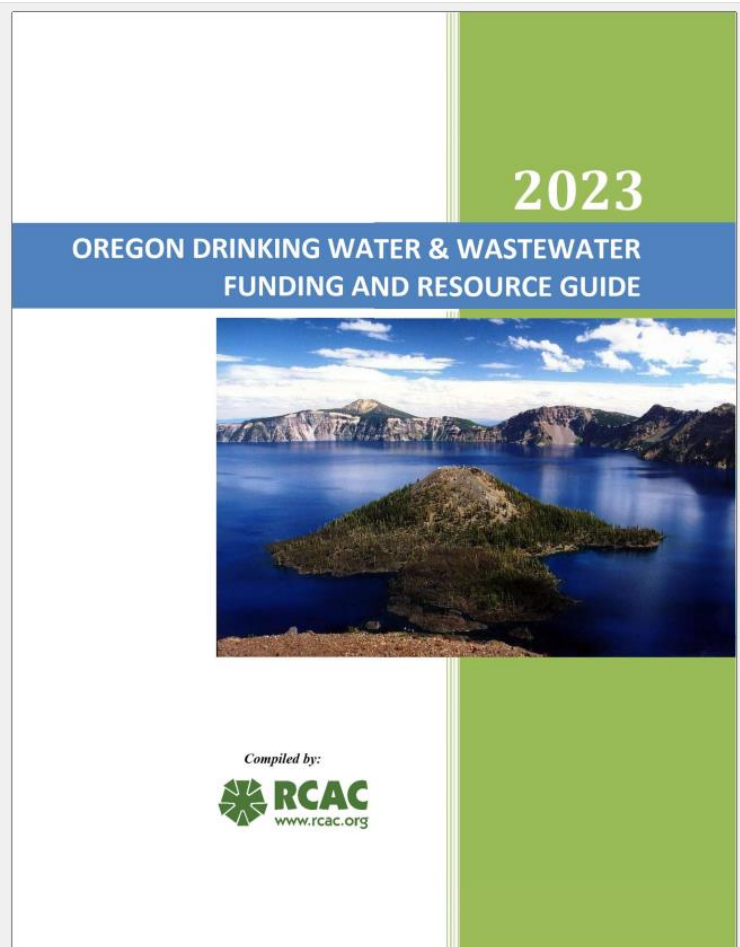
- On-site and remote technical assistance
 - Technical
 - Managerial
 - Financial
- Income surveys and rate analysis
- **New:** EFC Regions 9 & 10 BIL readiness assistance

Free Training

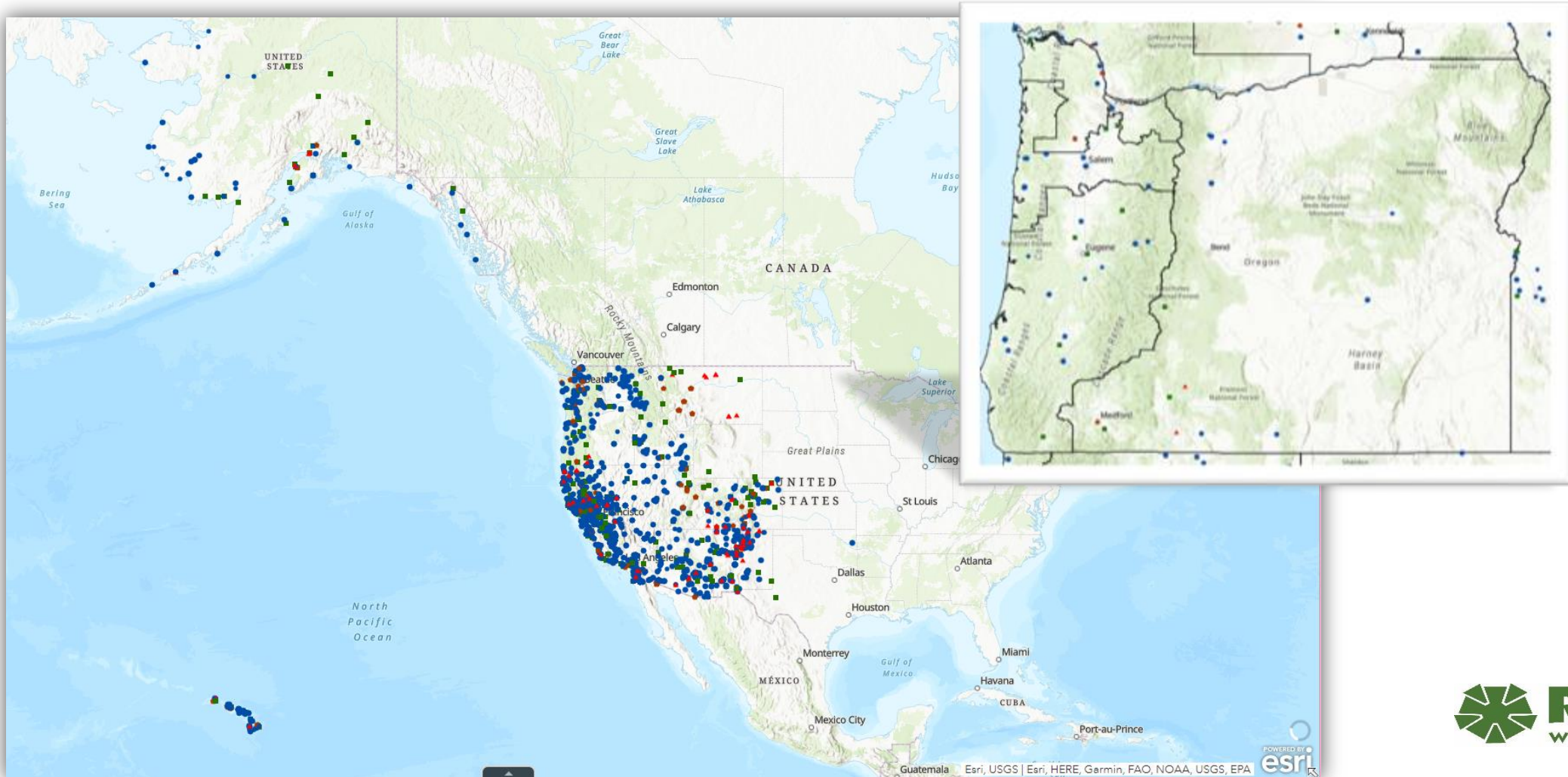
- Technical assistance for utility boards, operators, staff and others
- Online and in-person
- 16,461 participants reached in 2023
- Oregon Training Website:
<https://www.events.rcac.org/rcac/Oregon.asp>



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RCAC Projects Map



2022 Quick Look Overview

- Building Rural Economies
 - 103 Economic Development Projects
- Housing
 - 462 Self-Help Housing units made available
- Community and Environmental
 - 353 Workshops on various topics conducted
 - 12,000 plus participants
 - 972 Communities assisted with infrastructure issues or projects

Blue River Water District

- **Where:** Blue River, McKenzie Valley, Lane County, Oregon
- **Problem:** Small rural communities struggle to obtain the emergency funding required to replace critical infrastructure destroyed by wildfires.
- **Solution:** Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) provided technical assistance that allowed the city to access FEMA emergency funds.



Sun Country Estates Maintenance Association

- **Where:** Yakima, Yakima County, Washington (4th Congressional District)
- **Problem:** Small rural water and wastewater systems struggle to access funding for critical upgrades and replacements of capital infrastructure.
- **Solution:** Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) completed a Median Household Income (MHI) survey to broaden access to funding opportunities.



Letha Sewer District

- **Where:** Letha, Gem County, Idaho
- **Problem:** Small wastewater systems lack the technical, financial and managerial capacity to manage their systems and revenue base required to finance large capital projects
- **Solution:** Rural Community Assistance Corporation provides technical assistance to ensure compliance with regulations and assist with acquisition of federal funds.



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