

“What grant money was available to the WD#3 project?”

The financing of WD#3 did not include any grants to the Township from private or public sources.

In its financing and construction of its water system in 2006, Mills Township did receive assistance from the Rural Development branch of the United States Department of Agriculture (“USDA”). The total project cost was \$4,120,000. USDA provided a grant of \$1,625,000 and a loan of \$2,468,000 by purchasing Mills Township’s bonds in that amount. The term of the bond is 40 years. The term of the corresponding special assessment district is 40 years.

Financial assistance for Larkin Township from USDA was not available. USDA operates with a fixed amount of funds to devote to rural public improvements and prioritizes its participation based upon criteria directed to less populated rural areas and areas with median household income at or within a range based on the poverty level. The applicant must also certify that it is unable to finance the project from its own resources or through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms. Larkin Township did not satisfy those priorities.