

**Grant Writing: Using Income  
Surveys to Qualify Projects  
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Grant programs that use equity criteria, such as a community's median household income, may allow applicants to use income surveys of specific beneficiaries to qualify a *project* for funding **even if the *community* would not qualify**. Water, wastewater, and broadband projects can benefit from income surveys if the system's users have a different median income than the community.

