Question: The program requires facilities to be located in communities with a population of 20,000 or less. What is the data source for this population data?

For population data, use the 2010 Decennial Census. As of the date the NOFA published, the 2020 localized decennial census data was not yet available. Population data may be found at Total Population (Table P1) from 2010 Decennial Census. Please choose “Geos” then “Place” and search for your community after choosing your state.

https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=p1&tid=DECENNIALSF12010.P1&hidePreview=true

Question: The program requires applicants to determine the median household income (MHI) of a facility’s service area to determine the maximum applicable grant percentage that can be provided? What is the data source for median household income (MHI) data?

Rural Development relies on the 2006-2010 American Community Survey dataset for median household income (MHI) data. Access the link below for the Median Household Income in the past 12 months (in 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars) (Table B19013). Please choose “Geos” then “Place” and search for your communities after choosing your state. (If your community does not show up, try “Geos” then “County Subdivision” then your state and then your county, and search for your community.)