



Region 6 Wastewater Operator Resources: Loans, Grants, and Training

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Funding Resources

Rural Water Loan Fund

This is a funding program specifically designed to meet the unique needs of small water and wastewater utilities. The RWLF provides low-cost loans for short-term repair costs, small capital projects, or pre-development costs associated with larger projects. Interest rates are currently 3% and a maximum repayment period of 10 years. Loan amounts may not exceed \$200,000 or 75% of the total project cost. Emergency loans are 90-day no interest, with immediate turn around on applications. Applications are accepted year-round Contact: nrwarwf@nrwa.org

<https://nrwa.org/members/products-services-portfolio/rural-water-loan-fund/>

Clean Water State Revolving Fund

The new Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal has allocated \$12 billion for clean water infrastructure. 49% of funds will be provided as grants and 51% will be provided as low interest loans. State match has also been reduced to 10%. The CWSRF provides low-interest loans to eligible entities for a wide range of wastewater and storm water projects. Interest rates range from 0% - 1% and up to 30 years. Applications are accepted year-round. Contact your specific state representative to learn more and apply.

<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf>

WIIN Grant: Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program

This grant assists public water systems in underserved, small and disadvantaged communities to meet Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. On August 25, 2021, EPA announced the availability of \$25 million. Funding applications can be submitted until June 30, 2022. Contact your specific state representative to learn more and apply.

<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-small-underserved-and-disadvantaged-communities-grant-program-contacts>

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants

This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Water transmission line grants up to \$150,000 to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. Water source grants up to \$1,000,000 are to construct a water source, intake or treatment facility. Applications must be submitted with an emergency request.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/emergency-community-water-assistance-grants>

Technical Assistance & Training

Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Technical Assistance

Need help with planning your CSO program? Want to learn about tools that can help? U.S. EPA is offering support to CSO permittees that may lack the necessary resources or simply have questions on complying with the CSO Control Policy and Clean Water Act. EPA can provide a range of assistance including the following: EPA's small CSO community spreadsheet-based tools: CSO Model, Long-Term Control Plan Review Checklist, Post-Construction Compliance Monitoring Checklist, and more. If you are interested or have questions, please see link below for more information and agency contacts.

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2021-11/cso-technical-assistance-flyer.pdf>

Integrated Planning Communities Workshop for Small to Medium-Sized Municipalities

The Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs) in partnership with U.S. EPA are planning a workshop to share integrated planning with small to medium-sized municipalities (under 60,000 people). The goals of this workshop are to review action items that can help municipalities get started with integrated planning, introduce municipalities to introductory information aimed to help communities take action and begin the integrated planning process. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions in small breakout sessions.

This workshop will be held on Wednesday April 20, 2022 from 2:00-3:30 PM EST
<https://unc.zoom.us/meeting/register/TJYldumqrDoiHNM0iWGzHVqUZQMBMvF800Dx>

Creating the Water Workforce of the Future: Retaining a Strong and Resilient Utility Workforce

This webinar will focus on ways two leading utilities are embracing programs to ensure their employees have the right training, career progression opportunities, and other incentives to help them succeed and advance in their careers at the utility and to retain and develop these individuals once they are on board.

The webinar will be held on May 4, 2022 10:00 AM Pacific Time. Follow link below for registration information.

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_MNYdt20WTaPuCgcVqXePg

Transitioning from Permit Compliance to Wastewater Excellence

In this 90-minute webinar, the speaker will discuss low-cost opportunities for improving nutrient removal generally exist but often aren't implemented for various reasons. Operators, utility managers, regulators and design engineers are invited to join the speaker in overcoming these barriers and exploring opportunities for optimizing nutrient removal in wastewater treatment plants. The webinar will be held on Thursday April 28, 2022 01:00 PM Eastern Time. Follow link below for registration information.

https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_tv_jdIApQcugswx93Sedfg