



Funding Resources for Resilience and Adaptation Projects

Regional and State Resources for Alaska

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- **EPA's Region 10 Environmental Finance Center at RCAC (EFC at RCAC)**
- **Funding or Financing**
- **Environmental Finance Center Network**
- **Small Community Water Infrastructure Exchange**
- **EPA Water Finance Center**
- **IIJA or the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

EFC @ RCAC

- Rural Community Assistance Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit
- The EFC for EPA Region 10 states:
 - **Alaska**
 - Idaho
 - Oregon
 - Washington
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RCAC's programs and local presence allow us to set goals, and select projects to provide the tools and course. Collaborate with us, we help you?



Environmental

RCAC works with rural water, wastewater and solid waste systems to make them sustainable. Our [environmental](#) services are directed to small, low-income communities in rural areas and Indian Country to ensure that they comply with state and federal regulations.

RCAC is a [Rural Community Assistance Partnership \(RCAP\)](#) member.

Water, Wastewater & Solid Waste

On-site support to rural water and wastewater staff and boards to build, improve, finance, operate and manage systems, and solid waste

Water & Wastewater Training

Provides a comprehensive array of training for rural water and wastewater staff and boards.

Environmental Finance Center

Models, tools and resources to help small rural communities and Tribes move forward with innovative solutions to infrastructure needs.



EFC at RCAC

- Tribal Lands TA
- Map-based asset inventory and asset management
- Decision Tree & Financial Modules
- Source Water Protection Watershed Workshops
- Tribal Source Water Protection Template

Funding or Financing?

Funding or Financing?

- **Funding**
 - Revenue
 - Steady
 - Dependable, forecast
 - Rates and fees
 - Taxes
 - Other revenues

Funding or Financing?

- **Financing**
 - Obtaining funds from other entities
 - Less control over use
 - Additional administrative workload
 - Grants
 - Loans, including with principle forgiveness
 - Bonds

Funding or Financing?

- Rate Fees → Funding
- Taxes → Funding
- Loan → Financing
- Other Revenues → Funding
- Grant → Financing
- Bonds → Financing

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- EPA Office of Water, Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center – “The Water Finance Center”
- 29 EFC’s; EPA Regional and National
- Focused TA and training: build capacity and sustainability in TMF areas
- Tribes, communities, local and county governments, very small systems

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Building Capacity | Innovative Resources | Practical Assistance



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Take your professional development to the next level by finding specific small water systems training near you or register for an upcoming or pre-recorded webinar.

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Get Help

We offer free services to water and wastewater systems, local governments, and others who seek technical, managerial, and financial solutions to environmental infrastructure challenges.

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From podcasts and blogs to rates dashboards and tools, our small water systems resources inspire creative solutions to complex environmental challenges in your utility or community.

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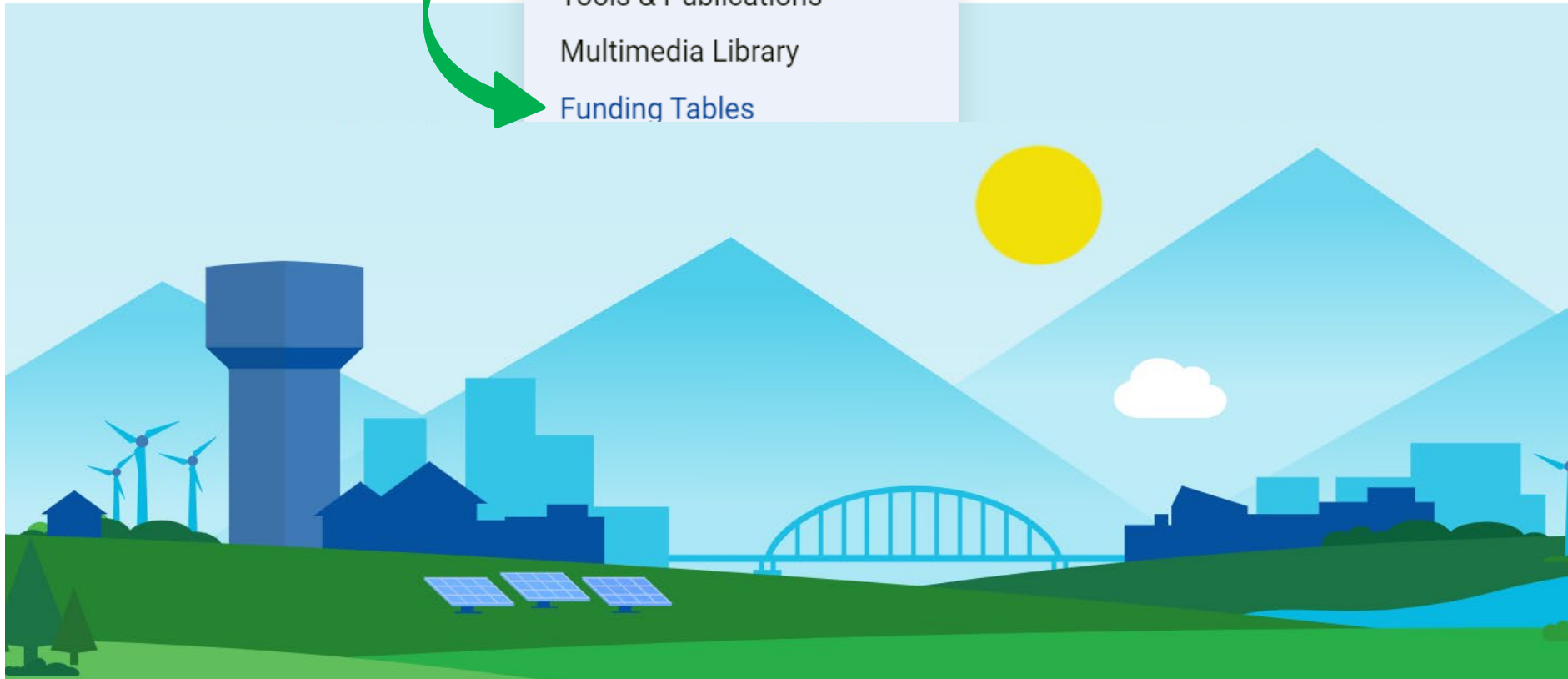
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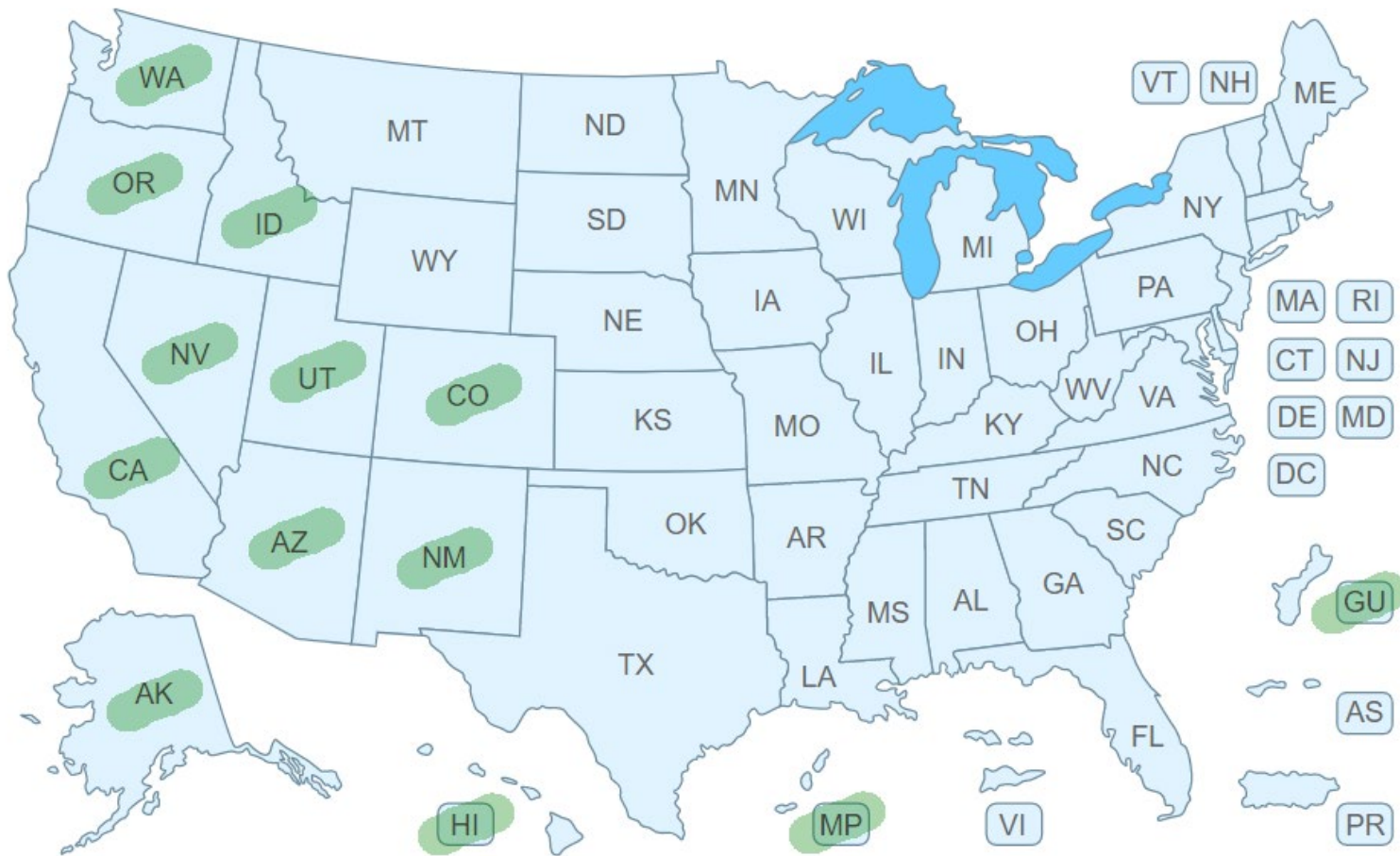
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Funding Sources By State Or Territory

We work with state and federal agencies to make sure that current funding opportunities are consolidated in one place. Click the map below to find water and wastewater infrastructure funding sources for your state or territory.

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- [Puerto Rico Water and Wastewater Funding Sources, Spanish version](#)
- [Tribal Water and Wastewater Funding Sources](#)

Additional State and Territorial Resources:

- [California Natural Resources Agency Funding Sources](#)
- [Great Lakes Environmental Infrastructure Center Funding Guide](#)
- [Maine CDC Drinking Water Program Table](#)
- [Tennessee Finding Money for Municipal Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Projects](#)
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Alaska Water and Wastewater Funding Sources

Compiled by the Environmental Finance Center Network, July 2022

Organization	Program (key words)	Gov. Entity	Non- Profit	For- Profit	Purpose or Use of Funds	How to Apply	Website	Contact
Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation	Alaska Drinking Water Fund Loan (ADWF) <i>(water)</i>	✓			The purpose of ADWF is to make low interest loans available to Alaskan municipalities and other qualified entities for financing drinking water projects.	Priority listed projects will be allowed to submit a loan application at any time after issuance of the final Intend Use Plan, and all other projects after two months. Application guidelines can be accessed on website.	http://dec.alaska.gov/water/technical-assistance-and-financing/state-revolving-fund/	Young Ha young.ha@alaska.gov 907-269-7544 555 Cordova St. Anchorage, AK 99501
	Alaska Clean Water Fund Loan (ACWF) <i>(sewer)</i>	✓			The purpose of ACWF is to make low interest loans available to Alaskan municipalities and other qualified entities for financing wastewater and water quality related projects.			Young Ha young.ha@alaska.gov 907-269-7544 555 Cordova St. Anchorage, AK 99501
	Village Safe Water Program <i>(water)</i>	✓			The Village Safe Water (VSW) Program is working with rural communities to develop sustainable sanitation facilities.	Contact the program specialist to apply.	https://dec.alaska.gov/water/village-safe-water/about	Jason Bluhm jason.bluhm@alaska.gov 907-465-5124 PO Box 111800 Juneau, AK 99811

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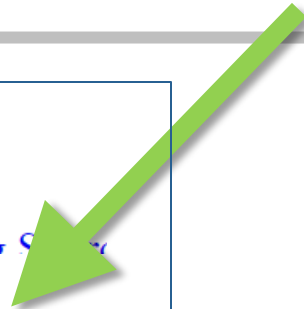
- Tribal Water and Wastewater Funding Sources

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Tribal Water and Wastewater Funding Sources Compiled by the Environmental Finance Center Network, February 2019		
Purpose or Use of Funds	How to Apply	Web
F program is available to drinking water systems to infrastructure improvements. The program also is providing funds to small and disadvantaged communities and to programs that encourage pollution prevention as a tool for ensuring safe drinking water. Projects have received assistance from the national set-aside for	Contact the DWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.	https://www.epa.gov/dwsrftersrf

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Additional State and Territorial Resources:

- [California Natural Resources Agency Funding Sources](#)
- [Tribal EPA Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants](#)



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Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants Tribal Set-Aside Program

Revised Guidelines

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Funding Sources by State or Territory

Tribes

Note: Some states or territories may have additional resources *listed below the map.*

Small Community Water Infrastructure Exchange

In some states and territories, there are support groups that coordinate some of the funding activities. The Small

Community Water Infrastructure Exchange (SCWIE) has

created a list of these coordinating bodies. You can access the list [here](#).

<https://www.scwie.org/statewide-support-groups>

Statewide Support Group

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Technical Assistance Providers Work Group (Water & Wastewater)

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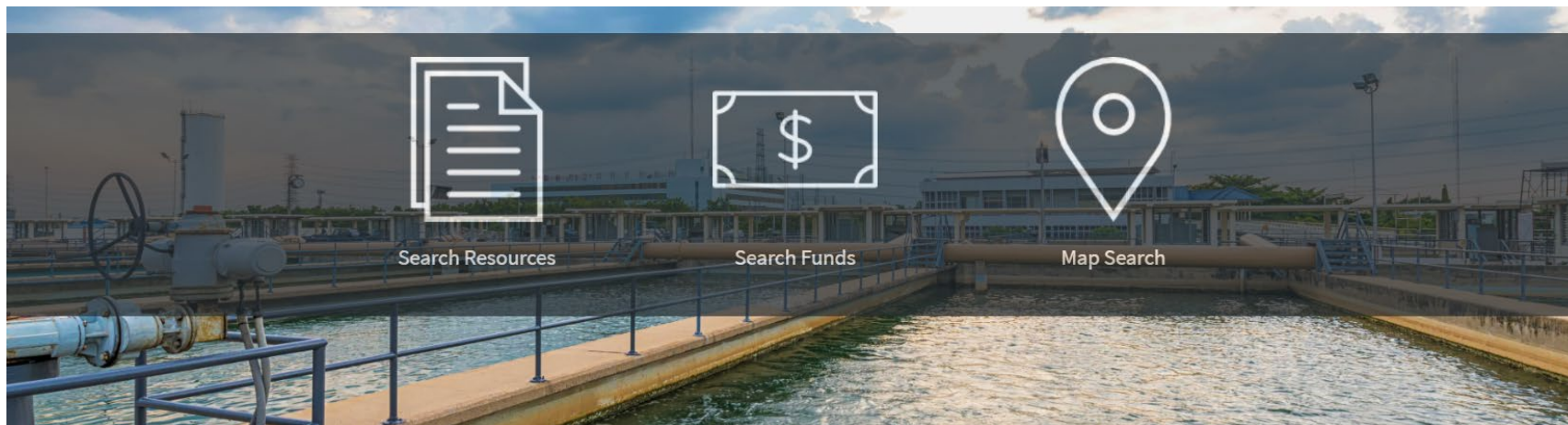
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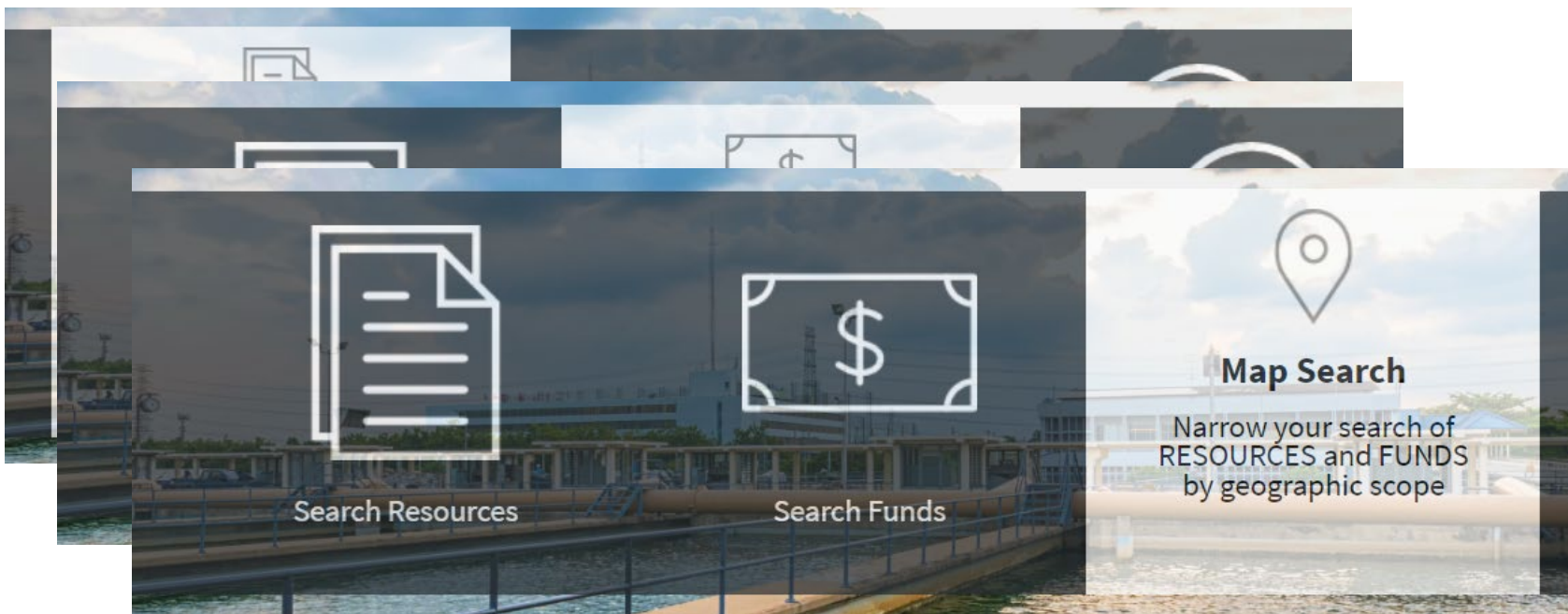
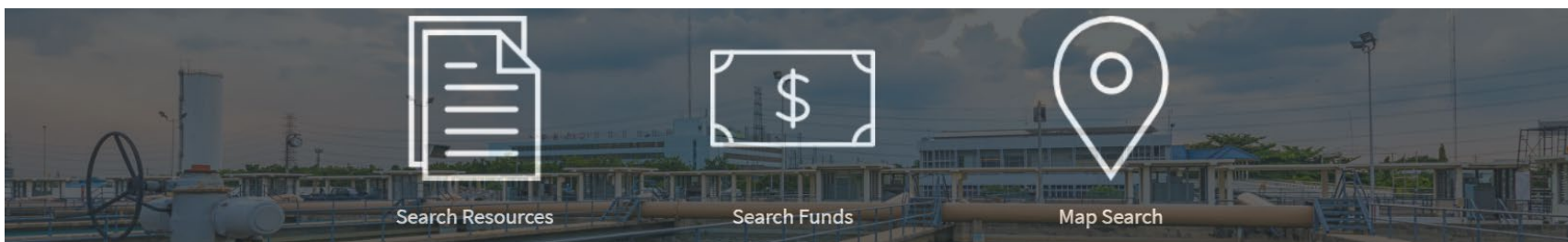
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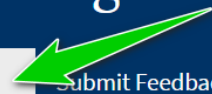
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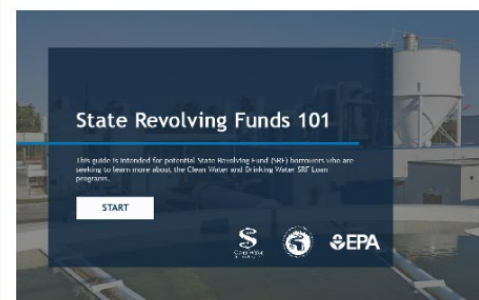
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Water Finance Learning Modules

The water finance learning modules provide information on different financing sources and funding topics to decision makers who are considering water infrastructure investments. Click on a module to learn more.

Financing Sources



SRF 101

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WIFIA 101

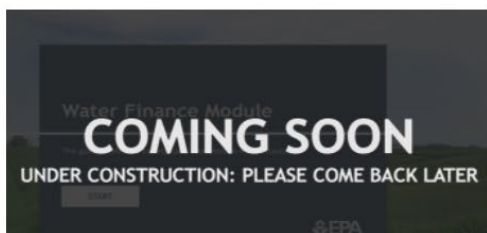
The WIFIA 101 learning module is for prospective borrowers interested in learning about Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) financing.

Funding Topics



Financing Septic Systems

The Financing Septic Systems learning module is for homeowners seeking information to support the operations and maintenance, repair, or new construction of septic systems.



Coming Soon

Additional modules on financing municipal/agricultural partnerships, financing stormwater management, and financing disaster recovery/resiliency initiatives are coming soon.



Eligible Uses of Selected Federal Disaster Funding for Response, Recovery, and Mitigation Efforts

Program	Emergency Repairs (M, R) ¹	Planning and Design (M)	Construction/ Capitalization (M, R)	Operation and Maintenance (R)	Technical Assistance (M, R)	Applicable to Private-for-profit Systems (M, R)
FEMA PA	✓	✓	✓			
FEMA HMGP		✓			✓	✓
EPA DWSRF	✓	✓	✓		✓	
EPA CWSRF	✓	✓	✓			
EDA Economic Assistance Programs		✓	✓			
HUD CDGB	✓		✓		✓	
HUD Section 108 Loan Guarantee			✓		✓	
SBA Disaster Loans	✓		✓	✓		✓
USDA ECWAG	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
WRDA 92, Section 219		✓	✓		✓	

¹M = Activity is related to Mitigation; R = Activity is related to Response/Recovery
²Technical Assistance = May include activities undertaken to help utilities recover from disasters (e.g., providing assistance to assess damages and identify restoration needs).

FEMA: Options *before* the emergency

- BRIC: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities
- PDM: Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program
- HMGP: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
- FMA: Flood Mitigation Assistance

Disaster Recovery

- FEMA PAGP: Public Assistance Grant Program
- EDA: Special Appropriations

State Revolving Funds

- Drinking Water SRF
- Clean Water SRF
 - Wastewater, stormwater, watershed management
- State-specific Intended Use Plan
- Planning, design, construction
- Low-interest loans, principle forgiveness

IIJA also known as BIL

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act aka the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- \$11.7 billion - DW SRF
- \$15 billion - DW SRF for Lead Service Line Replacement
- \$4 billion – DW SRF for Emerging Contaminants (PFAS)
- \$11.7 billion - CW SRF
- \$1 billion - CW SRF for Emerging Contaminants (PFAS)
- \$4 billion - Emerging Contaminants (PFAS) Small & Disadvantaged Communities

Eyes open, stay focused!



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