United States Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental Finance Centers

An EPA Grant Program

What are Environmental Finance Centers?

EPA supports a network of eight environmental finance centers (EFCs) located across the country. EFCs are university-based organizations that provide innovative solutions to communities to help manage the costs of environmental protection programs and activities. EPA leverages funding provided through its grant program, which combines with other non-EPA funding sources to support the various EFCs. EFCs provide government officials and small businesses with a number of services, including:

- Analyses on environmental financing alternatives
- Technical assistance
- Education through short courses for state and local officials and graduate courses through traditional university curricula
- Development and publication of case studies about innovative financing techniques
- Serving as clearinghouses for regional and state information on environmental financing and program management
- Outreach services such as financial management tools, training courses, lecture series, or education for communities and relevant stakeholders about financing issues

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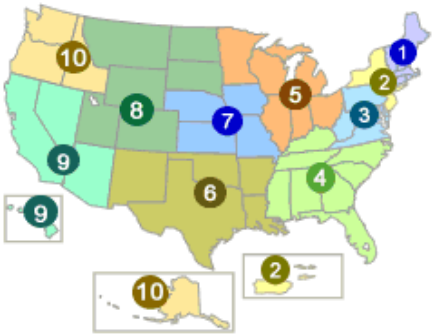
EPA's Center for Environmental Finance within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer manages the cooperative agreement with the EFCs.

What is Environmental Finance?

Knowledge about how to fund environmental programs is often limited. But financing mechanisms are essential to successfully implementing environmental programs at local, state, and federal levels. There is a significant need to educate public officials, currently on the front lines of financing environmental facilities and services, about options and tools available to help them meet their regulatory requirements and individual program goals.

Locations of Environmental Finance Centers Currently Serving 7 of EPA's 10 Regions



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