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Introduction

This Water Finance Clearinghouse training is intended for new users. This training provides background information regarding the Clearinghouse, walks new users through Clearinghouse functionality, and provides tips and best practices.
The Water Finance Center is an information and assistance center, helping communities make informed decisions for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to protect human health and the environment.

www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter
What is the Water Finance Clearinghouse?

The Water Finance Clearinghouse is an easily navigable web-based portal to help users locate information that will assist them in making informed decisions for their water sector infrastructure needs.
The Water Finance Clearinghouse includes two searchable databases:

Funding sources for water infrastructure projects

Informational resources that can help users access capital to meet their water infrastructure needs.
What is the Water Finance Clearinghouse?

Resources

- Reports
- Webinars
- Case Studies
- Videos
- Websites
- Trainings
- Guides
- Outreach
- Presentations
- Events
- Feasibility Studies
- Resource Lists
- Tools
- Other Resources
Water Funding Sources

- Federal funding
- Regional funding
- State funding
- Foundation funding
- Non-governmental organization (NGO) funding
Map Search

- Search resources or funds by:
  - State
  - National
  - EPA Region
  - Tribes
  - Territories
  - International
Benefits of the Water Finance Clearinghouse

- All-in-one Site
- Updated Frequently
- Searchable
- Modern and User Friendly
- Focused on High Quality Data
- Free
Bottom navigation bar links

• Quick Searches for popular resources and funding sources
Center navigation bar links contain three main search methods

- Search Resources
- Search Funds
- Map Search
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

- **New users** begin by using the *Create Account* link in the top right corner of the homepage.

- Creating an account will allow you to save your searches, subscribe and customize email updates, and favorite funds and resources.
After clicking Create Account, users will be directed to the Create Account Page.

There are two types of user accounts

- General
- Contributor

*Contributor accounts are covered in another training*
Water Finance Clearinghouse User Accounts

General Users

• General Users can favorite resources and funding sources for quick access at any time and subscribe to receive email updates for new additions/edits to specific filters options

Contributors

• Contributors can edit and add information to the Clearinghouse. They can suggest:
  • Edits to existing information in the Water Finance Clearinghouse
  • Additions of new resources and/or funding sources
  • Removal of resources and/or funding sources
To create a **General User** account, select General, enter your email address, and click submit.

Once approved, you will receive an email from EPA with login information.
• Once logged in, the *My Items* tab will appear on the top navigation bar.
• Clicking on *My Items* will bring you to your favorites and subscriptions page.
Choose **Resource Favorites** or **Fund Favorites** to view previously saved search results.
Choose *Subscriptions* to view and customize email notification as well as resource and funding subscription settings.
Water Finance Clearinghouse User Accounts

• To create a **Contributor account**, click on Contributor, complete the required fields, and click submit.

• Once approved, you will receive an email from EPA with login information.
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

To search available funding resources, click on *Search Resources*. 
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

The Resource search page contains a number of filters to help the user narrow down their search.
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

Users can search by:

- Sectors
- Funding Sources
- Financing Approaches
- Special Topics
- Wastewater Treatment Technologies
- Scope
- Author
- Resource Type
- Date
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

For example, selecting *Sectors* allows the user to search various water, wastewater, and agricultural funding sectors.
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• As the user adds filters, the search will become more narrow based on the selections made.

• For example, if the user selects *Drinking Water Systems* the search results narrow to resources related to drinking water system funding.
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The user can sort their results by:

Resource Title, Author, Description, Resource Type, and Year

The user can also add additional filters to narrow their search results further.
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• To save a search result, click the *star* icon in the left column.
• To export the search results to Excel, click *Export Your Results*. 
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

To search available funding, click on *Search Funds*.
The Funds search page contains a number of filters to help the user narrow down their search.
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

Users can search by:

- Funding Sources
- Sectors
- Scope
- Eligible Uses
- Eligible Applicants
- Eligible Applicants
For example, selecting *Eligible Uses* allows the user to search funding based on the type of project the funding can cover.
Like the Resources search, adding filters to the Funds search will narrow the results. The user can add additional filters to further narrow results. Users can also sort by **Program Name, Source, Description, How to Apply, Current Funding Level, and Contact.**

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<td>AICCON FACC</td>
<td>This program provides loans for a variety of spending categories, including the purchase of equipment, machinery, and fixtures. Eligible applicants must be Native American, Tribal-owned, other minority-owned, and individuals and businesses in Wisconsin. The Loan Application process.</td>
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Like the Resources search, users can save their search results by clicking the star icon in the left column, and export their search results to Excel by clicking the Export Your Results button.
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Users can also search by geographic scope using the *Map Search* option.
Selecting the *Map Search* option brings the user to the Map Search page.

Here, the user can select search options on the left or select individual states to see what resources or funds are available for each state.
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• For example, selecting *Resources* and clicking on Wyoming brings up all the search results for resources specific to the State of Wyoming.

• The filter, sort, save, and export features are the same as with the two previous search methods.
Resources and funds within the Clearinghouse are regularly updated

New entries submitted by Clearinghouse Contributors are approved on a rolling basis

Clearinghouse Contributor users are representatives of funding entities and programs that provide funding opportunities
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

Users can submit feedback or suggest new resources by clicking on *Submit Feedback or Resource* on the top navigation bar.
To submit feedback or resources, fill in the required form fields and then choose *Provide Feedback* or *Submit a Resource*. 
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Selecting *Feedback* will open a new field for the user to provide their feedback.
Selecting *Resource* will open a new field for the user to suggest a new resource for review.
Learning Modules

• The Water Finance Center learning modules provide in-depth information on different financing sources and funding topics.
How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

Learning Modules include topics such as:

- The State Revolving Fund (SRF) 101
- The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) 101
- Financing Septic Systems

Additional Learning Modules are always in development.
Interested users can subscribe to EPA’s Water Finance Center updates list to receive periodic email updates from the Center.

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Submit questions in the chat and/or raise your hand
Thank You!

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