Use this checklist to determine if your water system, or water systems in your community, might benefit from a partnership.

Is your water system or a water system in your community...

☐ Struggling to meet technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity? (see specific T, M, and F sections below)

☐ Facing similar challenges as a nearby water system?

☐ Within 5-10 miles of another water system?

☐ Currently working with another water system either directly or indirectly (e.g., providing treatment chemicals, sharing an operator)?

☐ Able to share and expand upon strengths to help other systems (e.g., strong TMF capacity)?

**Technical (T)**

☐ Experiencing inadequate or aging infrastructure?

☐ Experiencing limited/poor source quality/quantity?

☐ Lacking an operator with the appropriate level of certification for their treatment?

☐ Other: ____________________________

**Managerial (M)**

☐ Operating with a part-time manager whose attention is stretched thin?

☐ Lacking expertise in long-term water system planning or operations?

☐ Other: ____________________________

**Financial (F)**

☐ Lacking economies of scale (few households = high costs)?

☐ Experiencing a history of water rates that are set too low to cover costs?

☐ Experiencing limited knowledge of financing options?

☐ Other: ____________________________

If you checked at least one box above, the water system(s) could benefit from a partnership and may consider some of these next steps:

- **Strategize** how to conduct outreach to the water systems you identified above.
- **Facilitate** partnership building between the water systems (e.g., host an informal meeting).
- **Identify** potential stakeholders, allies, and champions who could facilitate partnership building or support a workshop.
- **Host** a Water System Partnerships Training Workshop for the water systems. For more information visit: [https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-system-partnerships](https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-system-partnerships).