

Technical Assistance for Rural, Small, and/or Tribal Lagoon Wastewater Treatment Systems

Learn more about the technical assistance and funding resources available for lagoon communities.

EPA Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) provides **no-cost support** to communities in identifying, planning, and funding projects to address lagoon system needs such as capacity building or preparing for new permits.

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Clean Water Indian Set-Aside (CWISA) programs offer low-cost financing and grants to upgrade clean water infrastructure, including in rural, small, and tribal lagoon communities. In addition to these annual program funds, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) appropriated \$11.7 billion in funding to the CWSRF and more than \$230 million in additional funding to the CWISA over five years (Fiscal Years 2022-2026).

Nearly half of the BIL CWSRF funding is available as grants or forgivable loans to eligible communities.

Technical assistance providers can help lagoon communities with:

- ✓ Building technical, managerial, and financial capacity to achieve and maintain long-term sustainability and wastewater treatment system compliance.
- ✓ Planning for capital improvements to address current and future regulatory requirements.
- ✓ Identifying best-fit, most affordable technologies, or lagoon system process improvements.
- ✓ Accessing affordable funding and financing options, including application support for CWSRF or CWISA funding.



How to apply for WaterTA: Visit EPA's website to learn more and fill out a request form.
www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/water-technical-assistance-waterta

What Types of Lagoon Projects are Eligible for Clean Water Funding?

Communities looking to construct/install new systems or upgrade, repair, or replace existing lagoon systems are eligible for CWSRF or CWISA funding. Types of eligible lagoon projects include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Lagoon clean outs/sludge removal
- ✓ Liner addition/replacement
- ✓ Installation of a baffling curtain to prevent short circuiting
- ✓ Disinfection system addition
- ✓ Lift and pump station upgrade/repair
- ✓ Adding additional lagoon cells for increased capacity, or lagoon closing and demolition activities



In many cases, clean water funding can be used across the project life cycle to cover planning, design, and construction of a capital project as well as system upgrades.

For more information:



Check out EPA's **Lagoon Action Plan**, including information on financial and technical assistance resources to support rural, small, or tribal communities facing compliance issues.
www.epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/lagoon-wastewater-treatment-systems



Contact your **state's SRF program** to learn about funding programs and assistance opportunities for lagoon communities.
www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-cwsrf-program-contacts

Contact your **EPA Regional CWISA coordinator** for information on the CWISA program and Tribal infrastructure funding.
www.epa.gov/small-and-rural-wastewater-systems/clean-water-indian-set-aside-program-contacts

