



Region 8 Technical Assistance

R8 WaterTA Team

Tamara Barbakova - WaterTA Coordinator
barbakova.tamara@epa.gov

Darrel Williams - EFC Project Officer
williams.darrel@epa.gov

Kenley Stone - CW Infrastructure Specialist
stone.kenley@epa.gov

Bryce Faliskie - DW Infrastructure Specialist
faliskie.bryce@epa.gov

**Many
communities
face water
infrastructure
challenges**



What is Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA)?

Mission: Identify communities and systems with water challenges and ensure support is available to all in need.

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) invested over \$50 billion in water infrastructure
- **No cost to applicant!**
- TA options for SRF eligible & non-eligible communities
- Focus on disadvantaged and underserved communities, communities that have never accessed SRF funding, and communities that are not currently receiving equivalent TA

Result: More communities with applications for federal funding, quality water infrastructure, and reliable water services

EPA WaterTA
Supports
Communities to:



Identify water challenges



Plan for solutions



Increase community engagement



Build technical, financial, managerial capacity



Develop application materials to access water infrastructure funding

EPA WaterTA Approach

- **Targeted:** Focused on disadvantaged and underserved communities as well as those that may struggle to access funding.
- **Proactive:** Shift burden away from disadvantaged and underserved communities – we go to them!
- **Community-centered:** Meet communities where they are by building trust, adjusting to their needs, and being culturally competent.

What can WaterTA do?

Planning & Assessment

- Plan Development & Coordination
- Studies & Assessments
- Asset Management

Project Development

- Preliminary Engineering Reports
- Lead Service Line Inventories
- Environmental Reviews

Partnerships & Engagement

- Decision Maker & Board Education
- Water System Partnerships
- Capacity Building

Funding & Financing

- Financial Planning
- Identifying Funding Options
- Application Support

Who is Eligible to Receive WaterTA?

Eligible

- Local governments/communities
- Drinking Water utilities/systems
- Wastewater utilities/systems
- Stormwater utilities/systems
- States, tribes, territories
- Non-governmental organizations (in pursuit of Clean Water State Revolving Fund [SRF] financing)

Ineligible

- Federal facilities
- Individuals/Individual households
- Private Drinking Water systems (state dependent)

Request WaterTA Assistance

Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Request Form –

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

Water Infrastructure

CONTACT US

Water Technical Assistance Request Form

OMB Control Number: 2030-0051

Expiration Date: 5/31/24

Complete the following form to request Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA).

If you include your email address in your submitted form, you will receive a confirmation email from WaterTA@epa.gov. After reviewing your submission, EPA or a TA provider will respond with potential next steps. Response times may vary depending on the volume and types of requests received.

Many states also offer WaterTA programs. Thus, EPA may share your request with the appropriate state agency in effort to provide the best, most timely assistance.

Please note not every request may be offered WaterTA, and participation in this or other EPA TA programs does not guarantee funding through the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) or other programs.

To receive updates on EPA programs, helpful resources, and notifications of upcoming webinars and training events, please sign up for the [EPA's Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center email list](#).

If you have any questions or concerns about the WaterTA Request Form, please contact: WaterTA@epa.gov



Request WaterTA Assistance

Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Request Form –

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

First name

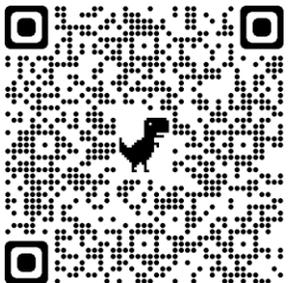
Last name

If you would like a response, please include your email address and/or phone number.

Email

Phone number

Please format your phone number as (XXX) XXX-XXXX



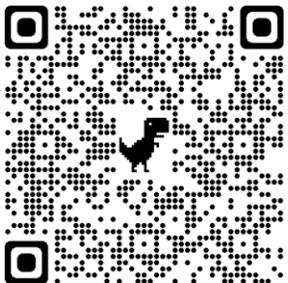
Request WaterTA Assistance

Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Request Form –

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

How are you affiliated with the community or water system of interest?

- City/town administrator or staff
- Community-based organization
- Community member/customer/resident
- Elected official
- Engineer for utility (staff/consultant)
- Tribal utility administrator or staff
- Tribal elected official
- Utility administrator/staff
- Utility board/committee member
- Other



Request WaterTA Assistance

Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Request Form –

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

City/Town *

City where the community or water system of interest is located.

County *

County where the community or water system of interest is located.

You may type "N/A" if not applicable.

State/Territory/Tribe *

PWSID or NPDES permit number (if applicable/known)

Please format your permit number to include the state abbreviation (e.g., "TX0000000").



Request WaterTA Assistance

Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Request Form –

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

Type of system or project (select the best fit) *

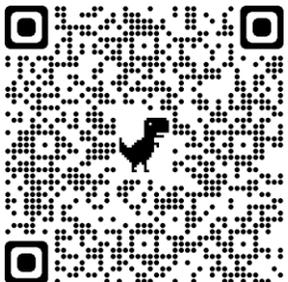
This information will be used to direct your request to the best fit program. If you have additional needs, you can describe them in the text box below.

- Drinking water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Source water protection
- Nonpoint source
- Decentralized wastewater (e.g., septic systems)
- Other

Briefly describe your water quality or infrastructure concerns.

Please be as specific as possible and include what assistance you are hoping to receive. *

(750-character maximum limit; NO bullets or numbered lists)



Request WaterTA Assistance

Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Request Form –

<https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/forms/water-technical-assistance-request-form>

Is your community currently working with a TA provider? *

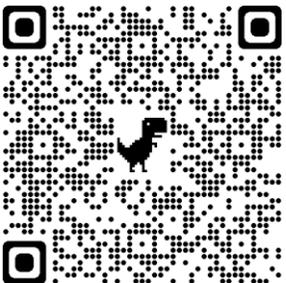
- Select -

Does your community qualify as a “disadvantaged community” within your state or meet your state's affordability criteria?

As defined by your state's Drinking Water or Clean Water State Revolving Fund program.

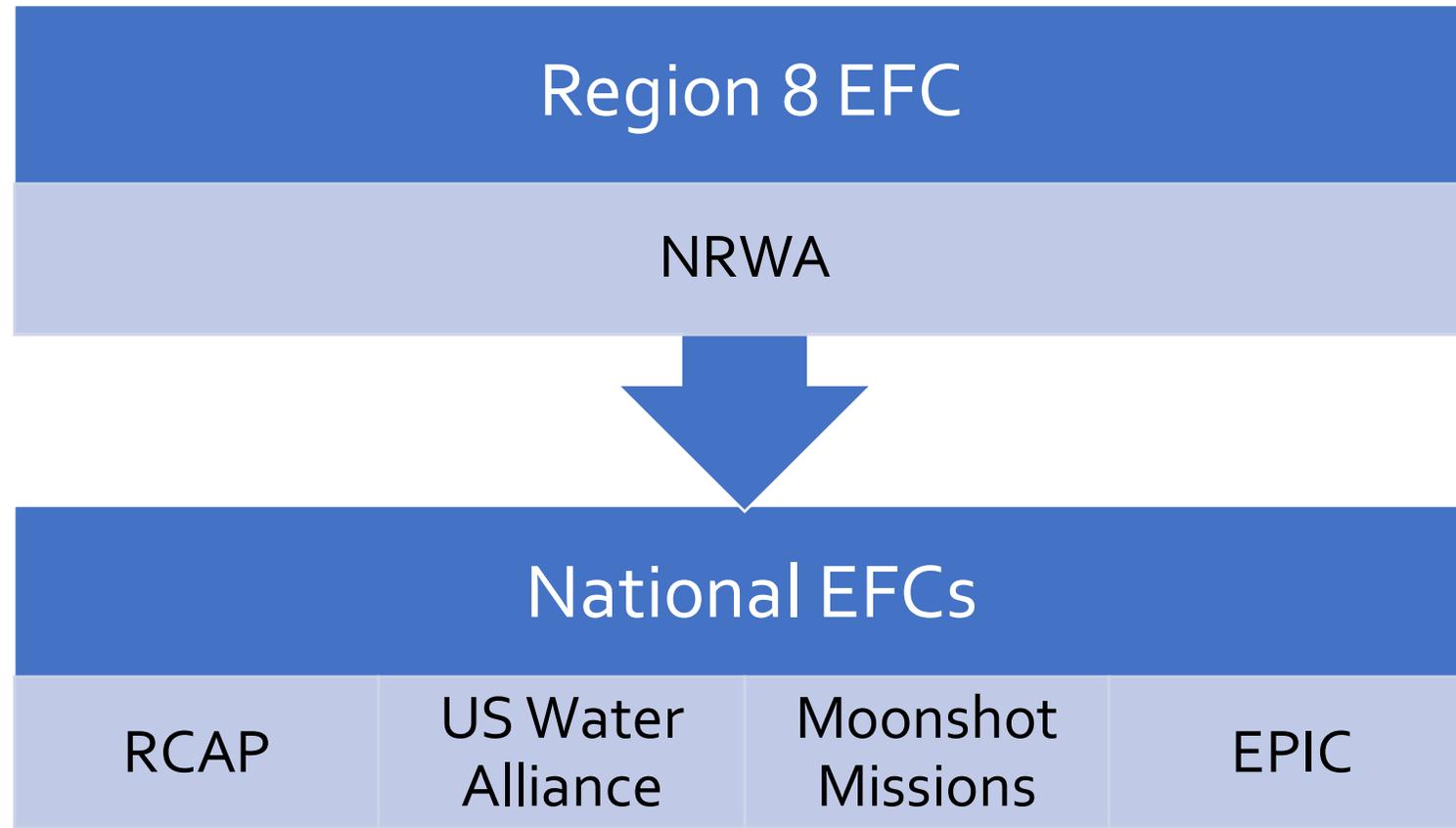
- None -

Submit form



WaterTA Providers

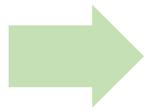
EPA works with national and regional providers that are experts in water & community support



What's Next?

Request Assistance

- [WaterTA Online Request Form](#)



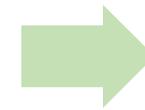
Get Connected with TA Provider

- EPA, states, and TA providers coordinate to respond to community requests



Engage with TA Provider

- Assess and create a plan to solve your water challenges



Apply for Funding

- Develop and submit an application for federal funding

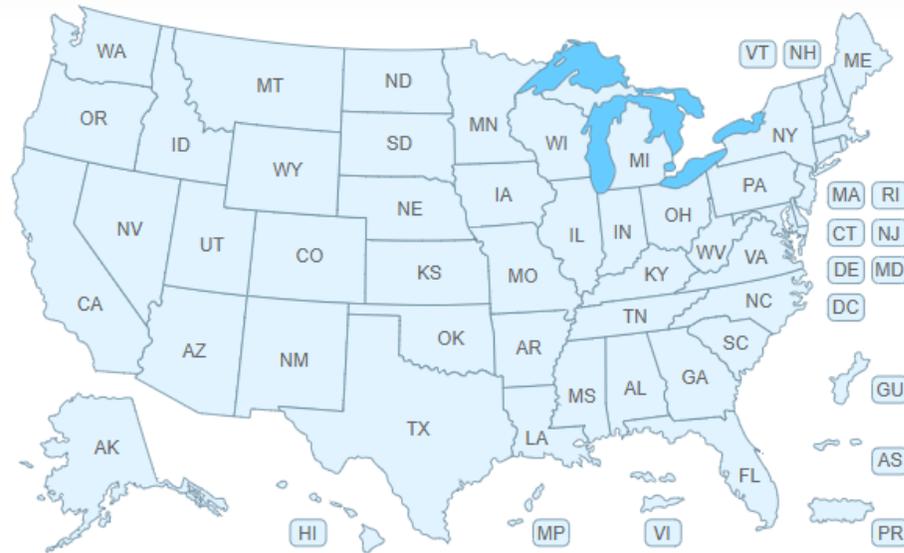
State Specific Funding Sources

<https://efcnetwork.org/resources/funding-tables/>



About Us ▾ Training & Events Resources ▾ Our Initiatives Contact

Get Help



Additional Funding Tables:

- [Navajo Nation Water and Wastewater Funding Sources](#)
- [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](#)
- [Texas Private Financing List](#)
- [Tribal EPA Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants](#)



Additional TA Programs

In addition to assistance provided by EPA Office of Water, multiple TA programs are available from:

- [Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights \(OEJECR\)](#)
- [Office of Land and Emergency Management \(OLEM\)](#)
- [Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations \(OCIR\)](#)
- [Office of Research and Development \(ORD\)](#)
- The [US Department of Agriculture \(USDA\)](#), the [Indian Health Service \(IHS\)](#), and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency \(FEMA\)](#) also offer robust TA programs.

Questions about WaterTA?

Tamara Barbakova - WaterTA Coordinator
barbakova.tamara@epa.gov

Darrel Williams - EFC Project Officer
williams.darrel@epa.gov

Kenley Stone - CW Infrastructure Specialist
stone.kenley@epa.gov

Bryce Faliskie - DW Infrastructure Specialist
faliskie.bryce@epa.gov

Learn more or request assistance at

www.epa.gov/WaterTA



Summary of Dedicated BIL Funding



\$20+ billion - drinking water

\$15 billion - lead pipe replacement

\$12+ billion - clean water

\$1.8 billion - protecting regional waters

\$135 million - additional water improvements

BIL Funding: DW

Safe Drinking Water

\$15 billion

Lead Service Line Replacement through the [Drinking Water State Revolving Funds](#)

49% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans.
State match is not required.

\$11.7 billion

Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

49% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans.
State match is reduced to 10%.

\$4 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants through the Drinking Water SRF

Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water.
All funds provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
State match is not required.

\$5 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants in Disadvantaged Communities

Funding through [Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grants](#)
Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water.
Provided as grants.
State match is not required.

BIL Funding: CW

Clean Water for Communities

\$11.7 billion

Clean Water State Revolving Funds ([CWSRF](#))

49% of funds will be available for grants or principal forgiveness loans.

51% of funds will be available for low-interest loans.

State match is reduced to 10%.

\$1 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants

Funding through Clean Water State Revolving Funds.

All funds provided as grants or principal forgiveness loans.

State match is not required.