Assistance for Communities Experiencing Drinking Water, Wastewater, and Flooding Infrastructure Challenges

Is your community experiencing:



Lead and other contaminants in your drinking water, low water pressure, frequent water outages or boil water advisories, high water bills, or limited access to clean water?



Sewer backups or overflows, foul odors, blocked drains and toilets, or health concerns from contaminated wastewater?



Frequent flooding that causes safety hazards, property damage, muddy yards, and erosion?

If you face any of these challenges, and you live in **Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arkansas, or Louisiana**, your municipality or utility company may be eligible for technical assistance that could lead to grants or low interest loans newly available from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and Inflation Reduction Act.

The Southwest Environmental Finance Center (SW EFC), part of the University of New Mexico, is partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance to potential applicants. We focus especially on traditionally underserved and disadvantaged communities because everyone deserves access to clean and safe water.

Here's how the SW EFC and partners can help:

- Review your community's drinking water, wastewater, and/or stormwater system and provide technical assistance to solve problems
- Help **develop a project** that will address community needs
- **Educate** local decision-makers and community-based organizations about issues facing your community
- Assist with budgeting and finance and funding applications
- Provide oversight on post-grant, construction management
- Create additional tools and resources to keep systems on the right track

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