

HELP US HELP YOU!

SOUTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE CENTER

Who we are:

The Southwest Environmental Finance Center (SW EFC) at UNM's School of Engineering **helps communities manage water and wastewater systems sustainably**. Since 1992, we've partnered with state, local, tribal, and private organizations to improve water and wastewater systems, focusing on areas like asset management, water loss control, and environmental compliance. We work *with* our community partners to **build their skills and resilience**, ensuring long-term sustainability while addressing real-world environmental challenges. **Our services are always FREE!**



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We promote self-reliance through innovative training and assistance focused on actionable results.

WHAT WE DO:



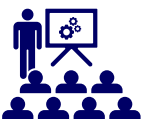
Technical Assistance



Tools & Resources



Educational Videos



Trainings & Webinars



GIS Mapping



Podcasts



Community Outreach & Engagement



Needs Assessments



Blogs



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Our work especially serves:

- **Water, wastewater, & stormwater systems**-- we can assist you for free!
- **State regulators**--we can provide services to systems in your region!
- **Technical assistance providers**--we would love to collaborate!

CURRENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



SMALL SYSTEMS: WATER & WASTEWATER

Small water and wastewater systems face significant challenges maintaining the **technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity** necessary to provide safe, sustainable water services.

SW EFC delivers free hands-on support, helping these systems build capacity through:

- Training events (in-person, virtual, peer-to-peer)
- Direct technical assistance to communities, including in-depth, peer-to-peer TA;
- Podcasts, educational videos, and blogs; and
- Resource and tool creation for communities and state regulators.



TRIBAL WASTEWATER PROGRAM

The **Tribal Wastewater Program** provides free support to tribal communities across EPA Regions 6, 7, and 8. Through this program, we:

- Perform **needs assessments** to identify unmet infrastructure, technical assistance, and training needs.
- Provide **training and technical assistance** to tribal communities for the prevention, reduction, and elimination of pollution.
- Ensure that tribal communities have **access to public funding** to meet wastewater infrastructure needs.
- Support tribal communities in protecting public health and the environment.



ACCESSING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

Through the Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Assistance Program, SW EFC **helps systems navigate and access state and federal infrastructure funding** under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and elsewhere. The program aims to:

- Guide systems **throughout the entire funding process**, including evaluating system needs, community engagement, project development, technical assistance and capacity building, finance and funding, construction management, and providing additional help as needed.



- Work closely with states and partners to ensure that funding opportunities are accessible and equitable for systems.



ASK FOR HELP

1 Direct request at training or other event:

Remote training events: Put in a request for help or fill out the follow-up evaluation and ask for help.

In-person training events: Talk to the trainer at an event to ask for assistance.

2 Email us:

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3 Go to the EFCN website: <https://efcnetwork.org/>



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4 Fill out EPA's Water TA Request form:

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