

Using EPA Technical Assistance for Project Quality

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Objectives

What does a quality project look like?

What is EPA Technical Assistance?

How can technical assistance improve project quality?

How can I access EPA TA?

What is Project Quality?



Centers on community needs



Throughout the project cycle



Affordable, operable, and right facility

What does
a project
that lacks
quality look
like?

Operator ability \neq
system requirements

Community priorities \neq
design decisions

Needs \neq outcome

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

\$50B for water and
wastewater infrastructure
projects



Focus on:

Disadvantaged
communities

Emerging
contaminants

Lead service
lines



Technical Assistance Helps Communities Overcome Barriers

- Knowledge
- Time
- Experience
- Contacts

What Does EPA Technical Assistance Do?

Capacity
Development

Community
Engagement

Asset
Management

Long-Term
O&M
Strategies

Rate Studies

Income
Surveys

Capital Project
Financial
Impact

Drafting
Funding
Applications

Project
Management

BABA/AIS

Bidding and
Contract
Management

Davis Bacon

When Do I Use Technical Assistance?



Environmental Finance Center - Regional

TA Provider

- RCAC
- [Environmental Finance Center - RCAC](#)

Eligibility

- Communities seeking SRF project funding
- Communities with CDS grants

Specialties

- Asset Management
- Income Survey
- Rate Study
- Application Development



Environmental Finance Center - National

TA Provider

- [Moonshot Missions](#)
- [US Water Alliance](#)
- [Environmental Policy Innovation Center](#)
- [RCAP](#)

Eligibility

- Communities seeking SRF project funding
- State agencies

Specialties

- Outreach and communication
- Engineering evaluation
- Policy analysis
- Application development



Small Water Systems TA

TA Provider

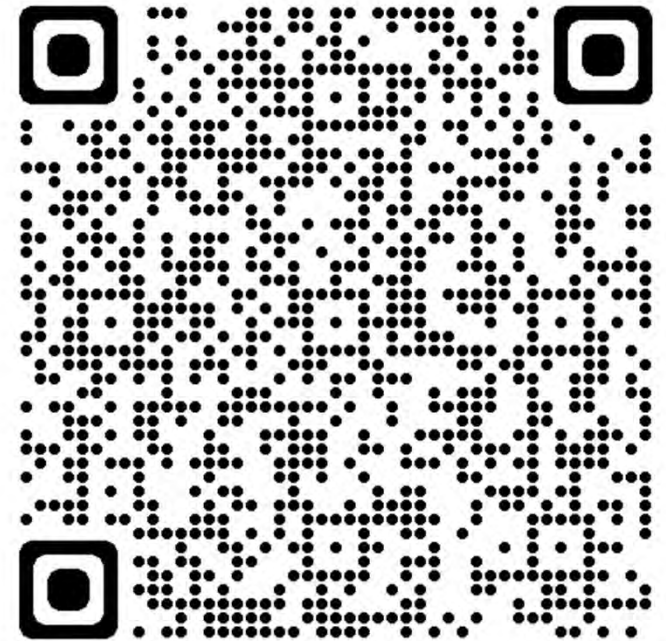
- [RCAP](#)
- [NRWA](#)

Eligibility

- Small public water systems
- Private drinking water well owners

Specialties

- Technical, managerial and financial capacity development
- SDWA compliance



Rural, Small and Tribal Wastewater TA

TA Provider

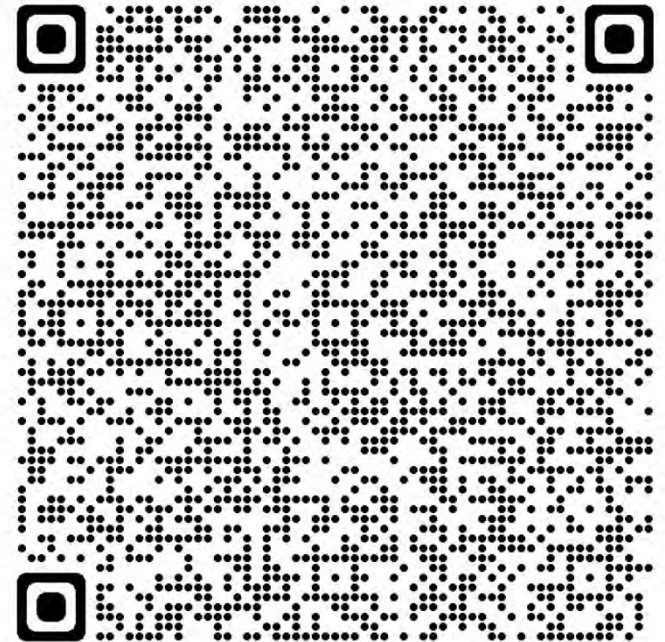
- [RCAP](#)
- [NRWA](#)
- [Pollution Prevention Resource Center](#)

Eligibility

- Rural, small and tribal wastewater systems
- Centralized or decentralized

Specialties

- Technical, managerial and financial capacity development
- Securing funding for projects



Thriving Communities TA Center

TA Provider

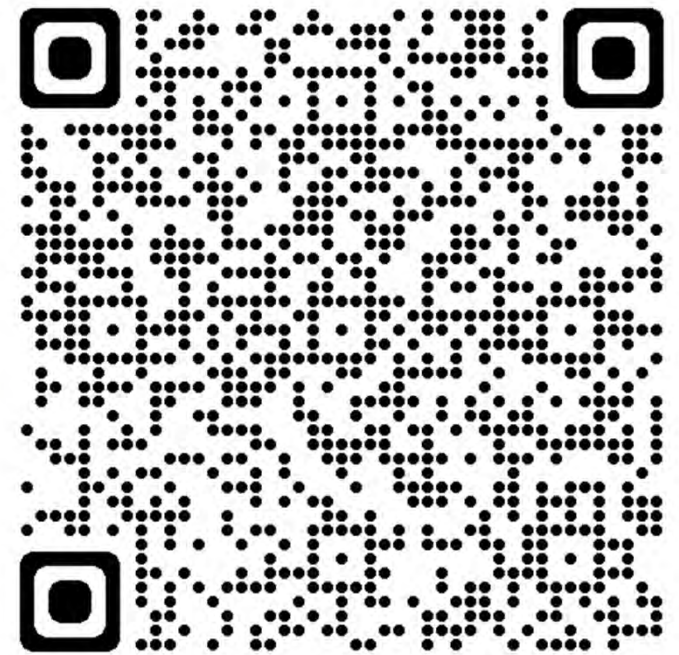
- [University of Washington](#)
- [Willamette Partnership](#)

Eligibility

- Underserved and overburdened communities
- Seeking public funding

Specialties

- Needs assessment
- Application development
- Grant management



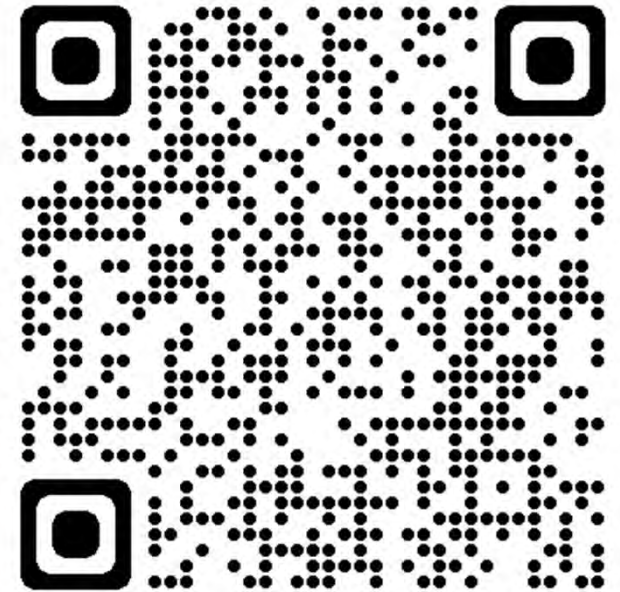
How Do I Apply?

Call EPA PNW Region

Visit EPA WaterTA website

Contact state SRF agency

Talk to a TA provider



Thank you!

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