

WATER FINANCE CLEARINGHOUSE

**ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL THINGS
WATER FINANCE**

EPA's
Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance
Center

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Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center

The Water Finance Center is an **information and assistance center**, helping communities make informed decisions for **drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure** to protect human health and the environment.



Research

Advise

Innovate

Network

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PROBLEM

Communities have to search multiple websites and cumbersome databases to identify funding and financing options for their **water infrastructure** projects. Communities, especially those that are small, cannot afford to commit time and resources to finding the information they need.

SOLUTION



ALL ON ONE SITE

Coalesce all funding information – federal, state, local, etc., into one online database



UPDATE IN REAL TIME

Design can be maintained throughout the year



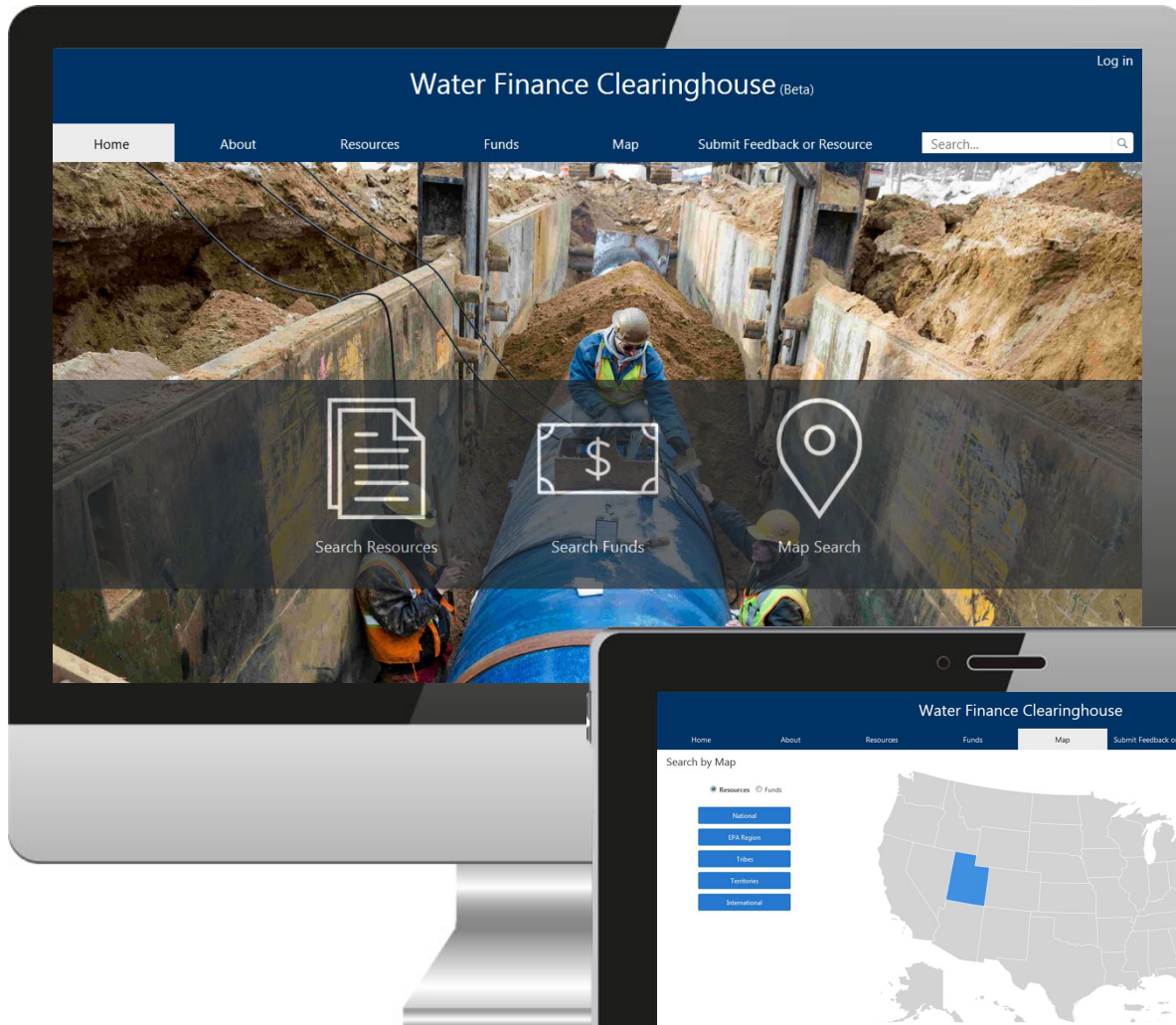
SEARCHABLE

Users should be able to narrow their search results to meet their needs



MODERN & EASY TO USE

Easy to navigate and have a modern look to inspire confidence in the user that the site is up-to-date

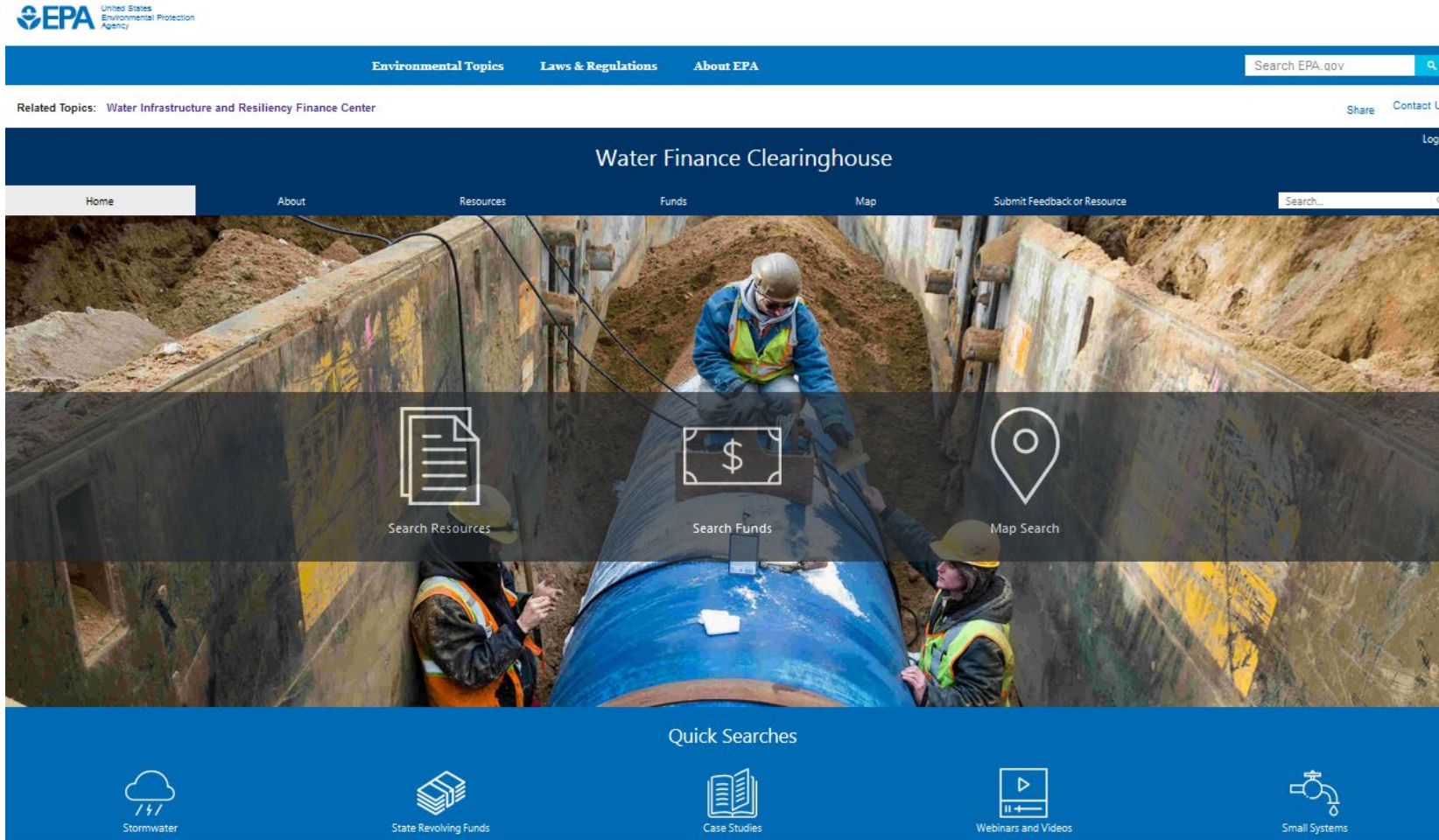


WATER FINANCE CLEARINGHOUSE

Meeting the Needs of Key Stakeholders

The Water Finance Clearinghouse is an **easily navigable web-based portal** helping communities locate **information** and **resources** to assist them in making **informed decisions** for their drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater **infrastructure needs**.

WATER FINANCE CLEARINGHOUSE



2 Databases in 1

- Funds
- Resources

Multiple ways to search

- Resources Icon/Tab
- Funds Icon/Tab
- Map Search
- Global Search – searches both databases using key word(s)
- Quick Searches – applies filters for user

CONTENT



WATER FINANCE RESOURCES

Reports, websites, trainings,
and other types of
information about water
infrastructure financing



WATER FUNDING SOURCES

Current federal, state, local,
private, or other sources of
funding for water
infrastructure projects

CONTENT

Essential Resources and Information in the Clearinghouse

RESOURCES

- Reports
- Webinars
- Case Studies
- Videos
- Websites
- Trainings
- Guides
- Outreach
- Presentations
- Events
- Feasibility Studies
- Resource Lists
- Tools
- Other

FUNDING SOURCES

- **Federal funding** – grants and loan programs supporting water infrastructure project development and construction
- **Regional funding** opportunities
- **State funding** – grant and loan programs
- **Foundation** opportunities
- **NGOs**

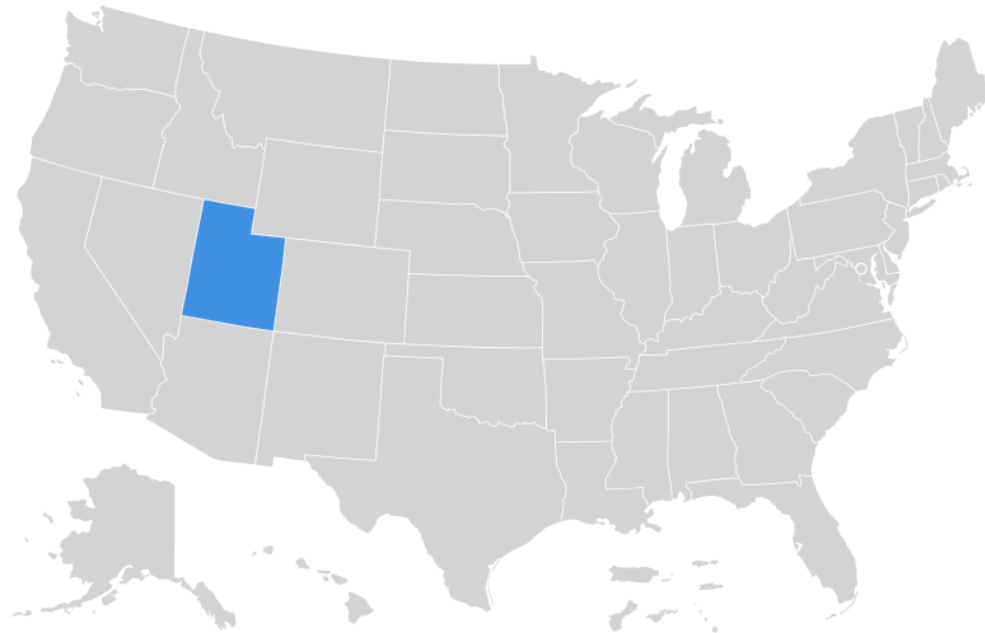
MAP SEARCH

Water Finance Clearinghouse

[Home](#)[About](#)[Resources](#)[Funds](#)[Map](#)[Submit Feedback or Resource](#)

Search by Map

☒ Resources ☐ Funds

[National](#)[EPA Region](#)[Tribes](#)[Territories](#)[International](#)

Users can click on any state and the search results will populate for resources tagged for that state

SEARCH RESOURCES

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Home About Resources Funds Map Submit Feedback or Resource Search...

Resource Search Results: [Apply search filters below to narrow your resources](#)

Sectors Funding Sources Financing Approaches Special Topics Scope Author Resources Types Dates

Q Search

Download Rows 50

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Resource Title	Author	Description	Resource Type	Year
U.S. Economic Development Administration Funding Opportunities	U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)	Website with current funding opportunities available for economic development. Opportunities vary, but can include technical assistance for feasibility studies and impact development as well as for public works programs.	Website, Resource List	2017
SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households	U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Rural Development	Website provides overview of SEARCH program	Website	2017
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development	Searchable website that filters funding programs for businesses, communities, and local governments in Pennsylvania across a range of sectors.	Website	2017

Drop-down filters at the top of the search results

Information displayed includes:

- Clickable Resource Title
- Author
- Brief Description
- Resource Type
- Year

RESOURCES: FILTER DROP-DOWN MENU

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Search...

Resource Search Results: We've found 173 resources that match your filter

Filters

Drinking Water X

Wastewater X

Remove all Filters X

Sectors

Funding Sources

Financing Approaches

Special Topics

Scope

Author

Resources Types

Dates

CLOSE X

☐ Combined Sewer System

☐ Green Infrastructure

☐ Groundwater

☐ Stormwater

☒ Drinking Water

☐ Greywater

☐ ReUse

☒ Wastewater

Apply Filters

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Search

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Rows 50

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Resource Title	Author	Description	Resource Type	Year
U.S. Economic Development Administration Funding	U.S. Economic Development	Website with current funding opportunities available for economic development. Opportunities vary, but can include	Website, Resource List	

Users can apply multiple filters by clicking on the gray tabs and selecting filters

Can remove individual or all filters by clicking on the “X”

SEARCH FUNDS

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Search...

Funds Search Results: [Apply search filters below to narrow your funding sources](#)

Funding Sources

Sectors

Eligible Uses

Eligible Applicants

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Program Name	Source	Description	How To Apply	Current Funding Level	Contact
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)	Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality	The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) makes loans to public entities for improvements of drinking water systems, including source, treatment plant, storage tank, and transmission and distribution line projects.	SRF loan application forms are available on the internet at the OSLI SRF website or directly from OSLI. For more detailed instructions, visit the website.		<div>Beth Blackwell elizabeth.blackwell@wyo.gov 307-777-6373</div> <div>Office of State Lands and Investments Herschler Building, 3W 122 West 25th Street Cheyenne, WY, 82002</div>
Clean Water State	Wyoming Department of	The Clean Water State Revolving Fund	SRF loan application forms are available on the internet at the OSLI SRF website		<div>Beth Blackwell elizabeth.blackwell@wyo.gov</div>

Drop-down filters at the top of the search results

Information displayed includes:

- Clickable Funding Option
- Source
- Description
- How to Apply
- Current Funding Level
- Contact Information

KEY CLEARINGHOUSE FEATURES

The screenshot displays the 'Water Finance Clearinghouse (Beta)' website. The navigation bar includes links for Home, About, Resources, Funds (active), Map, and Submit Feedback or Resource, along with a search bar. The main content area shows 'Funds Search Results: We've found 6 funding sources that match your filter'. Filters for 'Ohio' and 'Capital Projects' are applied. A table of funding sources is visible, with an 'Export Your Results' button highlighted. A Firefox dialog box is open, showing the file 'funds_report.csv' (2.9 KB) from 'https://ofmpub.epa.gov'. The dialog asks 'What should Firefox do with this file?' and offers options: 'Open with Microsoft Excel (default)', 'Save File', and a checkbox for 'Do this automatically for files like this from now on.'.

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Funds Search Results: We've found 6 funding sources that match your filter

Filters Ohio X Capital Projects X Remove all Filters X

Funding Sources

Export Your Results

Program Name	Source
Rural Water Loan Fund	National Rural Water Association (NRWA)
Community Development Program	Ohio Development Services Agency

Opening funds_report.csv

You have chosen to open:

funds_report.csv

which is: Microsoft Excel Comma Separated Values File (2.9 KB)

from: https://ofmpub.epa.gov

What should Firefox do with this file?

☒ Open with Microsoft Excel (default)

☐ Save File

☐ Do this automatically for files like this from now on.

OK Cancel

- Export search results at any time to an Excel file – includes hyperlink
- Search within search results
- Reorganize search results by clicking on column header
- Remove columns of information for customizable display

TWO USER ACCOUNT TYPES

The Clearinghouse has two user account types

GENERAL USERS

Users interested in:

- Favoriting resources and funding sources for quick access at any time
- Subscribing to receive email updates for new additions/edits to specific filters options

CONTRIBUTORS

Users interested in editing or adding information to the Clearinghouse

- Contributors can suggest:
 - Edits to existing information in the Water Finance Clearinghouse
 - Additions of new resources and/or funding sources
 - Removal of resources and/or funding sources

GENERAL USER ACCOUNT

Water Finance Clearinghouse (Beta)

Login Create Account

Home About Resources

Create Account

To create a Water Finance Clearinghouse account, please fill out the form below. This information will be used to review your request and will not be shared outside of EPA.

Account Option

☒ General ☐ Contributor

Work Email

Submit Request

Search Resources Search Funds Map Search

To create a “General User” account:

- Click on “Create Account” and select “General”
- Type in your email address and click “Submit Request”

CLEARINGHOUSE CONTRIBUTORS



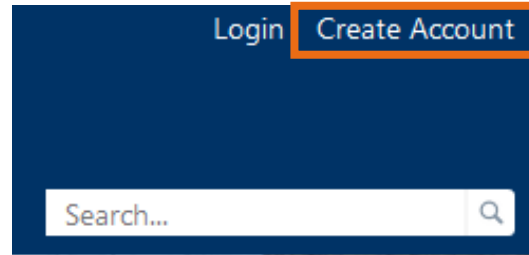
Desired Contributors

- Individuals representing entities that routinely publish or produce water finance-specific resources and/or those that manage water funding sources

BECOMING A CLEARINGHOUSE CONTRIBUTOR

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Click on “Create Account” at the top right of screen



Login Create Account

Search...

2

Select “Contributor” Account Option

Account Option
☐ General ☒ Contributor

Request Access

3

Complete the “Request Access” form and submit

To become a Water Finance Clearinghouse Contributor, please fill out the

First Name	Last Name	
Organization	Title	
Email	Phone	Zipcode

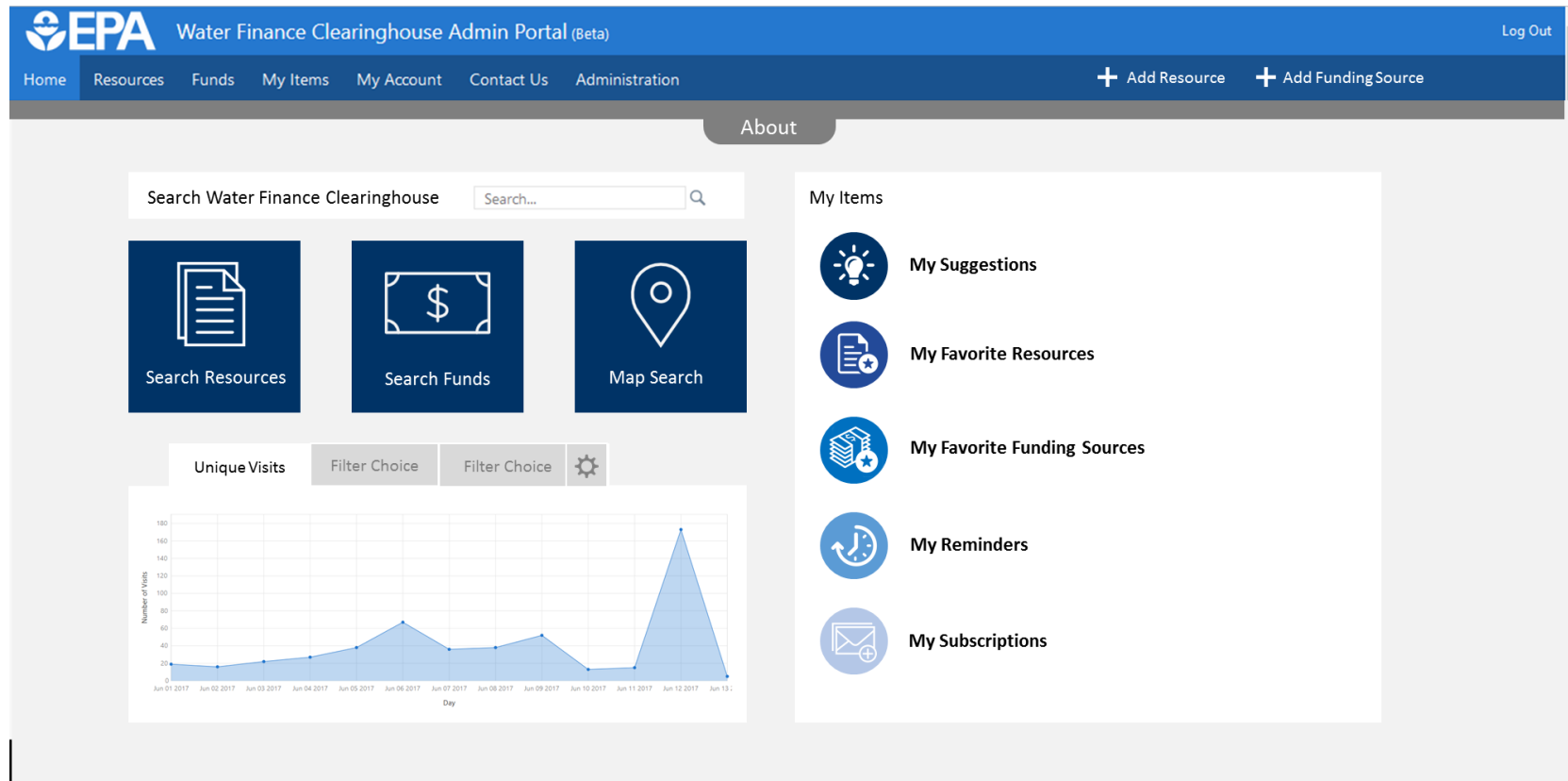
Are you interested in maintaining/editing: ☐ Resources ☐ Funds ☐ Both

Please briefly explain why you are interested in becoming a Water Finance Clearinghouse Contributor:

Submit Request

- Click on Create Account
- Section “Contributor” under Account Option
- Fill out Request Form
- Once approved, an email will provide a temporary password for access
- Contributor Incentives:
 - Ownership of content
 - Access to analytics

CONTRIBUTOR PORTAL



Within the Contributor Portal, users can:

- Search Clearinghouse database
- Favorite resources and funding source for quick look-up later
- Manage notifications and subscription updates
- Add/Edit/Delete Content
- Track suggestions

USER FEEDBACK

- Users can provide general feedback – report a broken link, suggest desired content, etc.
- Users can suggest new resources and funding sources be added to the Clearinghouse



CURRENT CLEARINGHOUSE STATS

SITE VISITS

The Water Finance Center tracks daily unique site visits and a diverse set of use data to better understand user needs and trends.

59,182

GENERAL USERS

Anyone who visits the site can create a General User account. This allows visitors to favorite or bookmark resources/funding sources and subscribe to Clearinghouse Updates.

243

CONTRIBUTORS

Contributors are Federal agencies, State organizations, foundations, NGOs, and other groups who suggest edits/deletions/additions to the Clearinghouse.

127

APPROVED SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions for Clearinghouse Content made by Contributors and General Users which are reviewed by and approved by EPA staff. EPA also adds new content.

879



LOOKING FORWARD

LEARNING MODULES

Developing step-by-step guides on specific water finance topics.

WATER FINANCE DATA

Incorporating data and analytics of water infrastructure investments made in the United States through SRFs, other federal programs, and the market (muni bonds).

CLEARINGHOUSE 2.0

Soliciting recommendations and ideas for how to make the Clearinghouse even better for key stakeholders. What would you like to see?

CLEARINGHOUSE

LEARNING MODULES

The Water Finance Center is working in partnership with programs across EPA's Office of Water to develop step-by-step interactive guides on specific water finance topics.

Launched 2018:

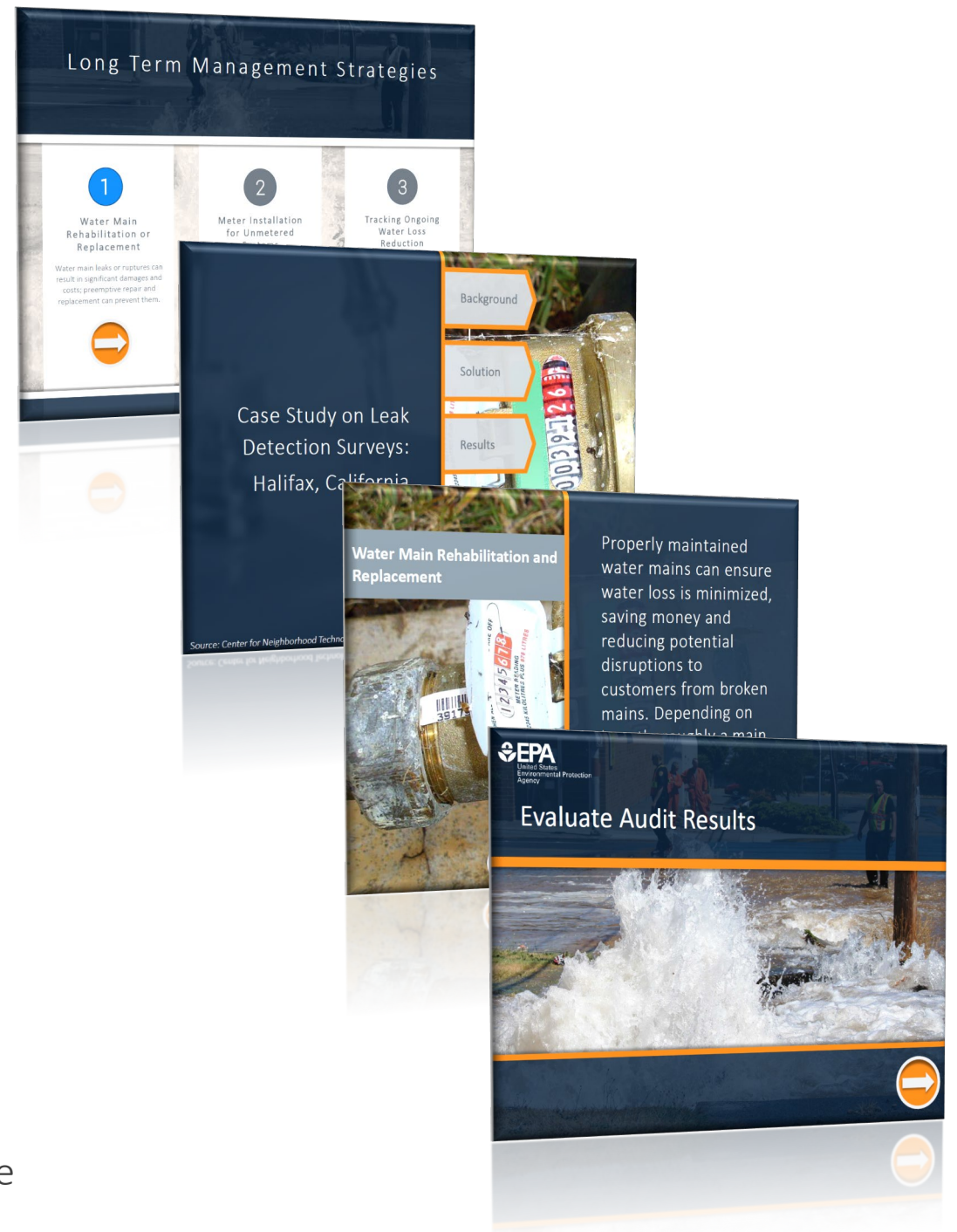
- WIFIA 101
- Financing decentralized wastewater systems

Releasing soon:

- SRF 101

Future Topics:

- Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)
- Water loss financing
- Disaster recovery and resiliency financing for water and wastewater utilities
- Stormwater financing
- Financing municipal watershed partnerships with agriculture



KEEP IN TOUCH

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Making Local Water Infrastructure Decisions?

[Learn about successful financial leadership practices used by communities in funding and financing water infrastructure projects.](#)

The Water Finance Center provides financing information to help local decision makers make informed decisions for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure to protect human health and the environment.

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- Visit www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter
- Click “Subscribe to Updates”
- Enter email address and select your state or province

About the Center



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Effective Financing



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- [Finance webinars and forums](#)



[Explore the Water Finance Clearinghouse, a one-stop-shop for all community water finance needs.](#)

Stormwater Financing Webinars

2018-2019 Webinars are coming soon!

[Subscribe to Updates](#) to stay in touch with EPA's Water Finance Center.

Additional Resources

Technical Assistance



Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB)



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