

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) FUNDING PROGRAM



WHAT IS THE TA FUNDING PROGRAM?

The State Water Resources Control Board's Office of Sustainable Water Solutions (Office) administers the TA program. TA is available to address the drinking water and wastewater needs of small, disadvantaged communities throughout California.

WHO MAY RECEIVE TA? Common types of eligible entities include:

- Community water systems
- Not-for-profit Non-Transient Non-Community water systems
- Communities which do not have an existing water system
- State small water systems
- Native American tribal public water systems

TA funding program is primarily focused on systems serving small (less than 10,000 people or 3,300 service connections) disadvantaged (median household income [MHI] less than or equal to 80% of statewide MHI) communities. Systems serving expanded small (less than 20,000 people or 6,600 connections) disadvantaged communities are also eligible. However, priority is given to small DACs addressing drinking water needs.

Other types of public water systems may still be eligible for some limited TA to meet technical, managerial, and financial capacity development requirements.

WHO PROVIDES TA? TA is provided through TA Providers which are Non-profit organizations (including universities) contracted by the State Water Resources Control Board.

HOW TO APPLY FOR TA? Assistance Requests are continuously accepted (see link below)

POTENTIAL ASSISTANCE TYPES AVAILABLE:

Project coordination and development

- Funding application assistance
- Rate studies and rate adoption process
- Income surveys
- Facilitate discussions with regulatory agencies, funding agencies, & between nearby communities
- Community outreach

Engineering and environmental analysis

- Preliminary engineering & project report
- Plans & specifications
- Water quality testing
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documents

Legal assistance

- Entity formation
- Agreements for the transfer of facilities or provision of water supply sources
- Land acquisition or access agreements
- Review of existing debts & preparation of bond counsel opinions
- Negotiations on behalf of small systems to consolidate into a nearby system, buy water, purchase land, etc.

Additional TA work

- Leak detection/water audits
- Compliance Action Plan
- Capacity development activities

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Useful Links:

Office of Sustainable Water Solutions Website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/sustainable_water_solutions

Technical Assistance Request Form:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/proposition1/docs/ta_request_form.pdf