

Financing Nutrient Management Improvements in Underserved Communities

Virtual Forum | November 17, 2021

Overview

This virtual forum is designed to help underserved communities with nutrient management challenges identify funding opportunities for their needs, highlighting co-funding between EPA and USDA. The forum provides information on the relevant funding programs, the application processes and requirements and how these programs can be used together to fund point source nutrient management projects. Real world examples of communities that have successfully coordinated financing are shown. EPA and USDA also identify sources of technical assistance and other support for small, underserved communities that have struggled to access federal funds for nutrient management due to technical, managerial, or financial constraints.

Agenda

12:00 PM **Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Overview**

Facilitator: Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic

Presenter: Ellen Tarquinio, US EPA and LaVonda Pernell, USDA

12:10 PM **Brief Overview of Nutrient Financing Options**

Focus: USDA and EPA will briefly describe their funding programs, the application and evaluation process, and highlight what elements are hallmarks of successful applications.

Topic: USDA Financing Options (20 min)

Presenter: Dave Flesher, Community Programs Specialist in the WEP's Program Operations Branch

Topic: EPA Financing Options (25 min)

Presenters: Dallas Shattuck, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; Alison Souders, Clean Water State Revolving Fund; Michael Goralczyk, Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants

- 12:55 PM** **Questions and Answers**
- 1:10 PM** **Break**
- 1:20 PM** **Leveraging Resources for Financing Nutrient Removal - How Does That Work?**
Focus: Success Story
Presenter: Terry Fearins, USDA Delaware/Maryland Community Programs Director (15 min)
- 1:35 PM** **Questions and Answers**
- 1:50 PM** **Who Can Help?**
Focus: Funding agencies will discuss resources available to assist communities as they navigate co-funding and managing co-funded projects.
Presenter: Christopher Adamchak, USDA (15 min)
Presenters: Ellen Tarquinio, US EPA; Addison Chau, US EPA; Jamie Piziali, US EPA (20 min)
- 2:15 PM** **Questions and Answers**
- 2:30 PM** **Wrap Up: Review of Available Resources**
Presenter: Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic
- 2:45 PM** **Adjourn**