Water Finance Clearinghouse

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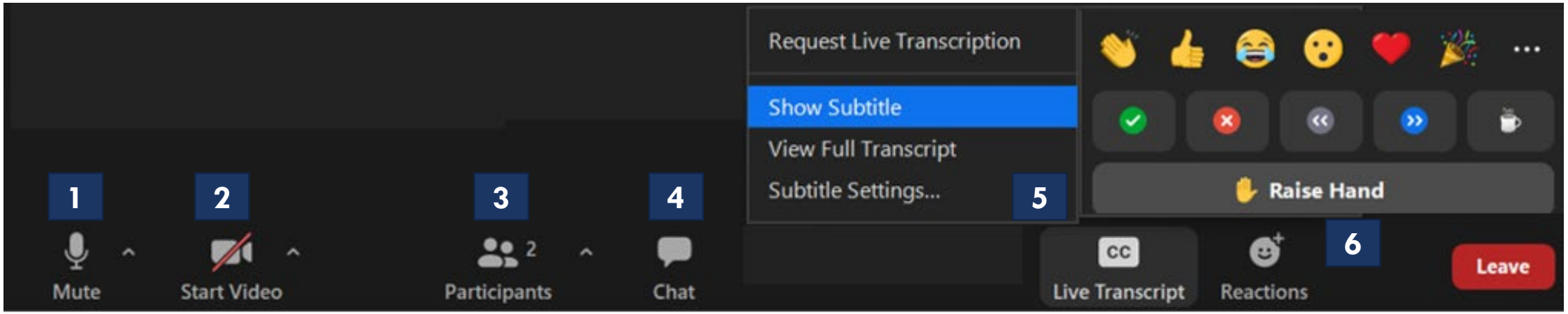

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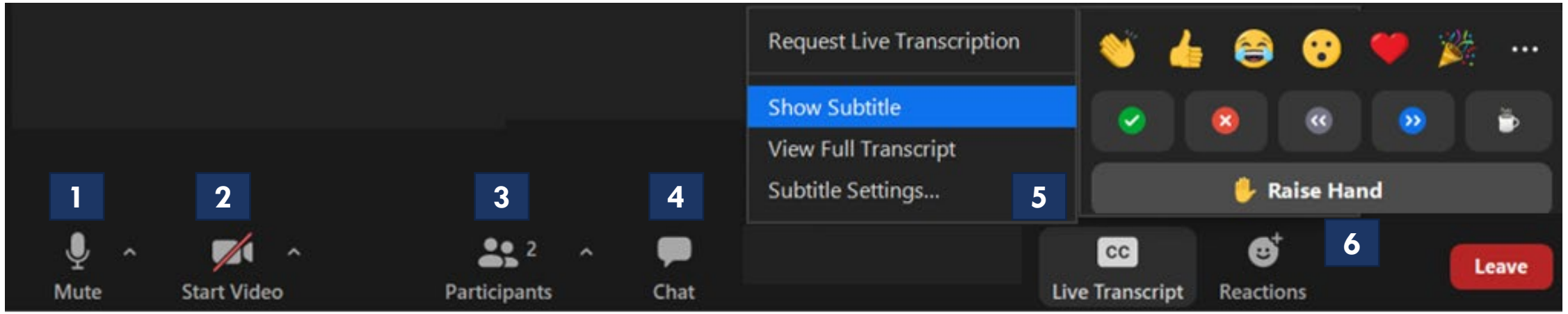

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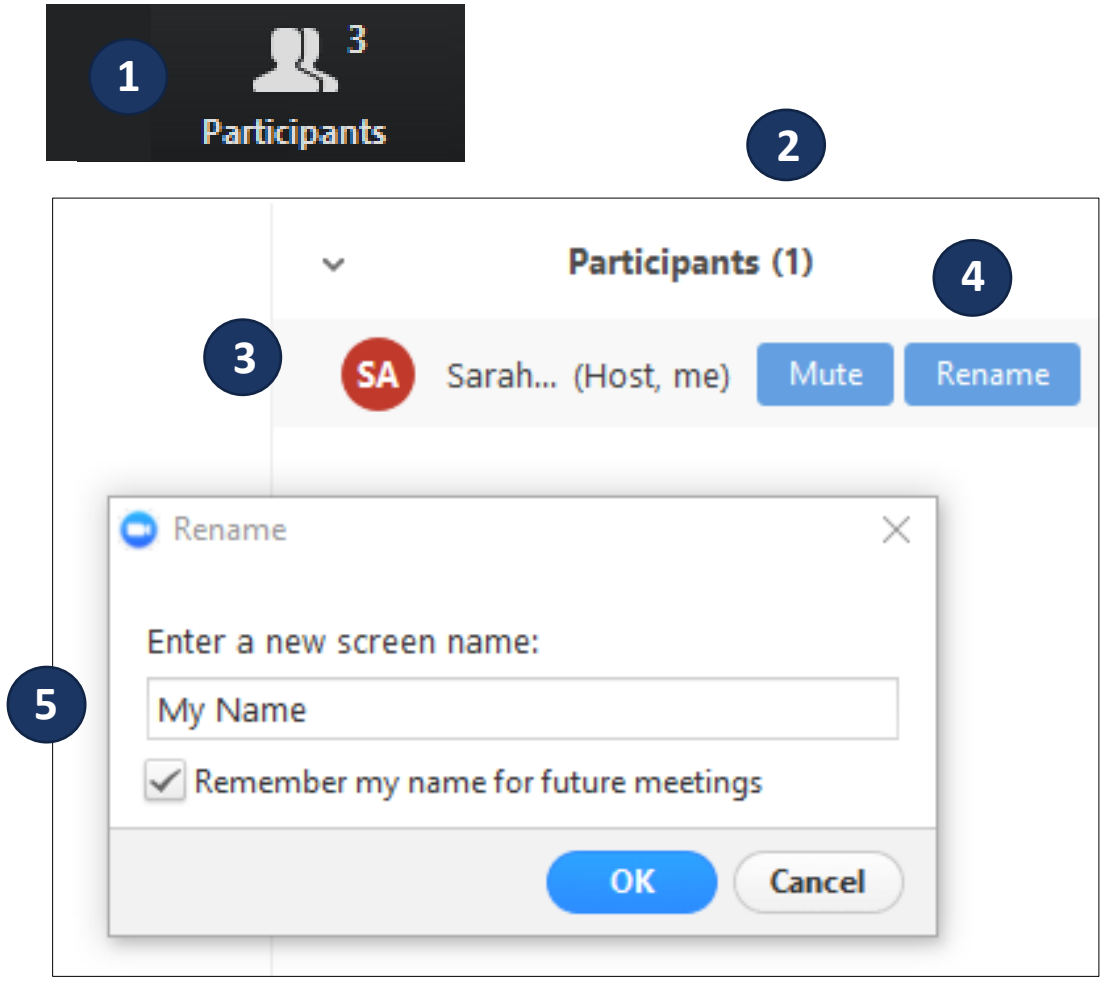

Introduction

This Water Finance Clearinghouse training is intended for new users. This training provides background information regarding the Clearinghouse, walks new users through Clearinghouse functionality, and provides tips and best practices.

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.

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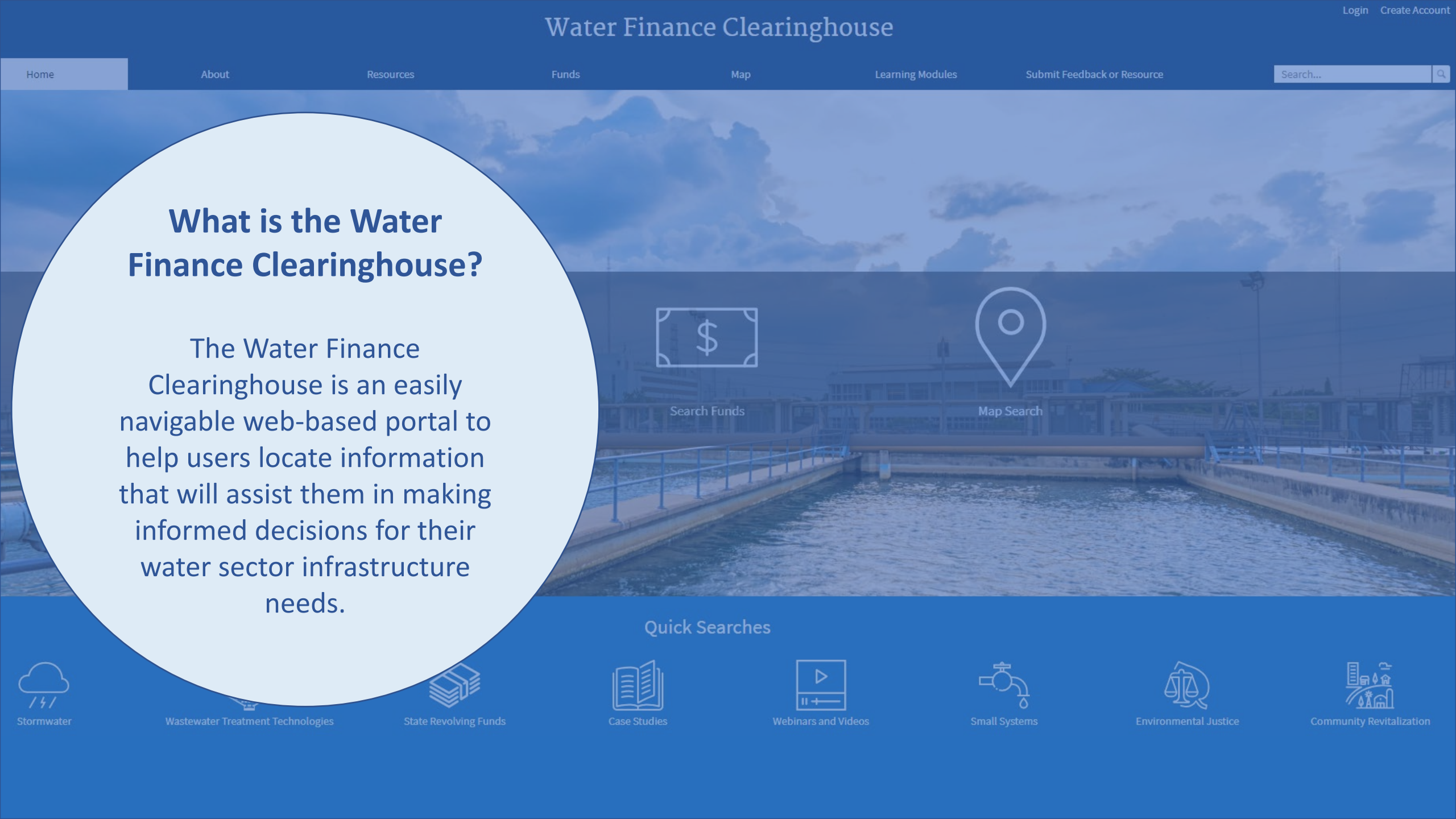
www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter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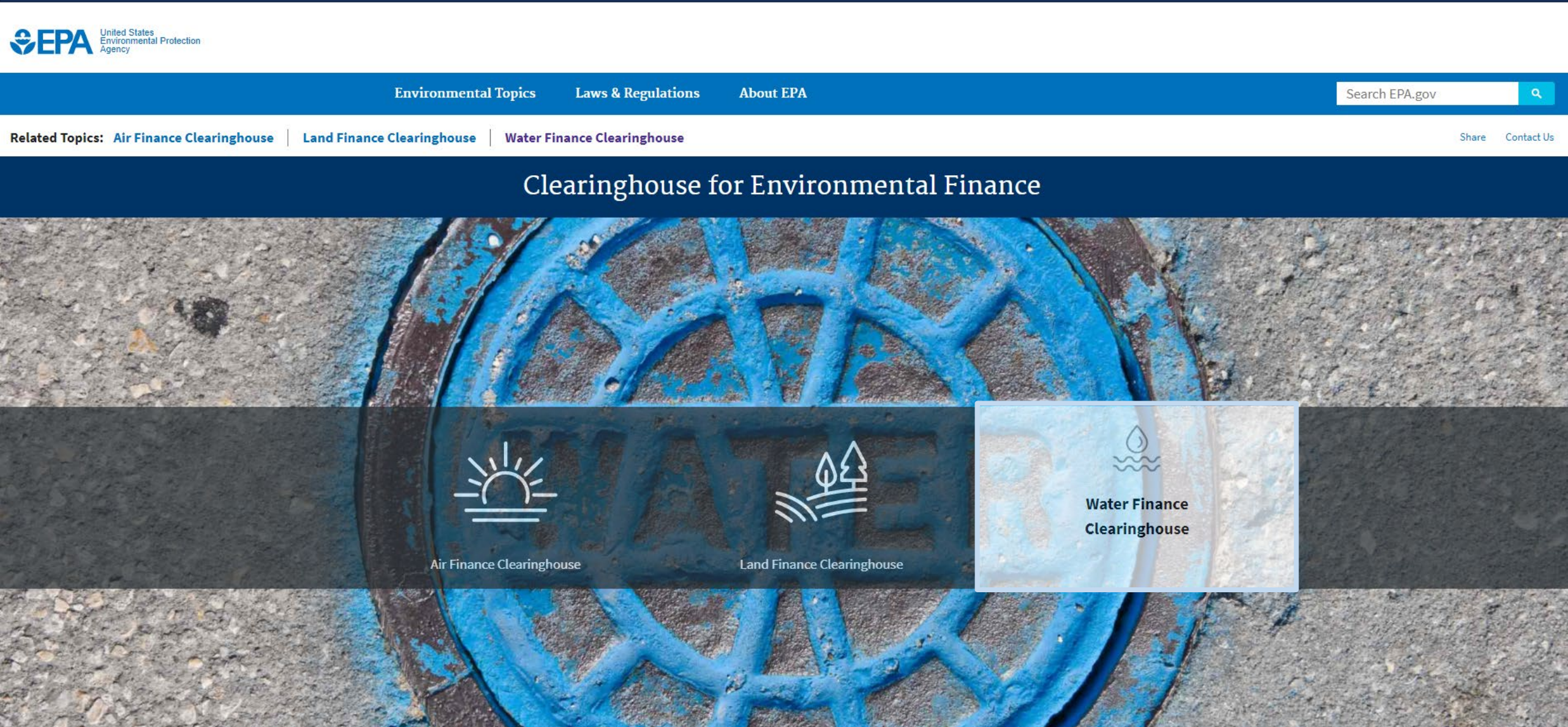
The Water Finance Clearinghouse is an easily navigable web-based portal to help users locate information that will assist them in making informed decisions for their water sector infrastructure needs.
Search Funds
Map Search
Quick Searches
Stormwater
Wastewater Treatment Technologies
State Revolving Funds
Case Studies
Webinars and Videos
Small Systems
Environmental Justice
Community Revitalization

The Water Finance Clearinghouse includes two searchable databases

Funding sources for water infrastructure projects

Informational resources that can help users access capital to meet their water infrastructure needs

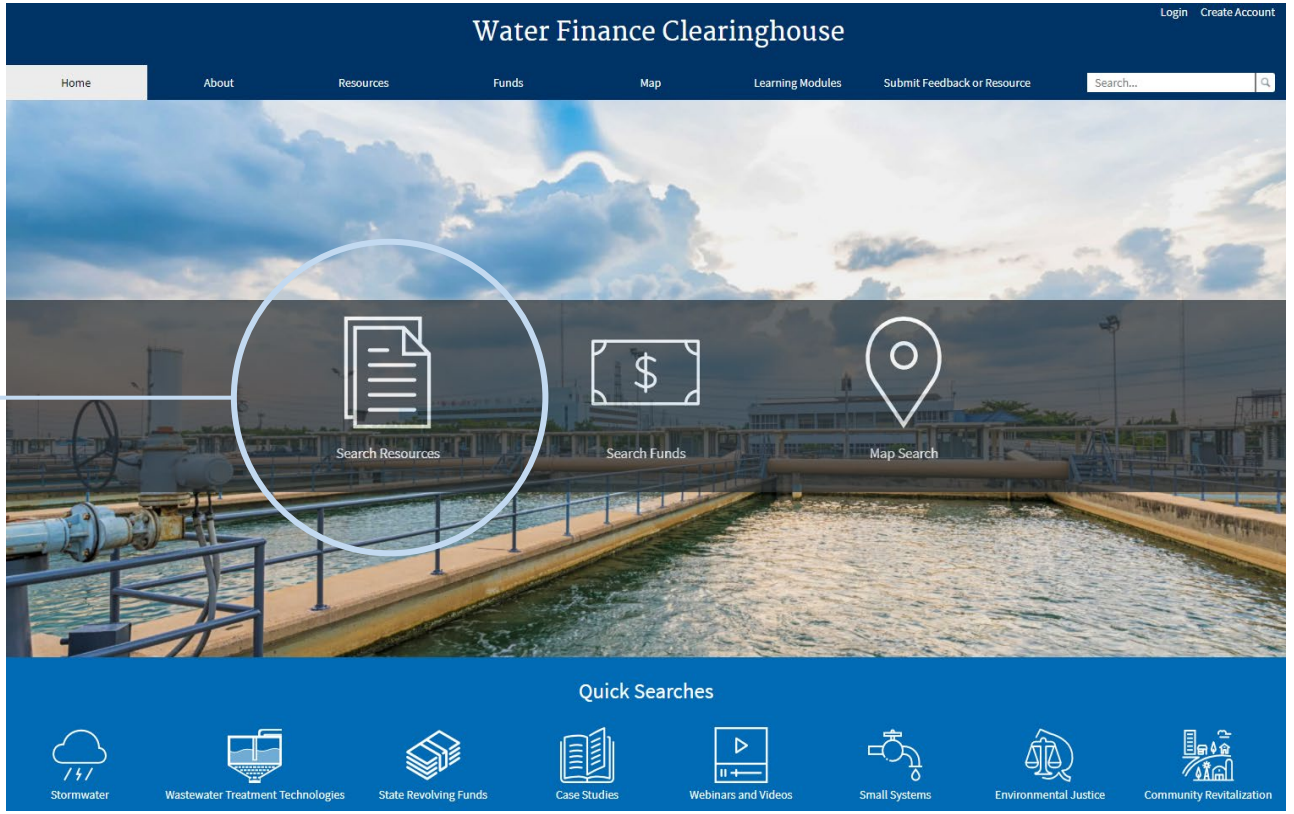
Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance



What is the Water Finance Clearinghouse?

Resources

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



What is the Water Finance Clearinghouse?

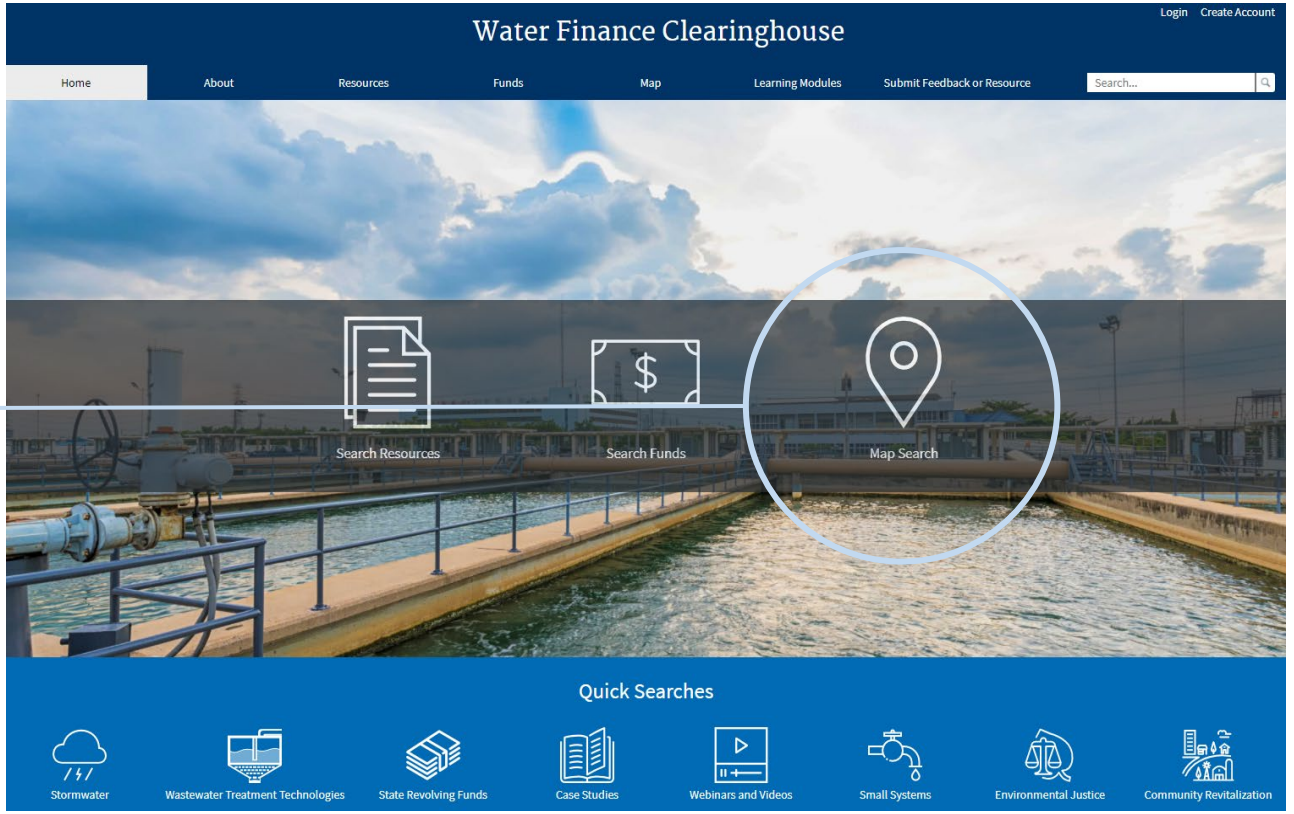
Water Funding Sources

- Federal funding
- Regional funding
- State funding
- Foundation funding
- Non-governmental organization (NGO) funding

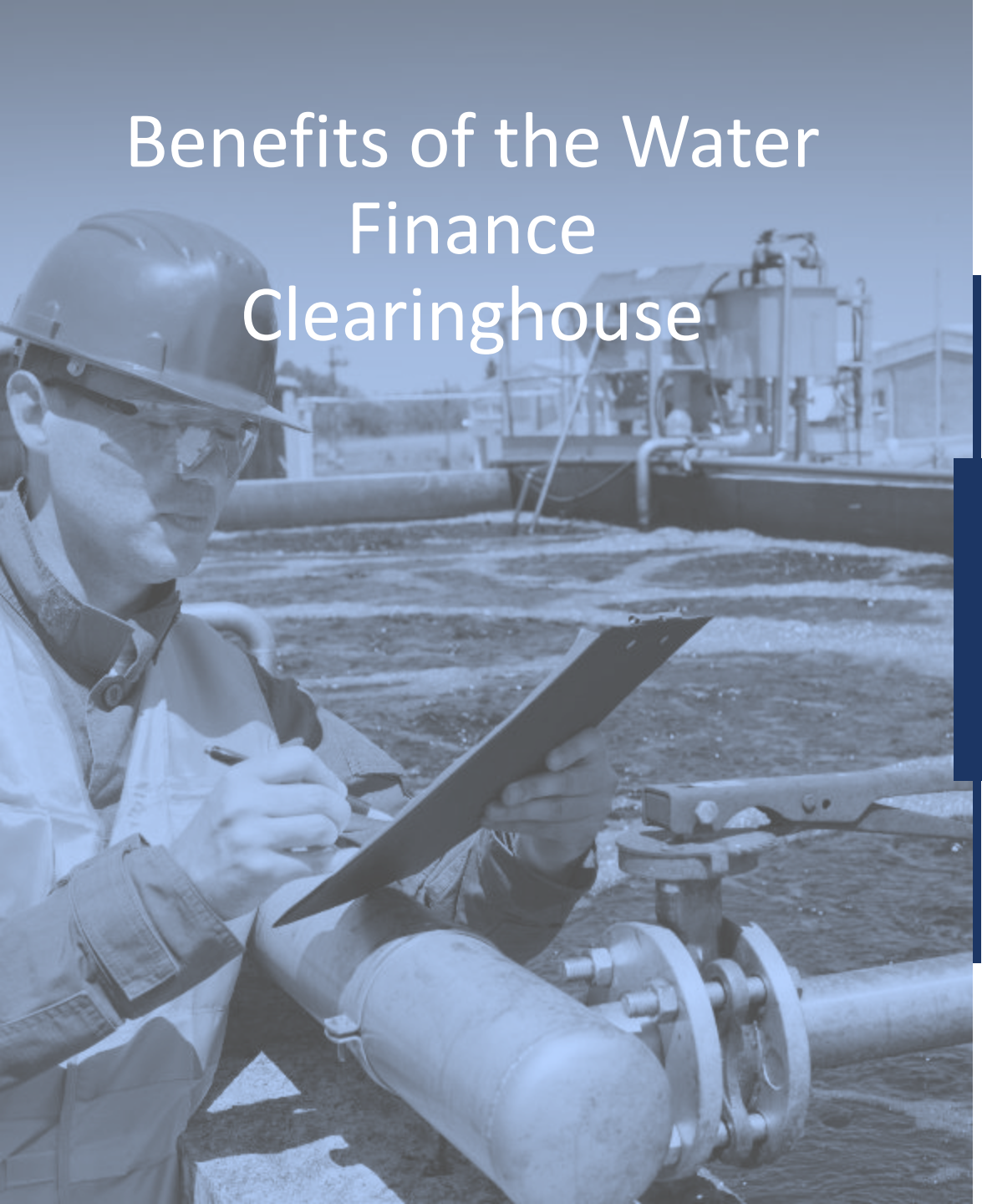
What is the Water Finance Clearinghouse?

Map Search

- Search resources or funds by:
  - State
  - National
  - EPA Region
  - Tribes
  - Territories
  - International



Benefits of the Water Finance Clearinghouse

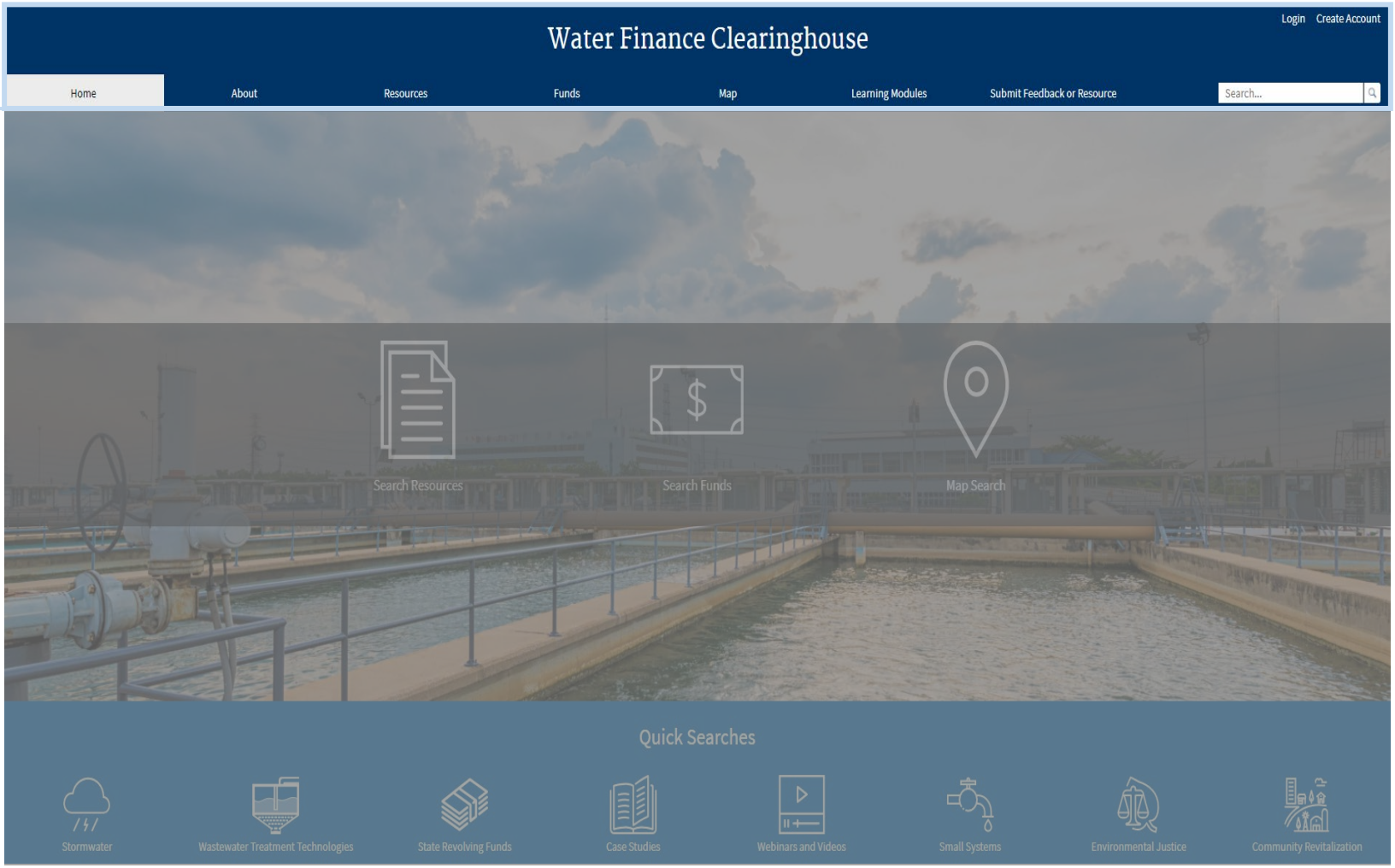


- All-in-one Site
- Updated Frequently
- Searchable
- Modern and User Friendly
- Focused on High Quality Data
- Free

Water Finance Clearinghouse Homepage

Top navigation bar links

- Home
- About
- Resources
- Funds
- Map
- Learning Modules
- Submit Feedback or Resource
- Login or Create Account



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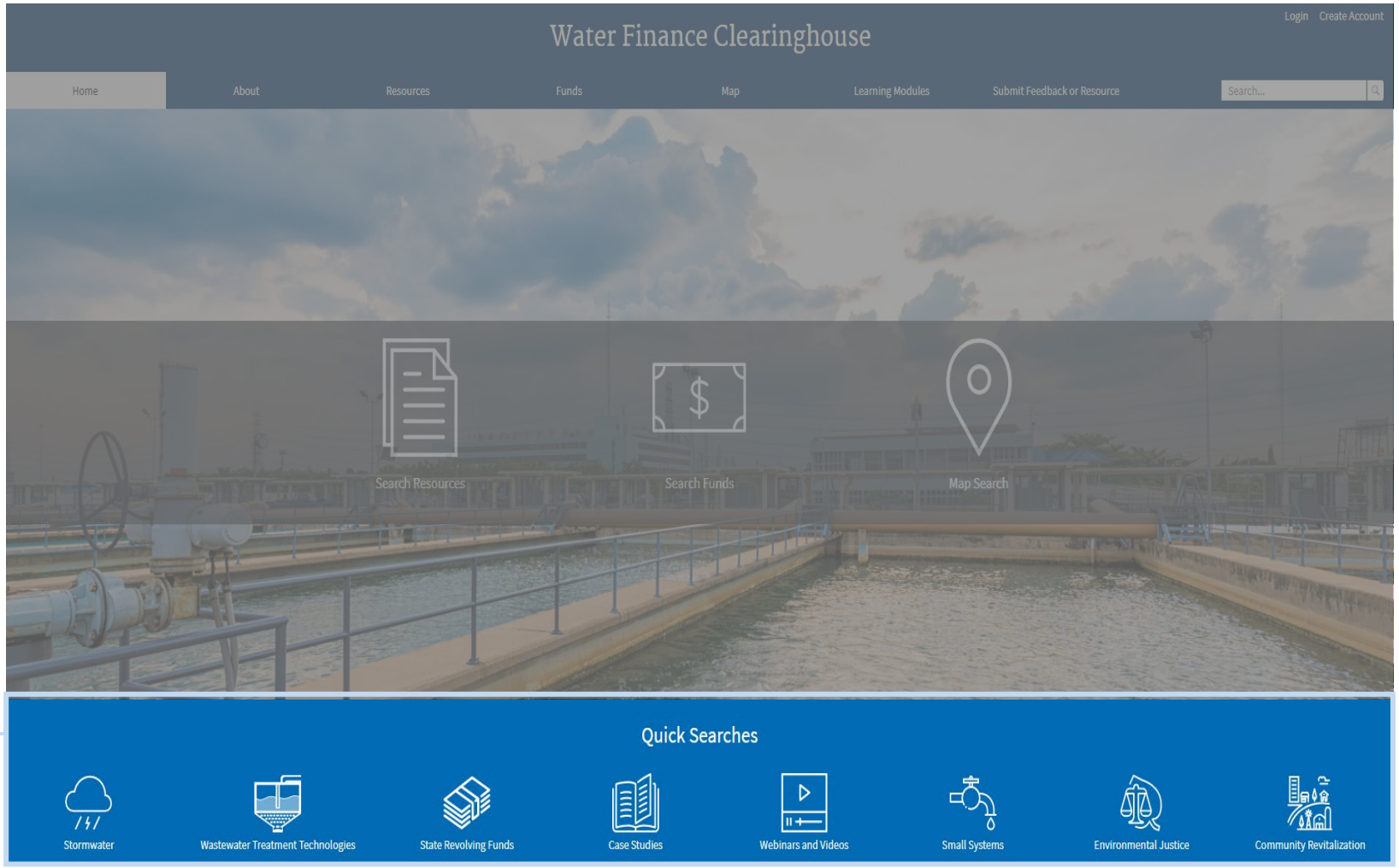
Bottom navigation bar links

- Quick Searches for popular resources and funding sources



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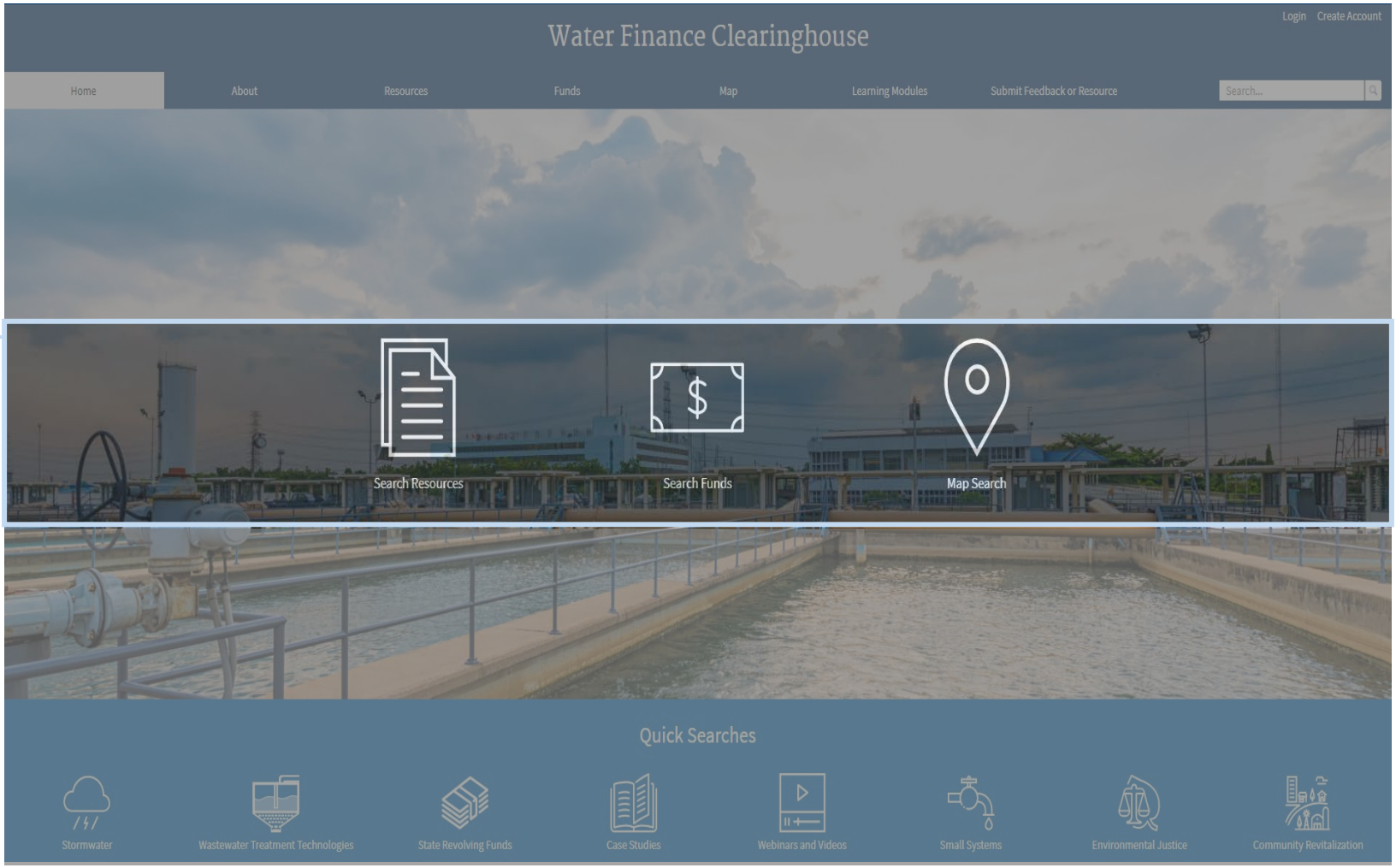
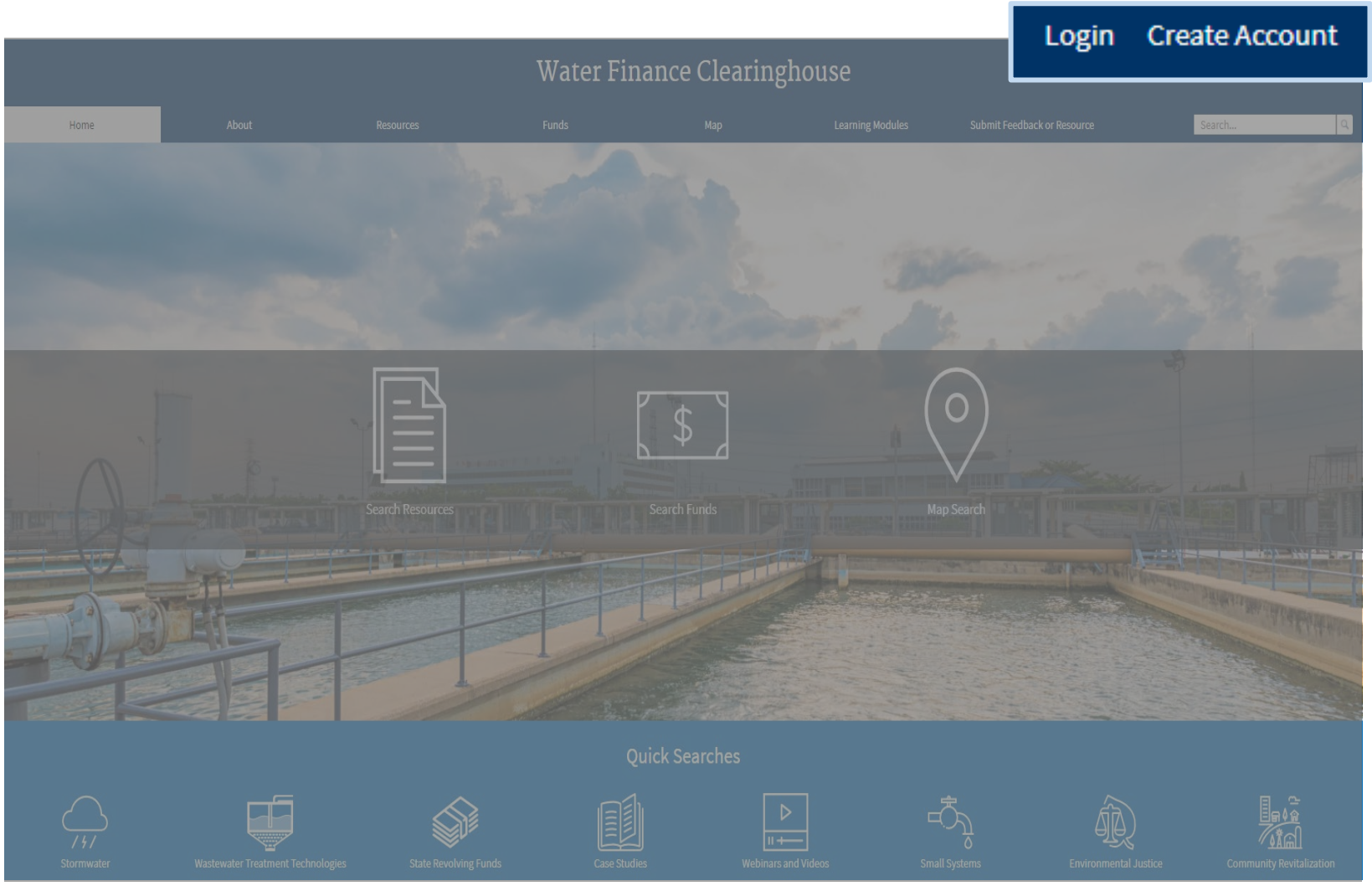
Center navigation bar links contain three main search methods

- Search Resources
- Search Funds
- Map Search



How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

- *New users* begin by using the *Create Account* link in the top right corner of the homepage.
- Creating an account will allow you to save your searches, subscribe and customize email updates, and favorite funds and resources.



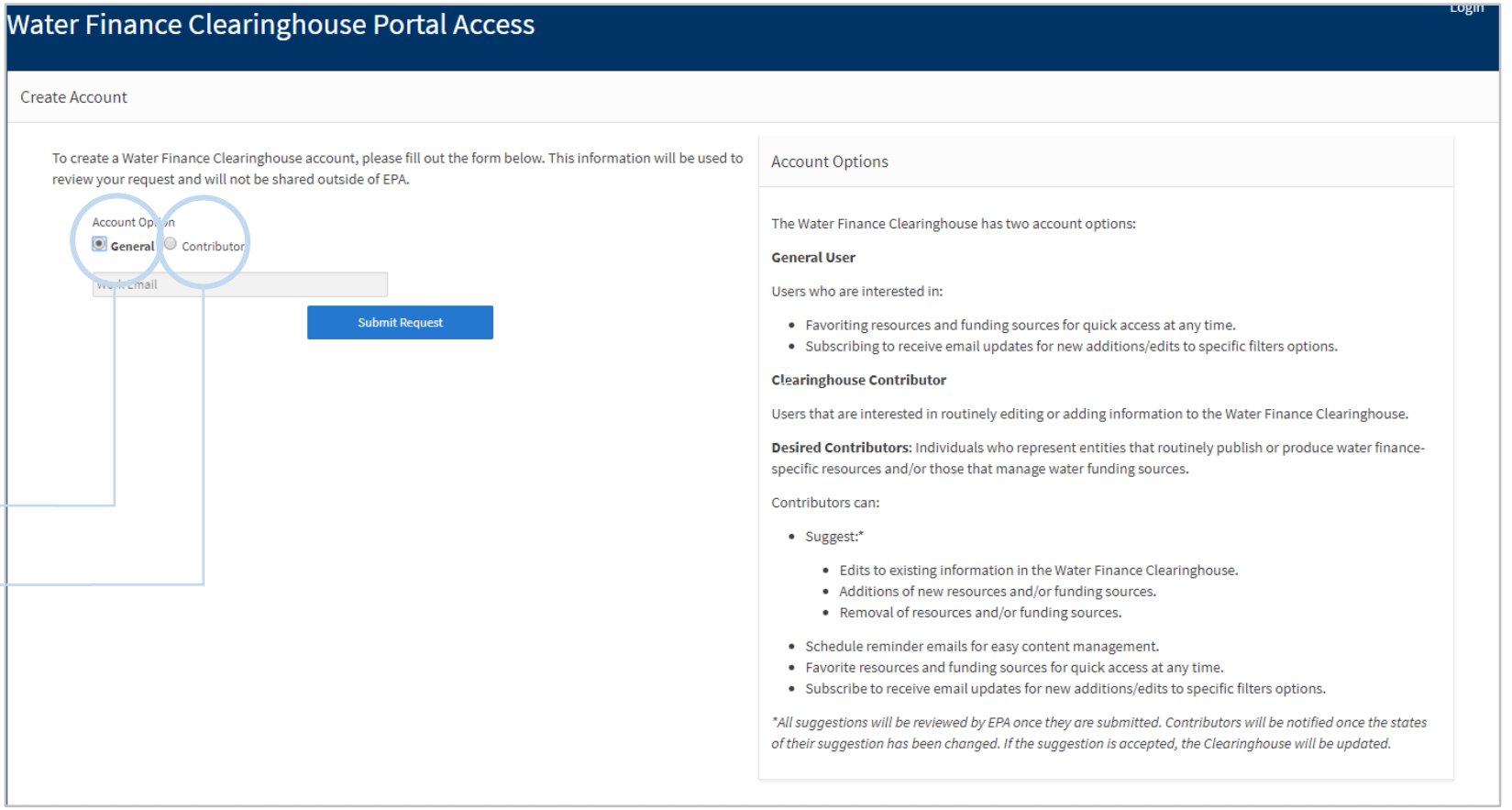
Water Finance Clearinghouse User Accounts

After clicking Create Account, users will be directed to the Create Account Page.

There are two types of user accounts

- General
- Contributor

Contributor accounts are covered in another training



Water Finance Clearinghouse User Accounts

General Users

- General Users can favorite resources and funding sources for quick access at any time and subscribe to receive email updates for new additions/edits to specific filters options

Contributors

- Contributors can edit and add information to the Clearinghouse. They 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

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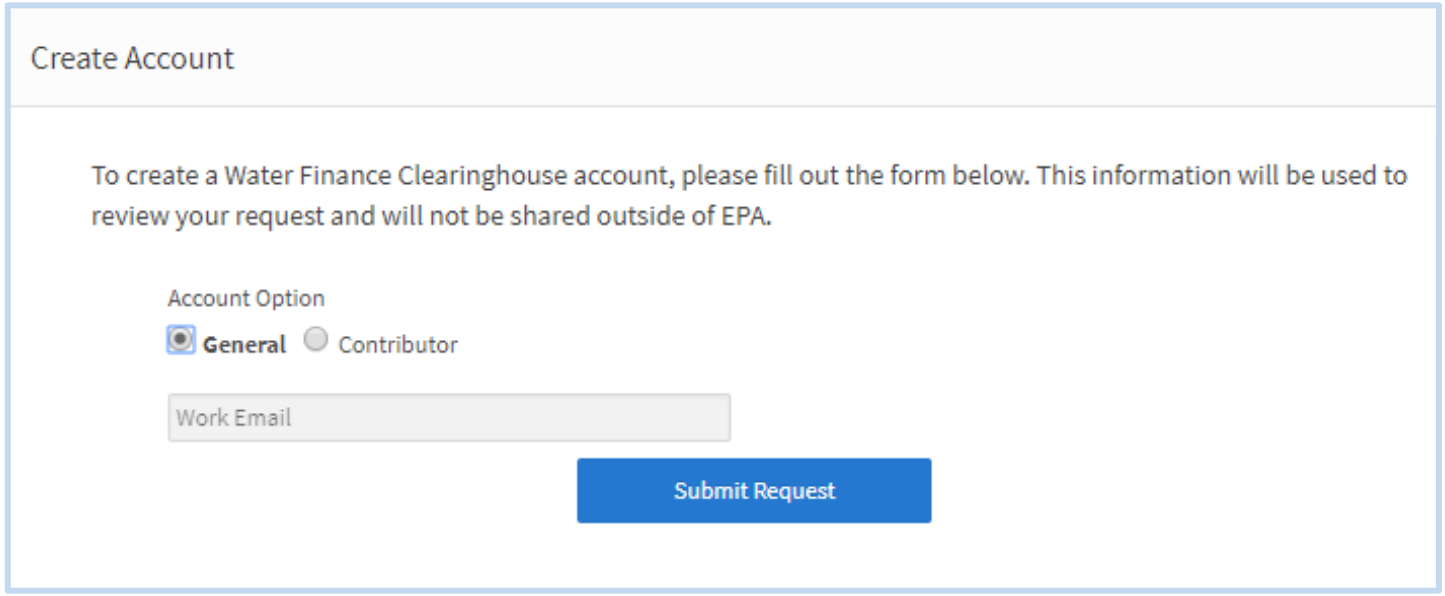
- To create a *General User* account, select General, enter your email address, and click submit.
- Once approved, you will receive an email from EPA with login information.



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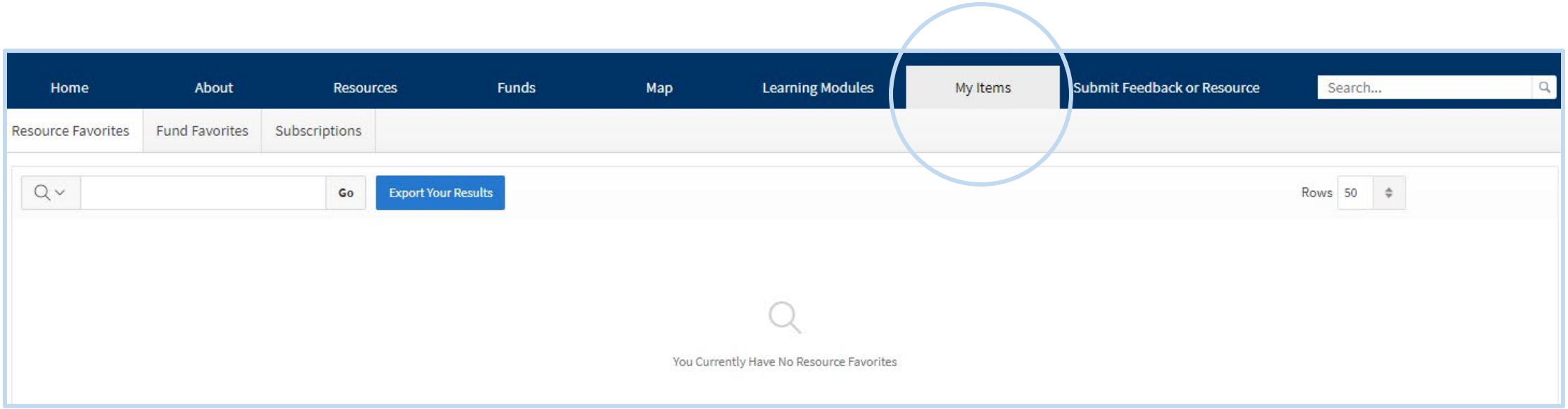
- Once logged in, the *My Items* tab will appear on the top navigation bar.
- Clicking on *My Items* will bring you to your favorites and subscriptions page.



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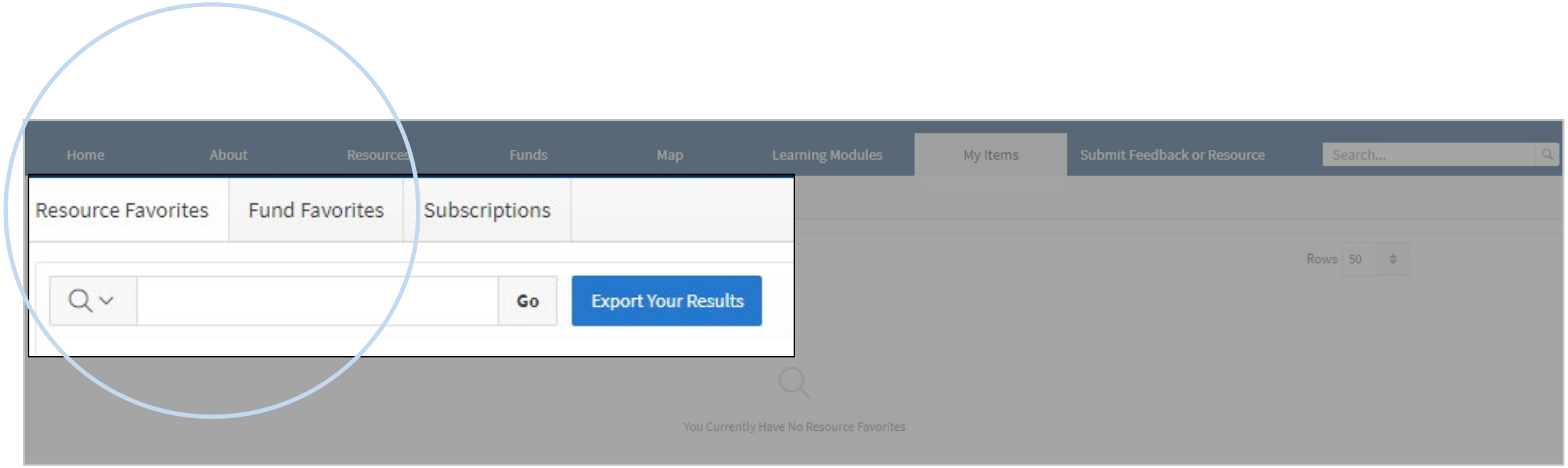
Choose *Resource Favorites* or *Fund Favorites* to view previously saved search results.



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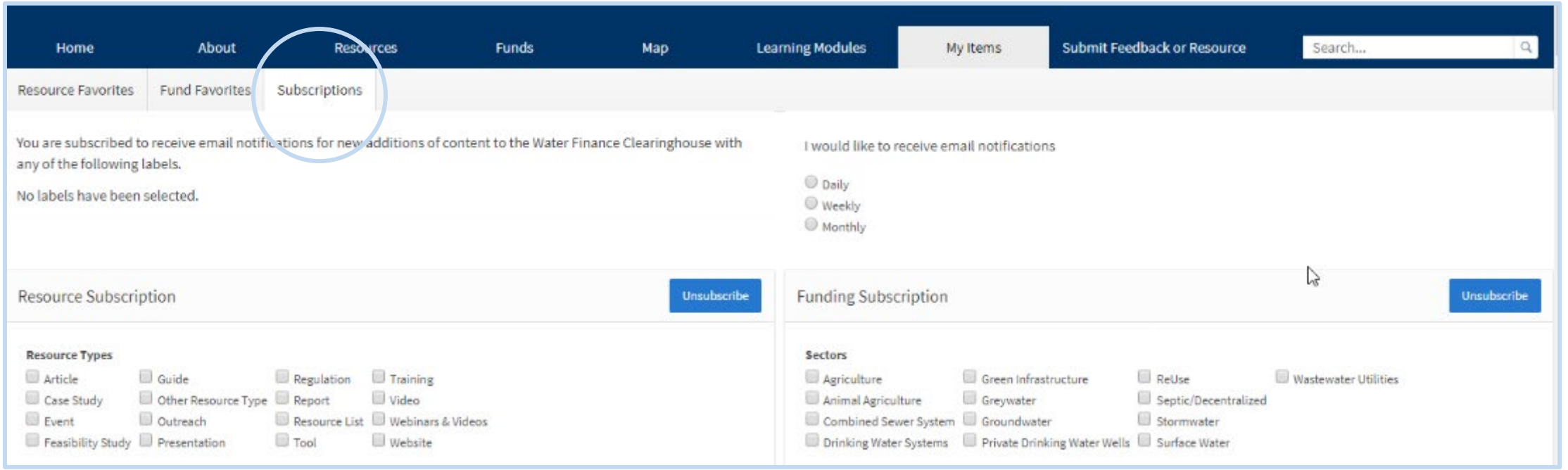
Choose *Subscriptions* to view and customize email notification as well as resource and funding subscription settings.



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- To create a *Contributor account,* click on Contributor, complete the required fields, and click submit.
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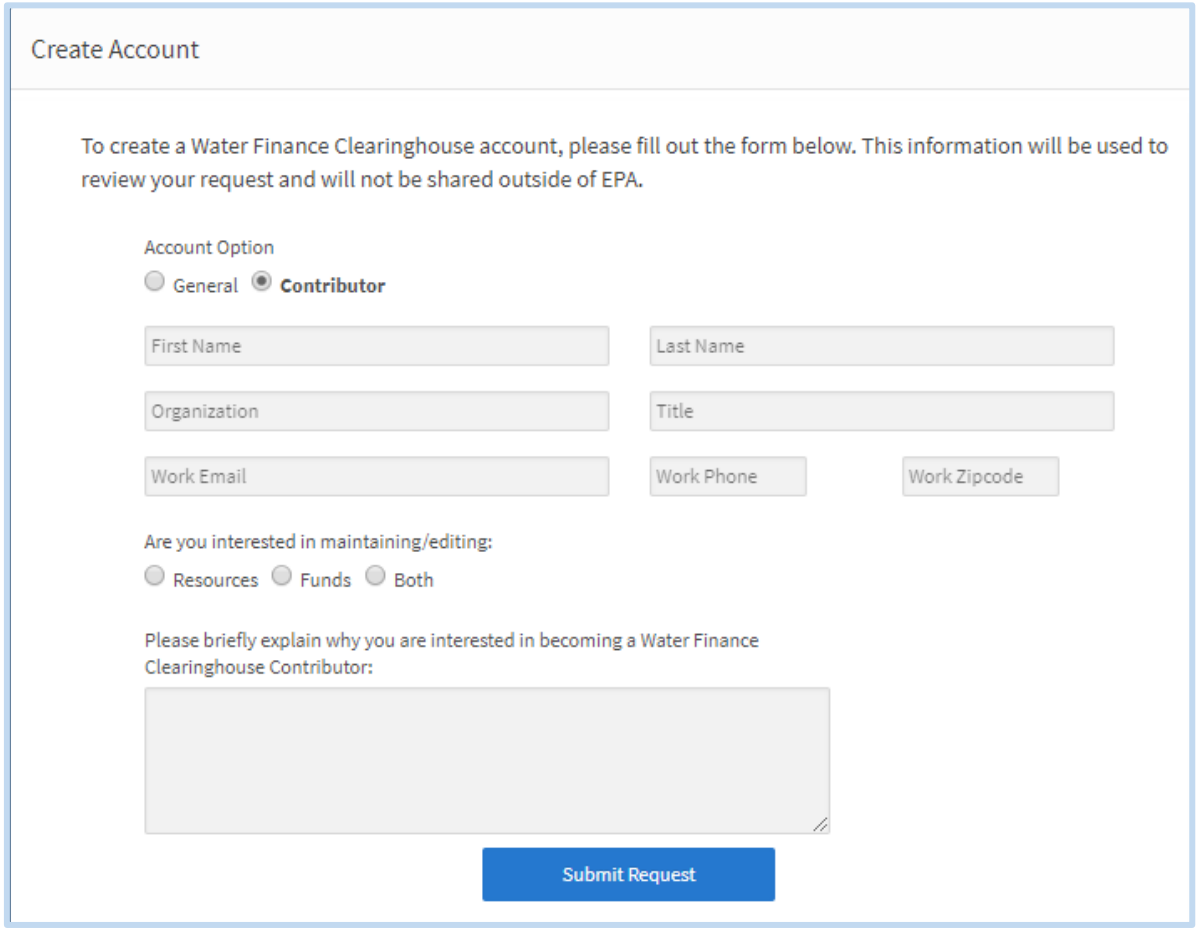

How to use the Water Finance Clearinghouse

To search available funding resources, click on *Search Resources*.

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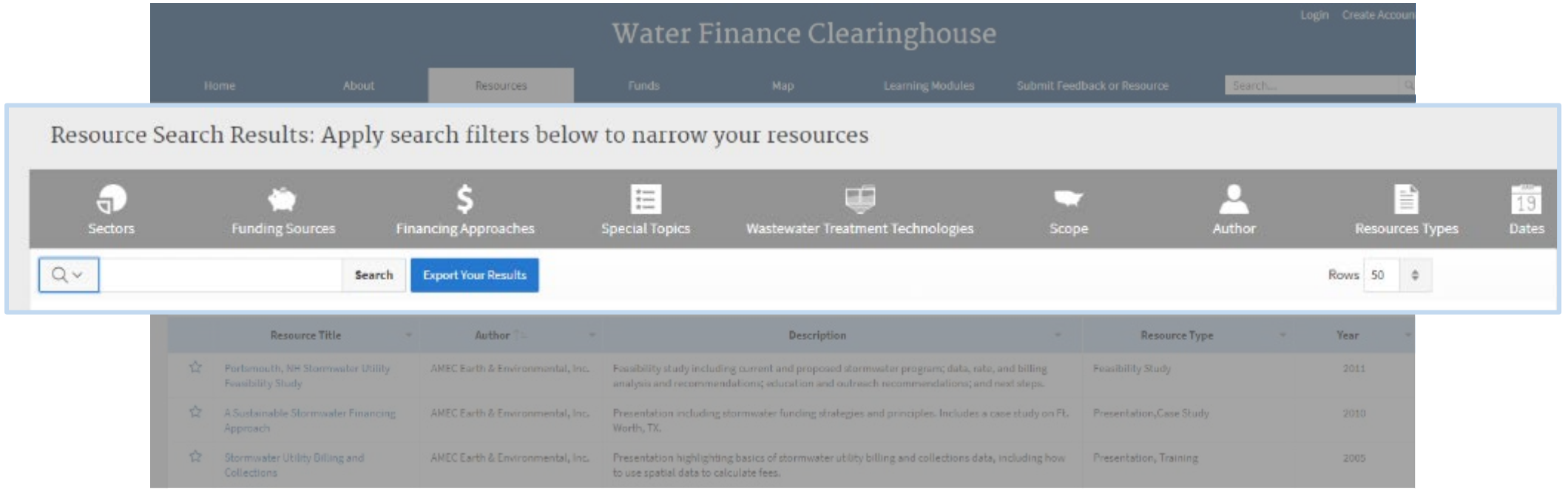
The Resource search page contains a number of filters to help the user narrow down their search.



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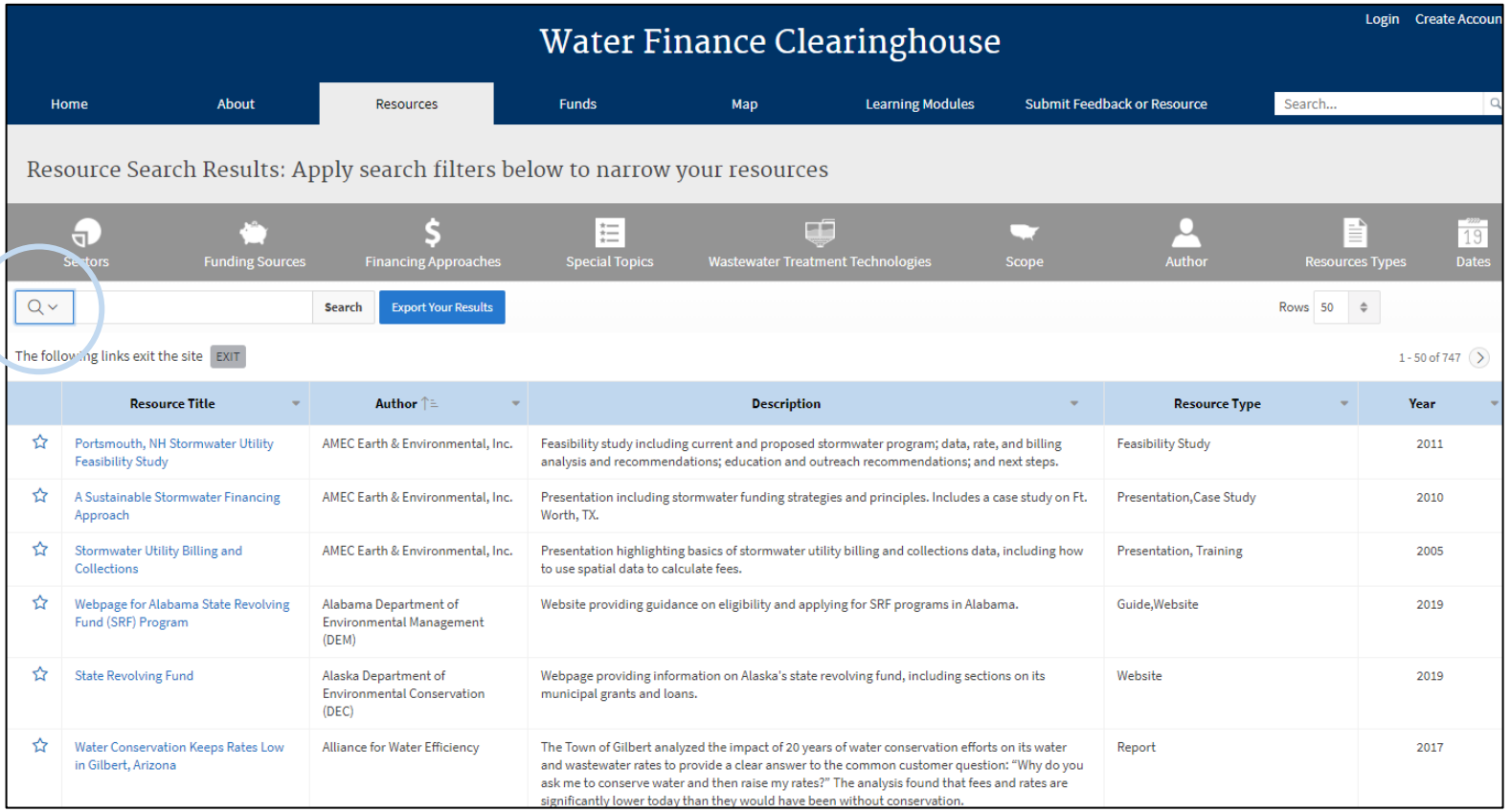
Users can search by:

- Sectors
- Funding Sources
- Financing Approaches
- Special Topics
- Wastewater Treatment Technologies
- Scope
- Author
- Resource Type
- Date



Resource Title	Author	Description	Resource Type	Year
Portsmouth, NH Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study	AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.	Feasibility study including current and proposed stormwater program; data, rate, and billing analysis and recommendations; education and outreach recommendations; and next steps.	Feasibility Study	2011
A Sustainable Stormwater Financing Approach	AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.	Presentation including stormwater funding strategies and principles. Includes a case study on Ft. Worth, TX.	Presentation,Case Study	2010
Stormwater Utility Billing and Collections	AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.	Presentation highlighting basics of stormwater utility billing and collections data, including how to use spatial data to calculate fees.	Presentation, Training	2005
Webpage for Alabama State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program	Alabama Department of Environmental Management (DEM)	Website providing guidance on eligibility and applying for SRF programs in Alabama.	Guide,Website	2019
State Revolving Fund	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)	Webpage providing information on Alaska's state revolving fund, including sections on its municipal grants and loans.	Website	2019
Water Conservation Keeps Rates Low in Gilbert, Arizona	Alliance for Water Efficiency	The Town of Gilbert analyzed the impact of 20 years of water conservation efforts on its water and wastewater rates to provide a clear answer to the common customer question: "Why do you ask me to conserve water and then raise my rates?" The analysis found that fees and rates are significantly lower today than they would have been without conservation.	Report	2017

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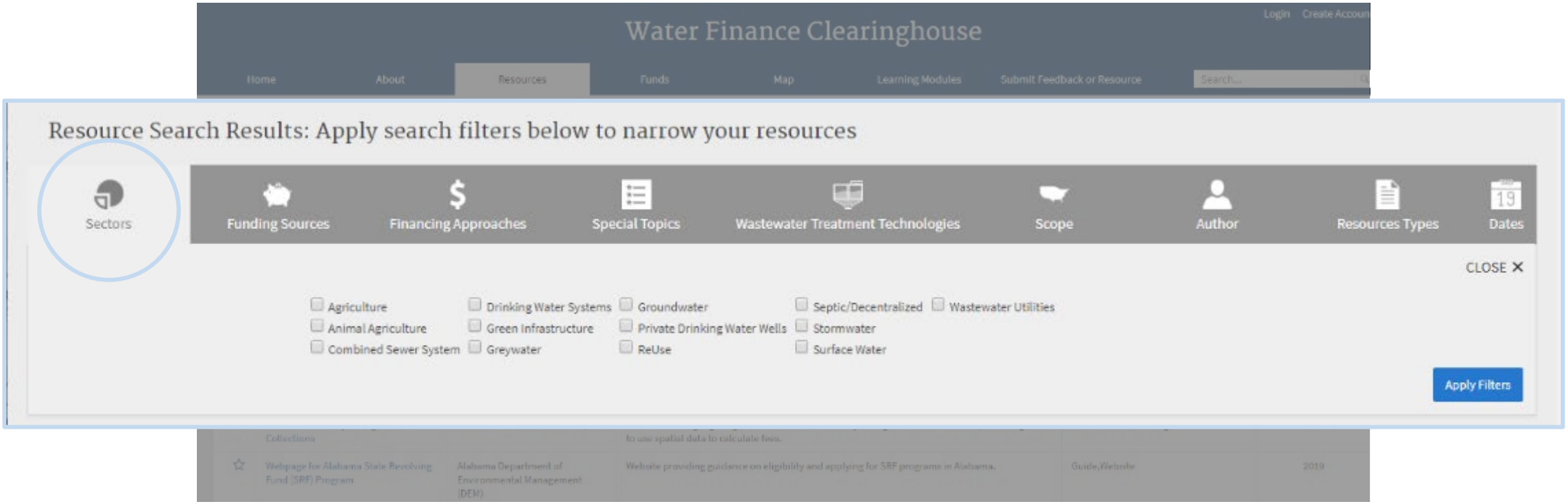
For example, selecting *Sectors* allows the user to search various water, wastewater, and agricultural funding sectors.



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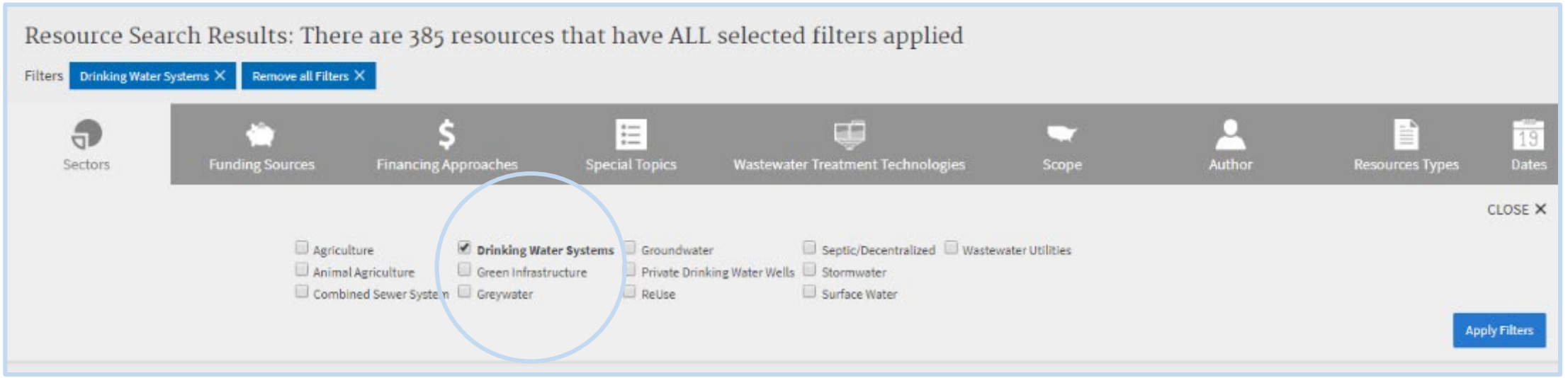
- As the user adds filters, the search will become more narrow based on the selections made.
- For example, if the user selects *Drinking Water Systems* the search results narrow to resources related to drinking water system funding.



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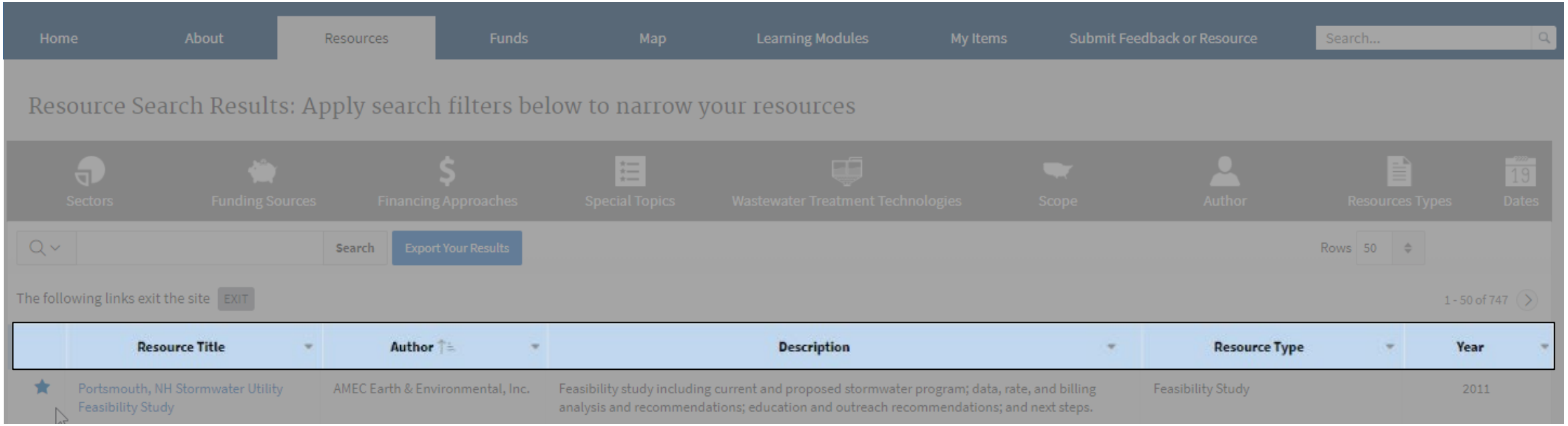
The user can sort their results by:

Resource Title, Author, Description, Resource Type, and Year

The user can also add additional filters to narrow their search results further.



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- To save a search result, click the *star* icon in the left column.
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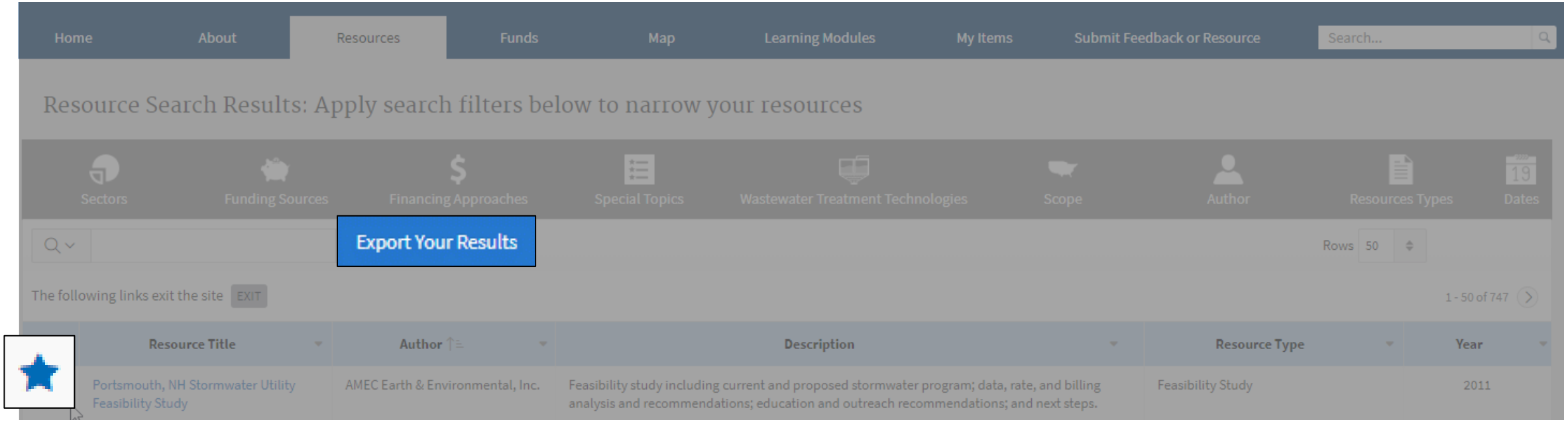

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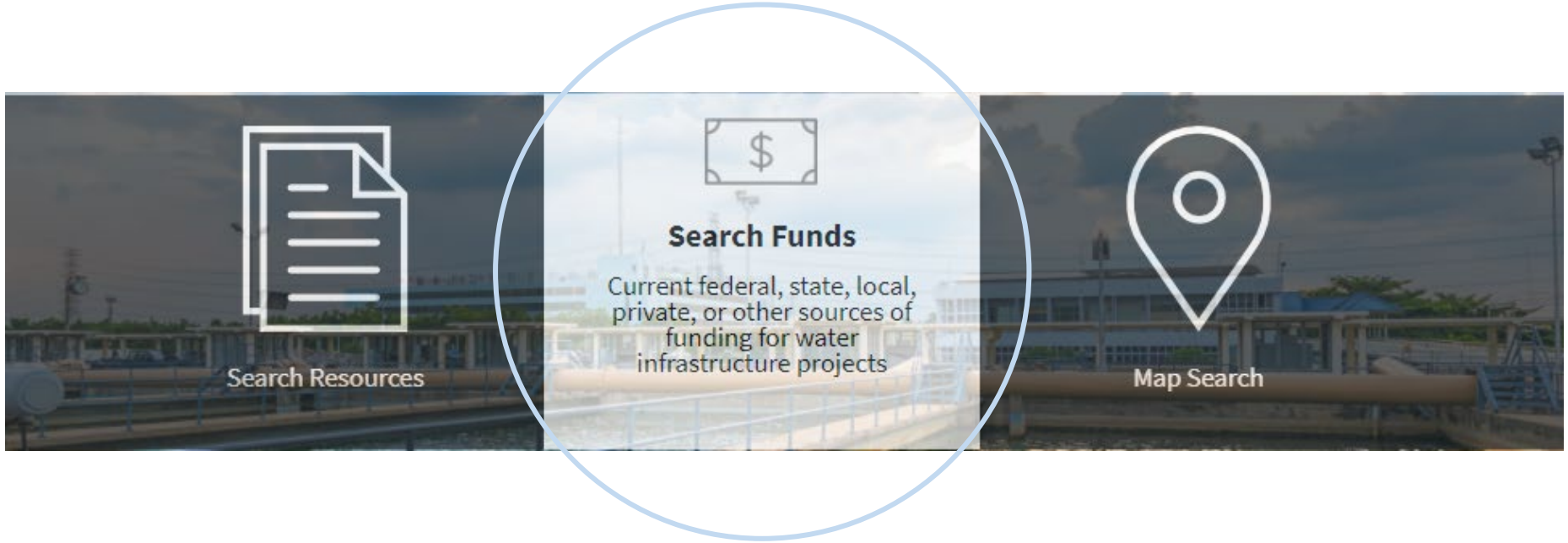

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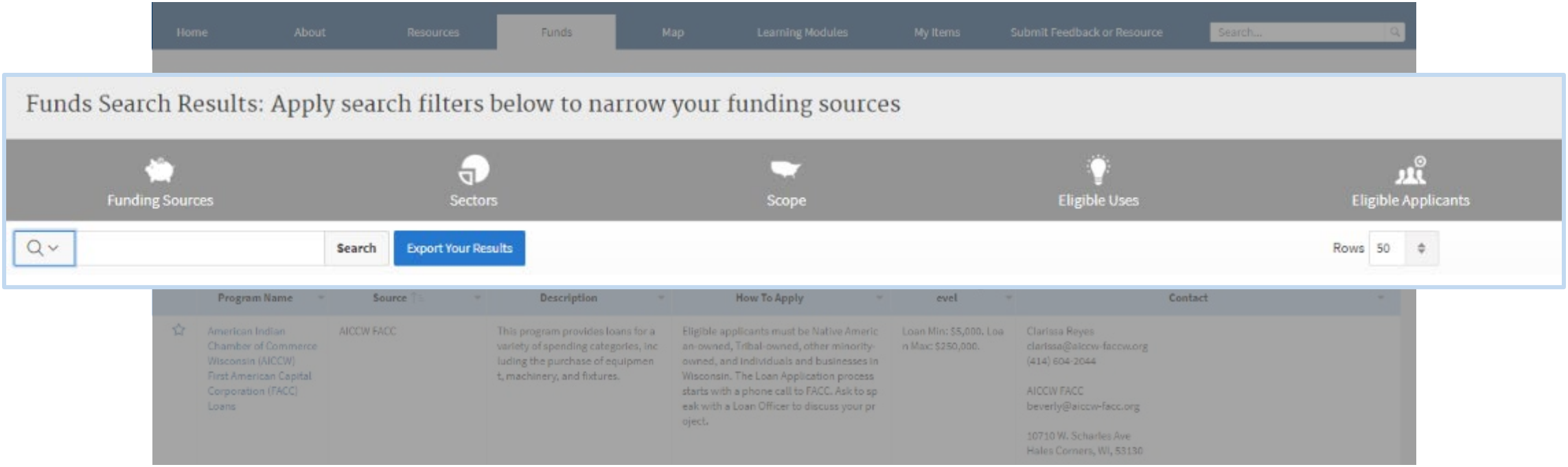

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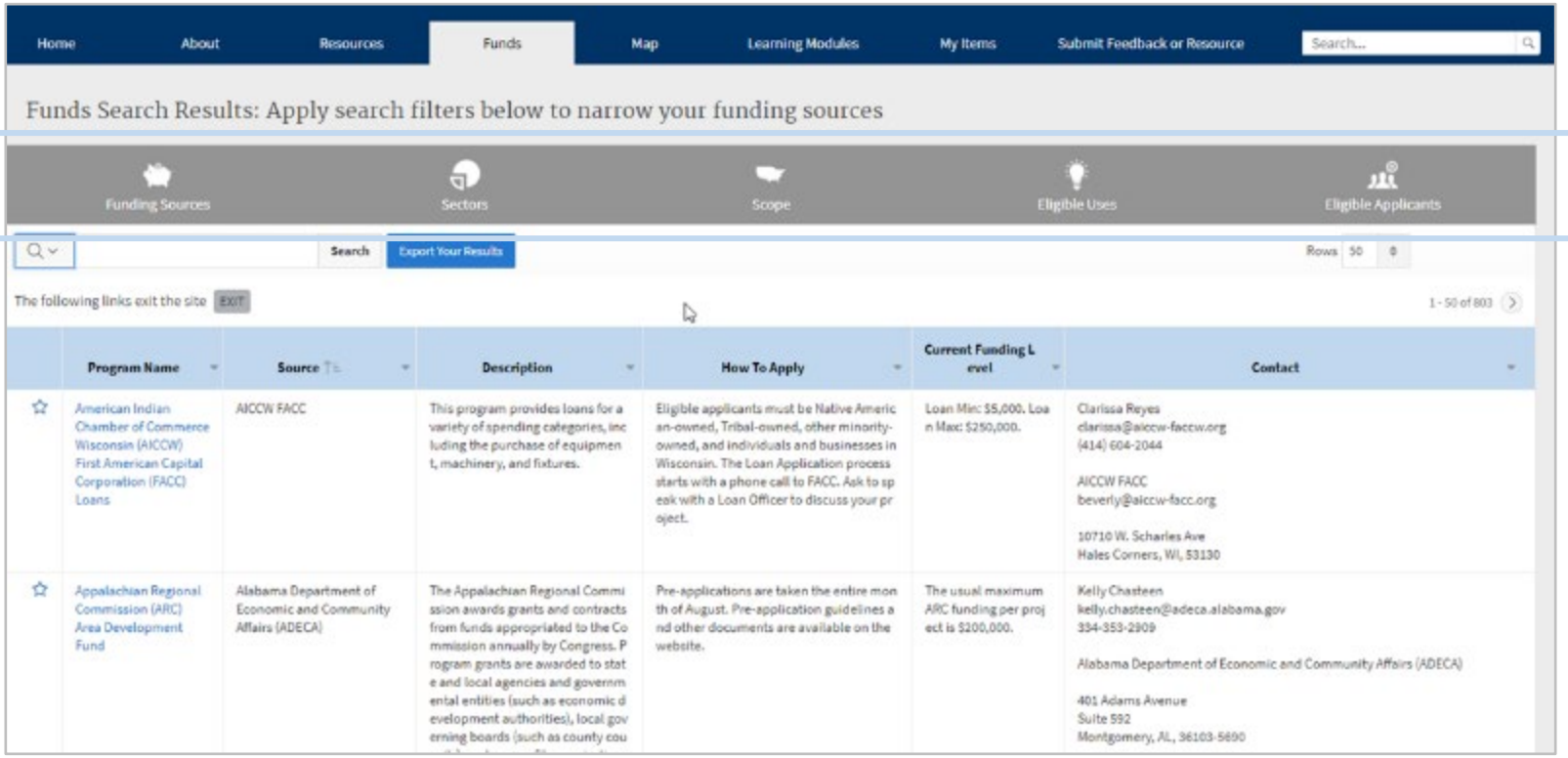
Users can search by:

- Funding Sources
- Sectors
- Scope
- Eligible Uses
- Eligible Applicants



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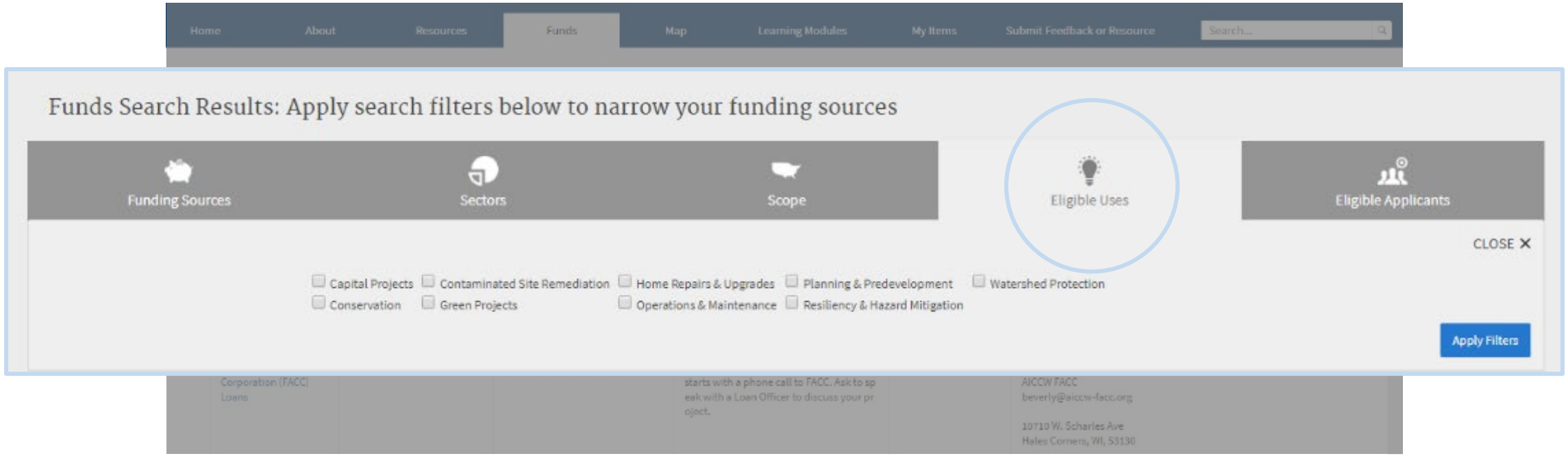
For example, selecting *Eligible Uses* allows the user to search funding based on the type of project the funding can cover.



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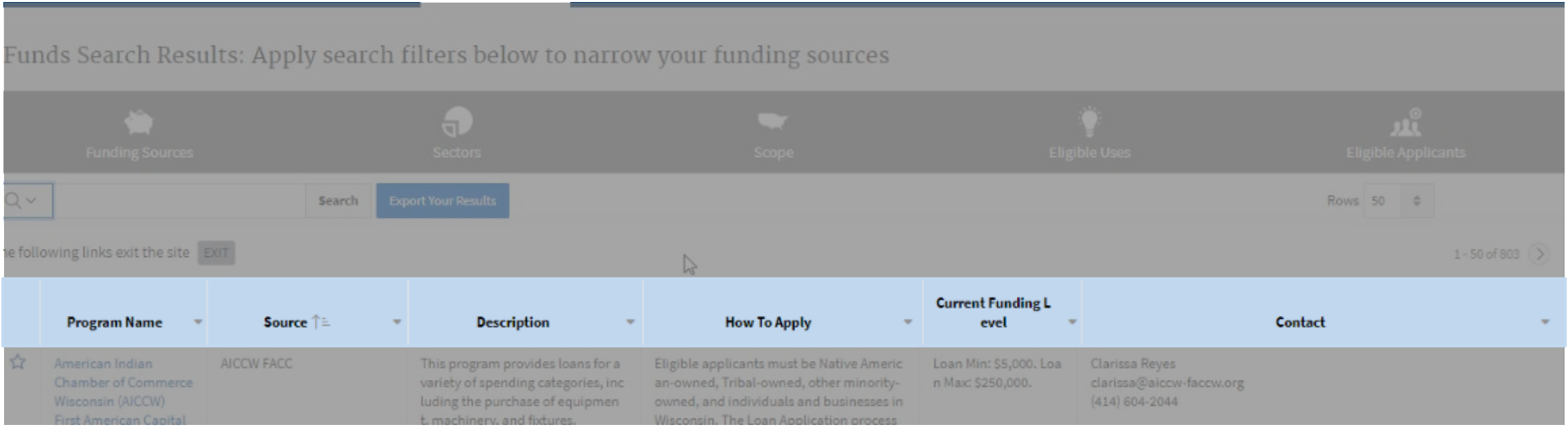
Like the Resources search, adding filters to the Funds search will narrow the results. The user can add additional filters to further narrow results. Users can also sort by *Program Name, Source, Description, How to Apply, Current Funding Level, and Contact*.



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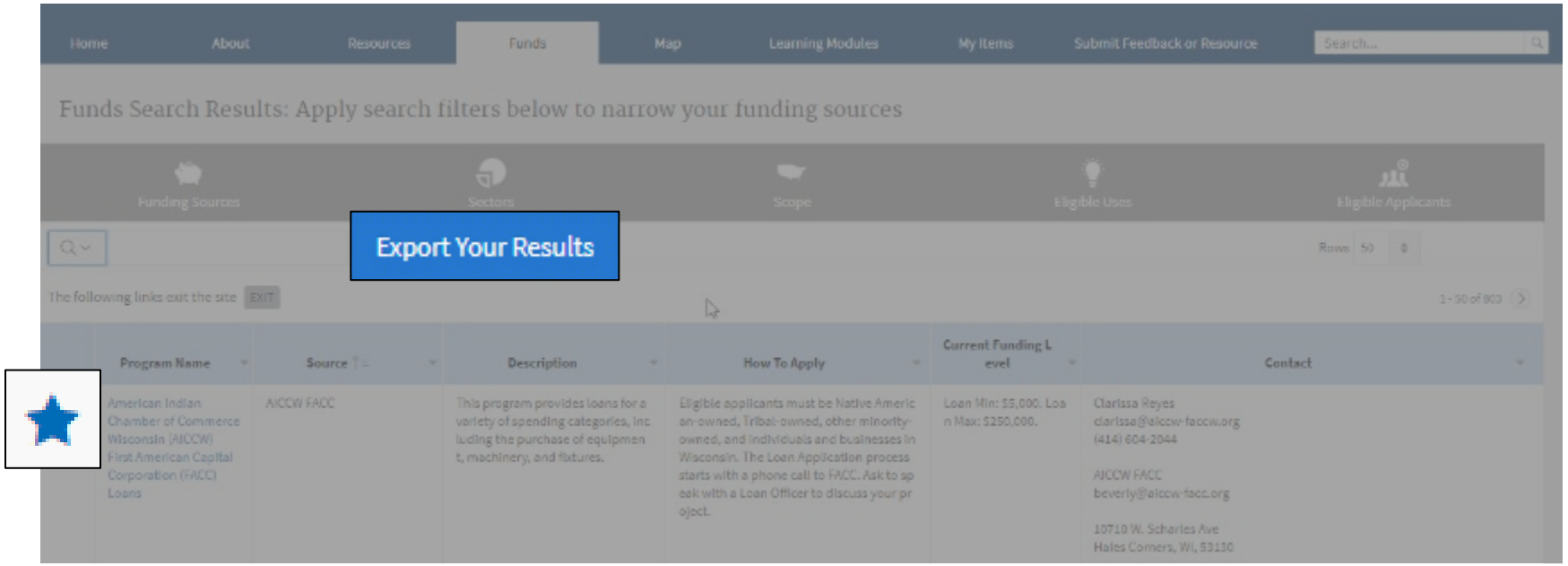

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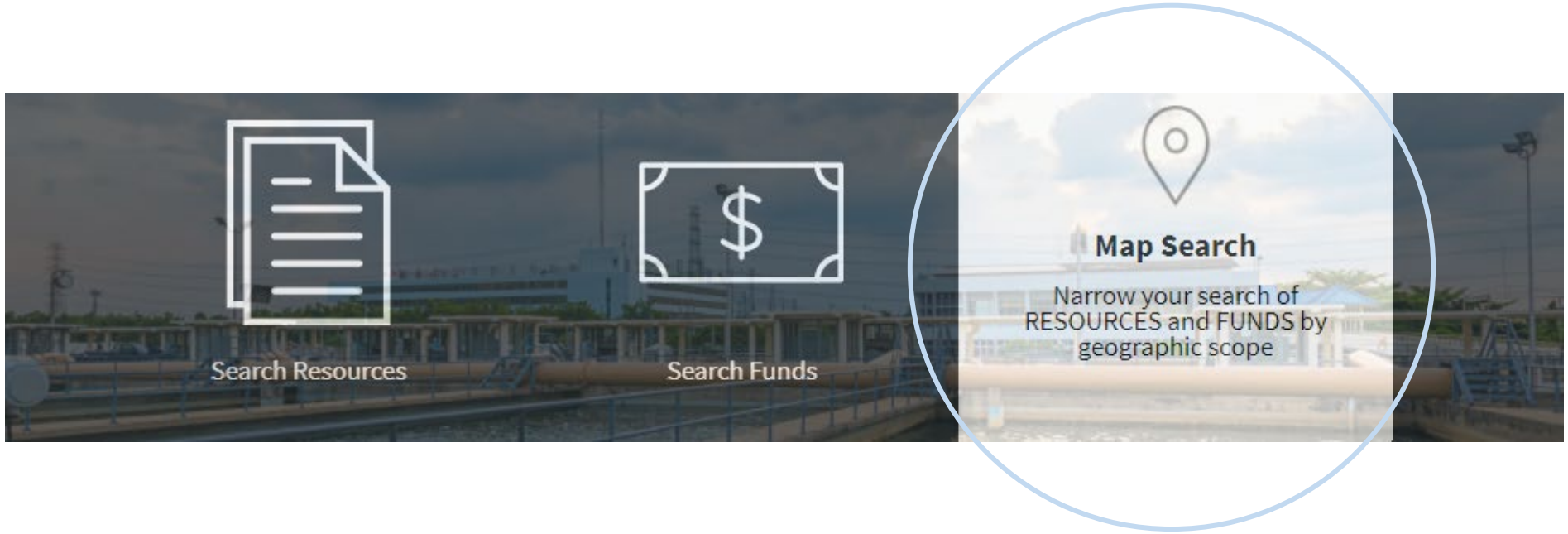
Users can also search by geographic scope using the *Map Search* option.



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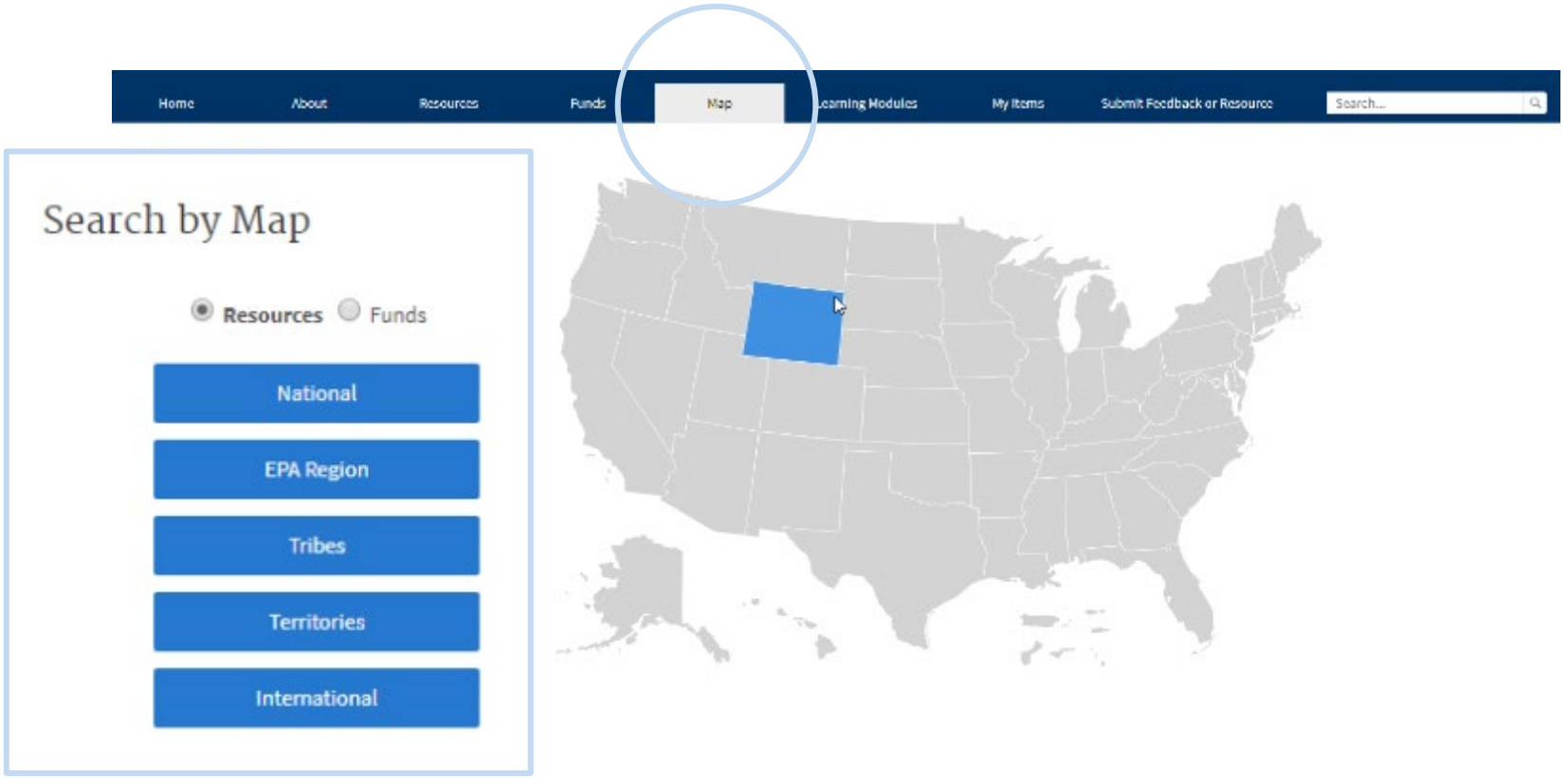
Selecting the *Map Search* option brings the user to the Map Search page.

Here, the user can select search options on the left or select individual states to see what resources or funds are available for each state.



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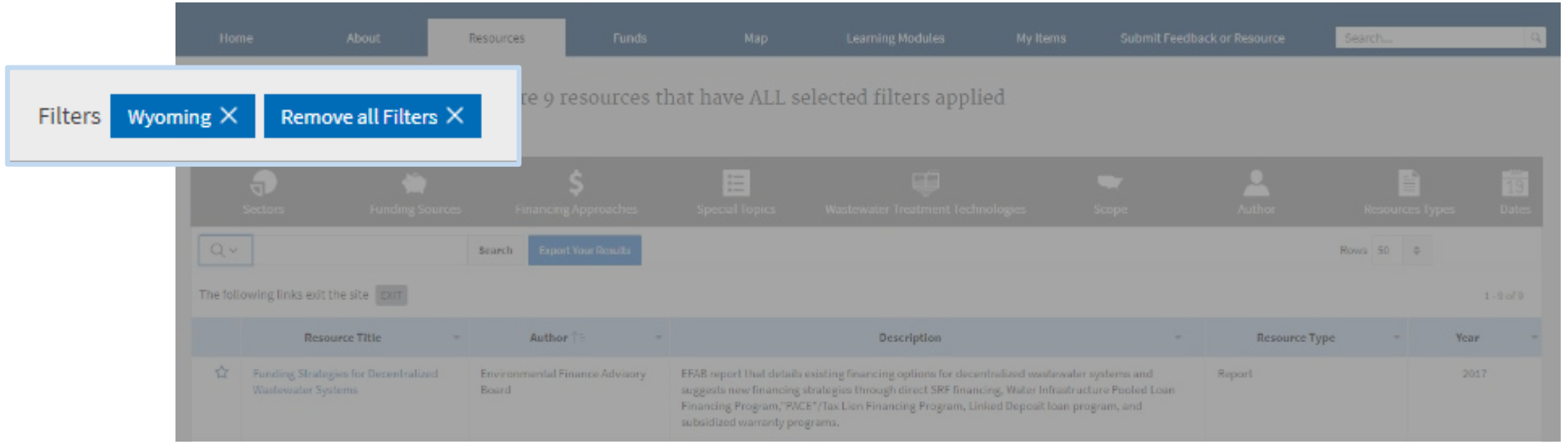
- For example, selecting *Resources* and clicking on Wyoming brings up all the search results for resources specific to the State of Wyoming.
- The filter, sort, save, and export features are the same as with the two previous search methods.



Water Finance Clearinghouse Maintenance

- Resources and funds within the Clearinghouse are regularly updated
- New entries submitted by Clearinghouse Contributors are approved on a rolling basis
- Clearinghouse Contributor users are representatives of funding entities and programs that provide funding opportunities

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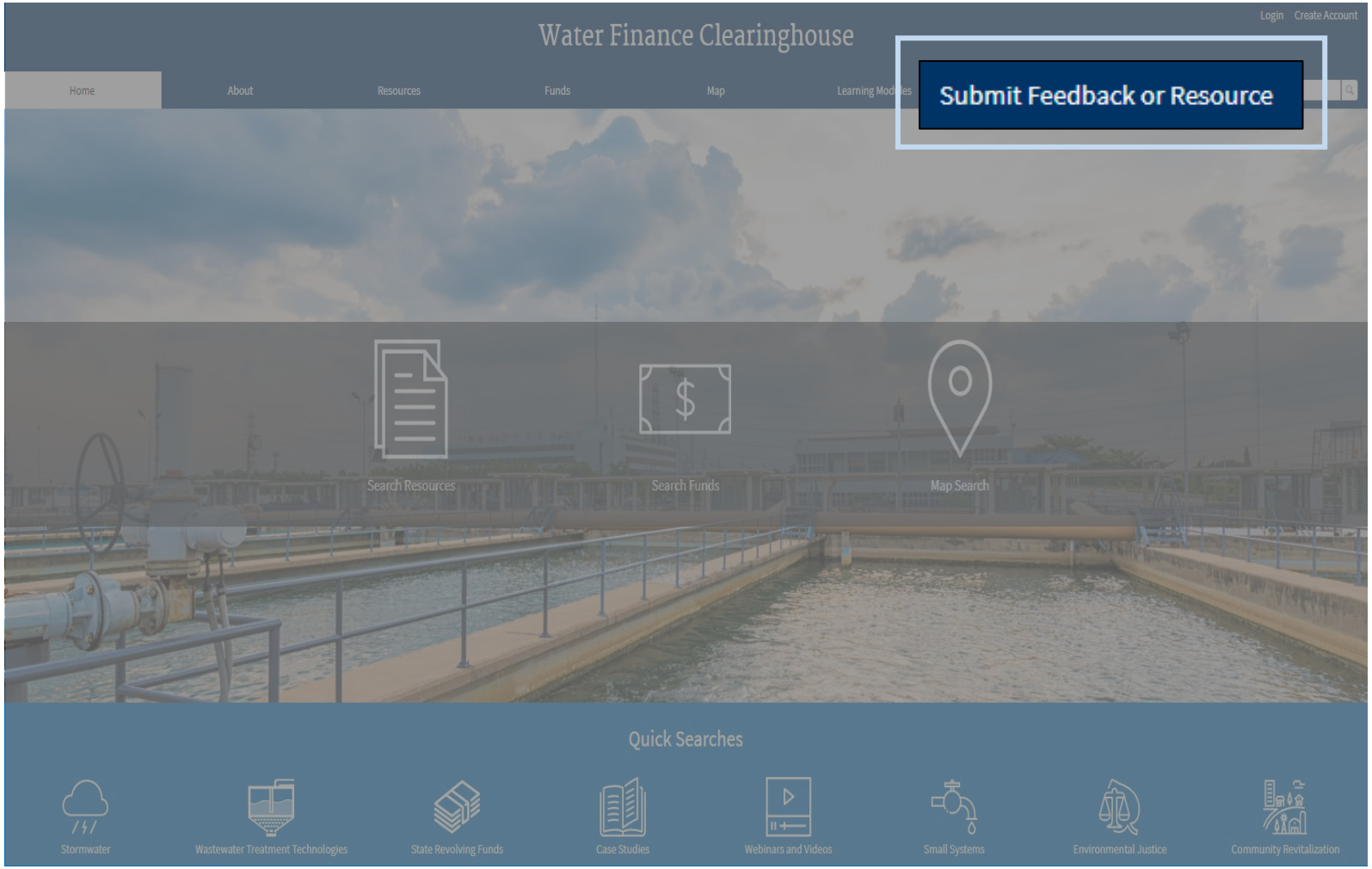
Users can submit feedback or suggest new resources by clicking on *Submit Feedback or Resource* on the top navigation bar.



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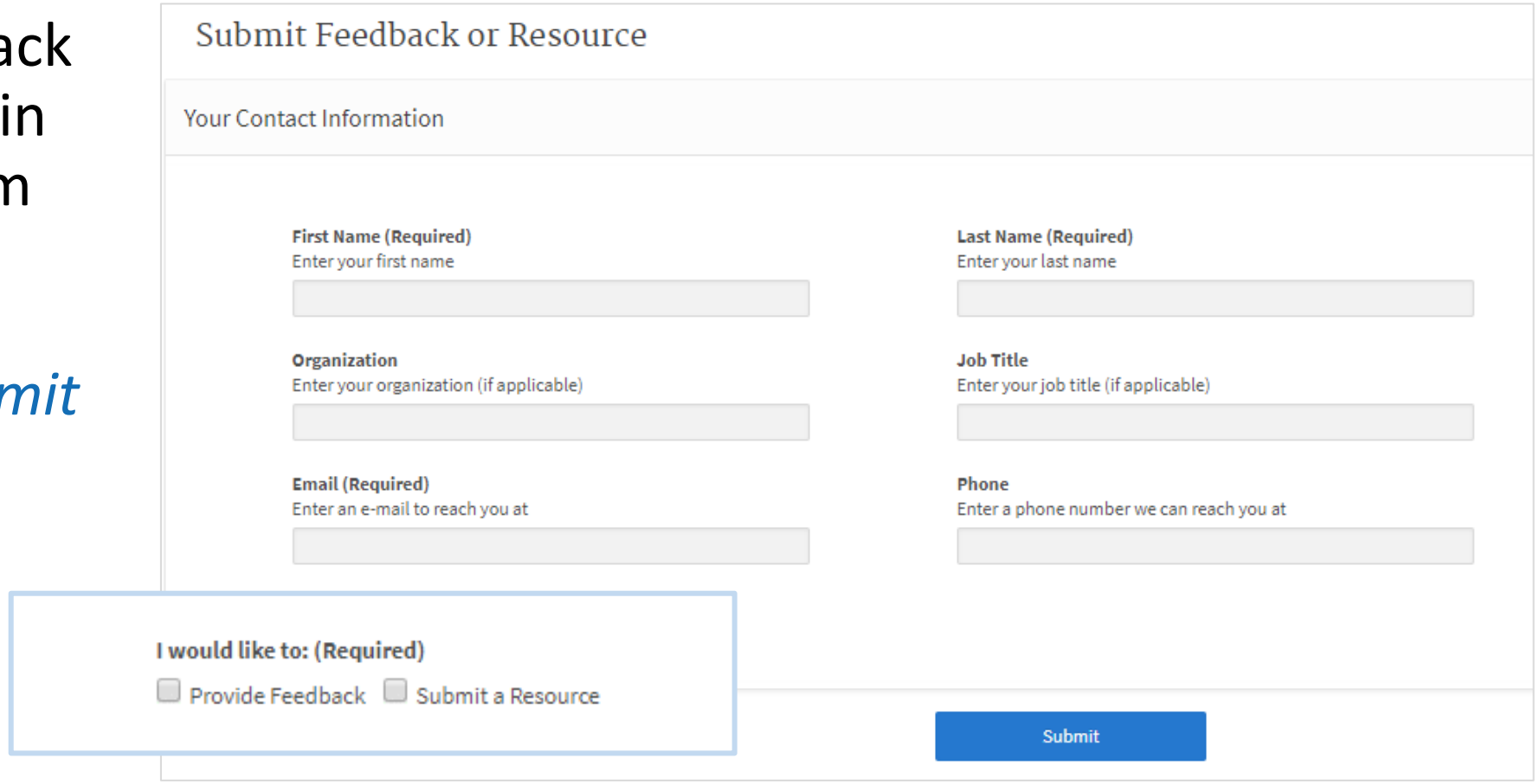

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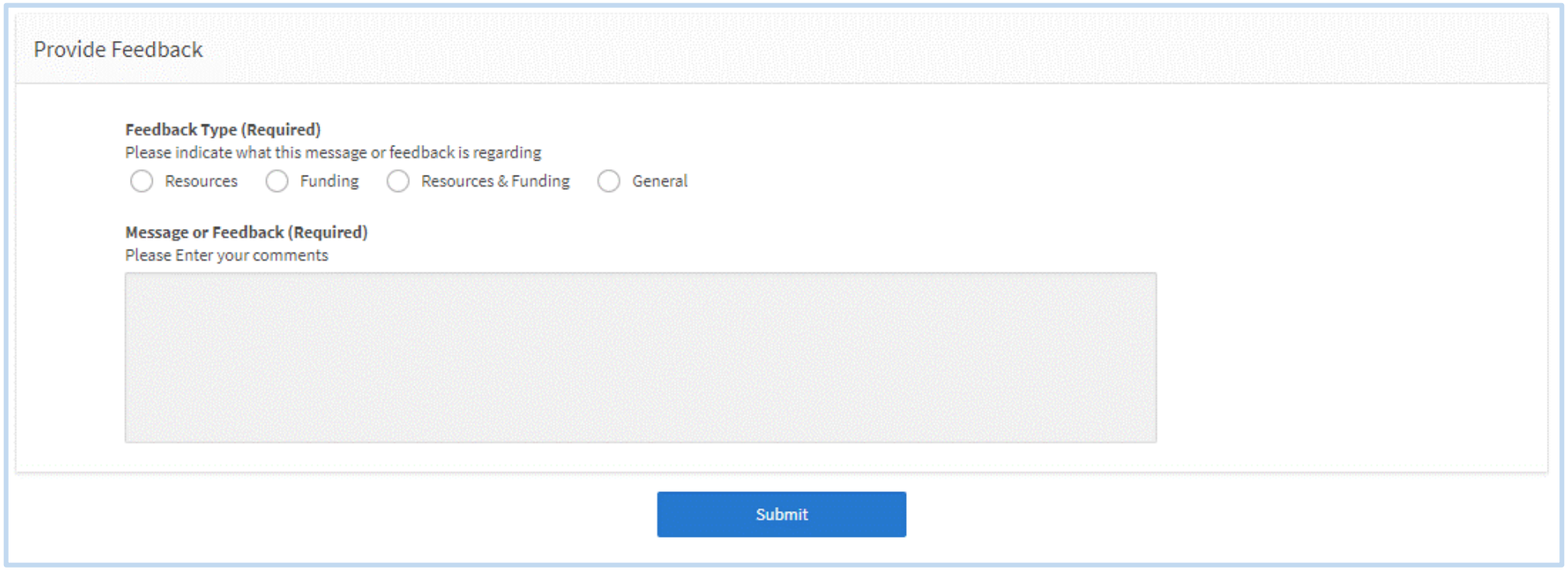

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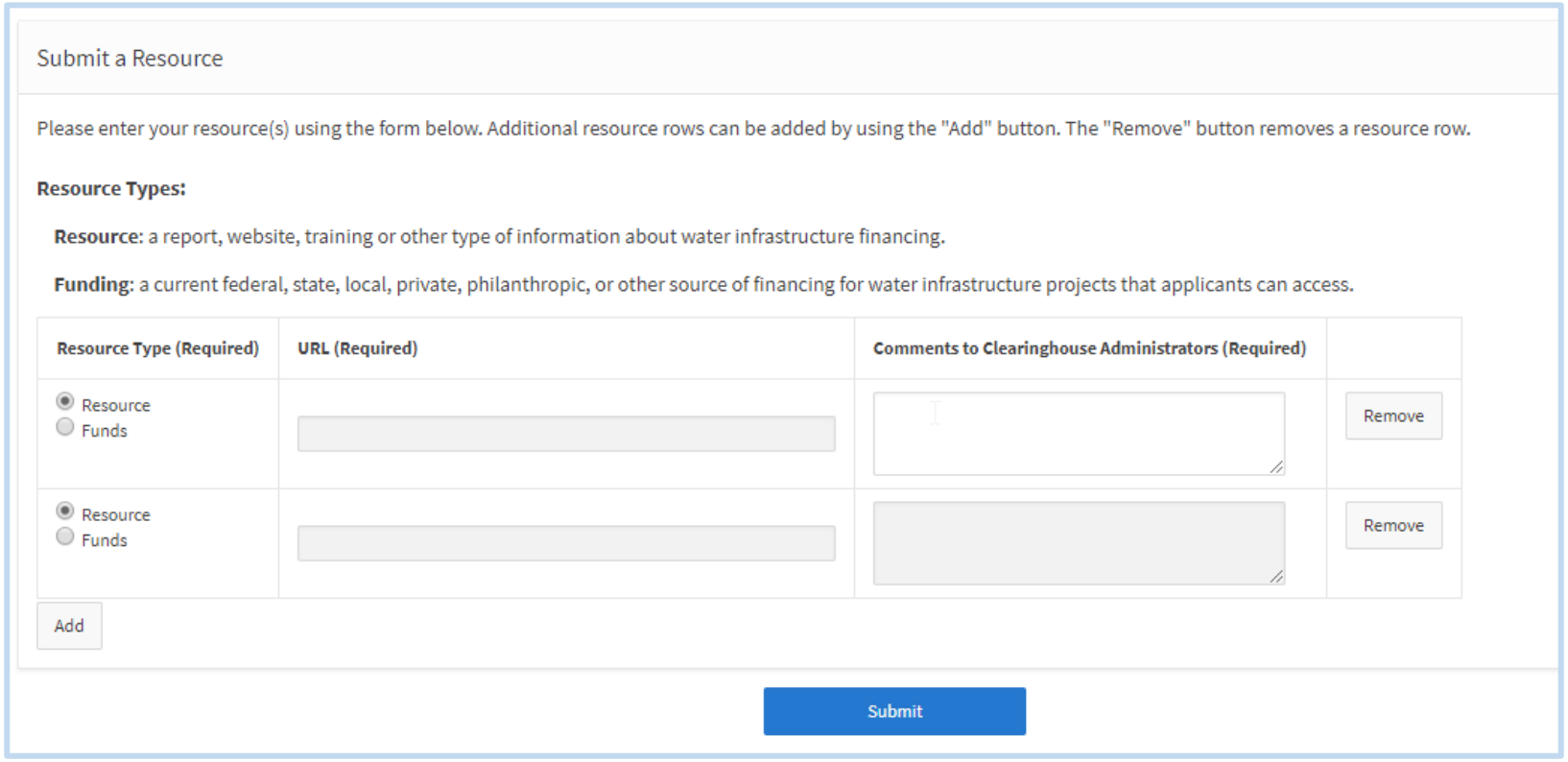

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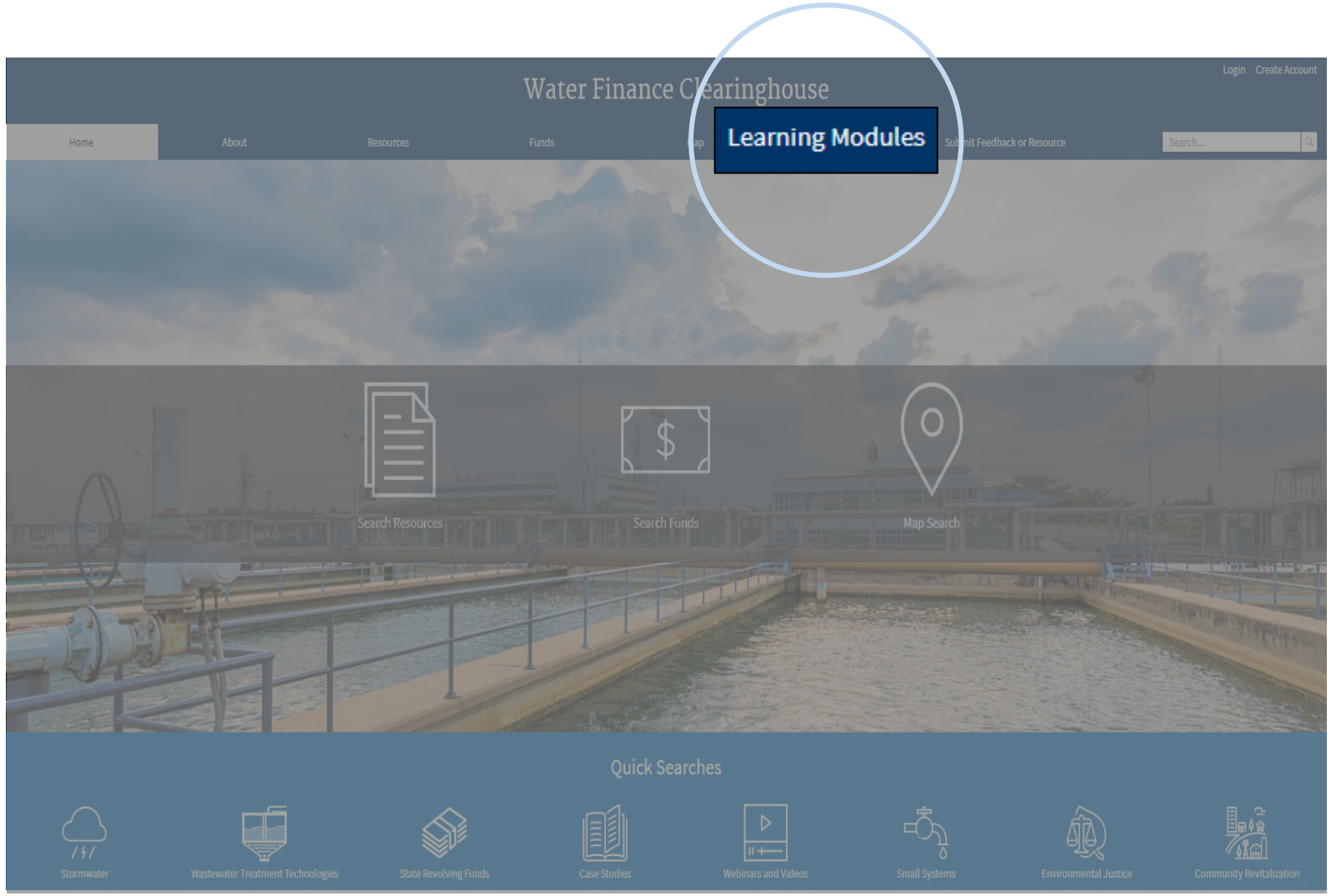
Learning Modules

- The Water Finance Center learning modules provide in-depth information on different financing sources and funding topics.



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Learning Modules include topics such as:

- The State Revolving Fund (SRF) 101
- The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) 101
- Financing Septic Systems

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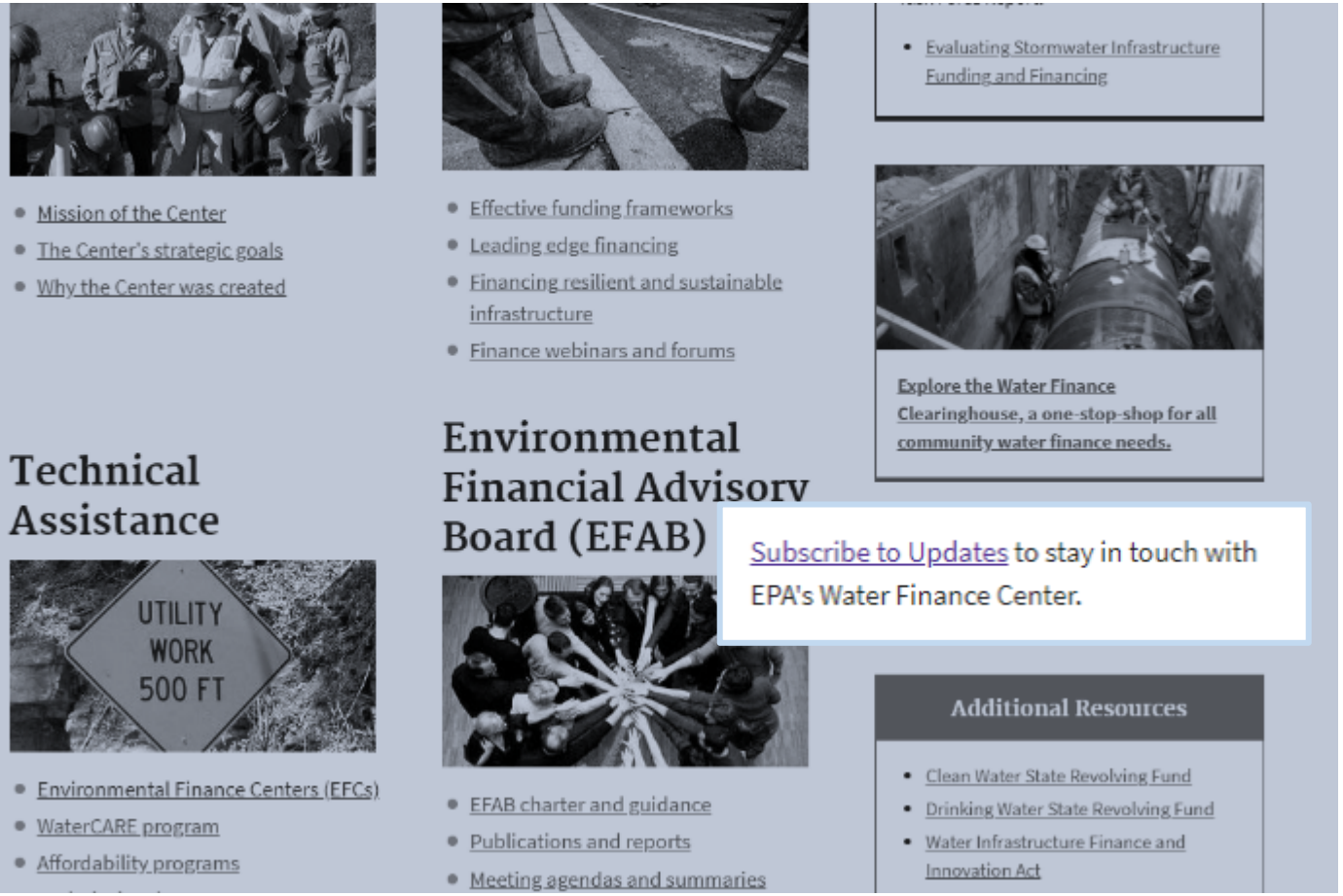

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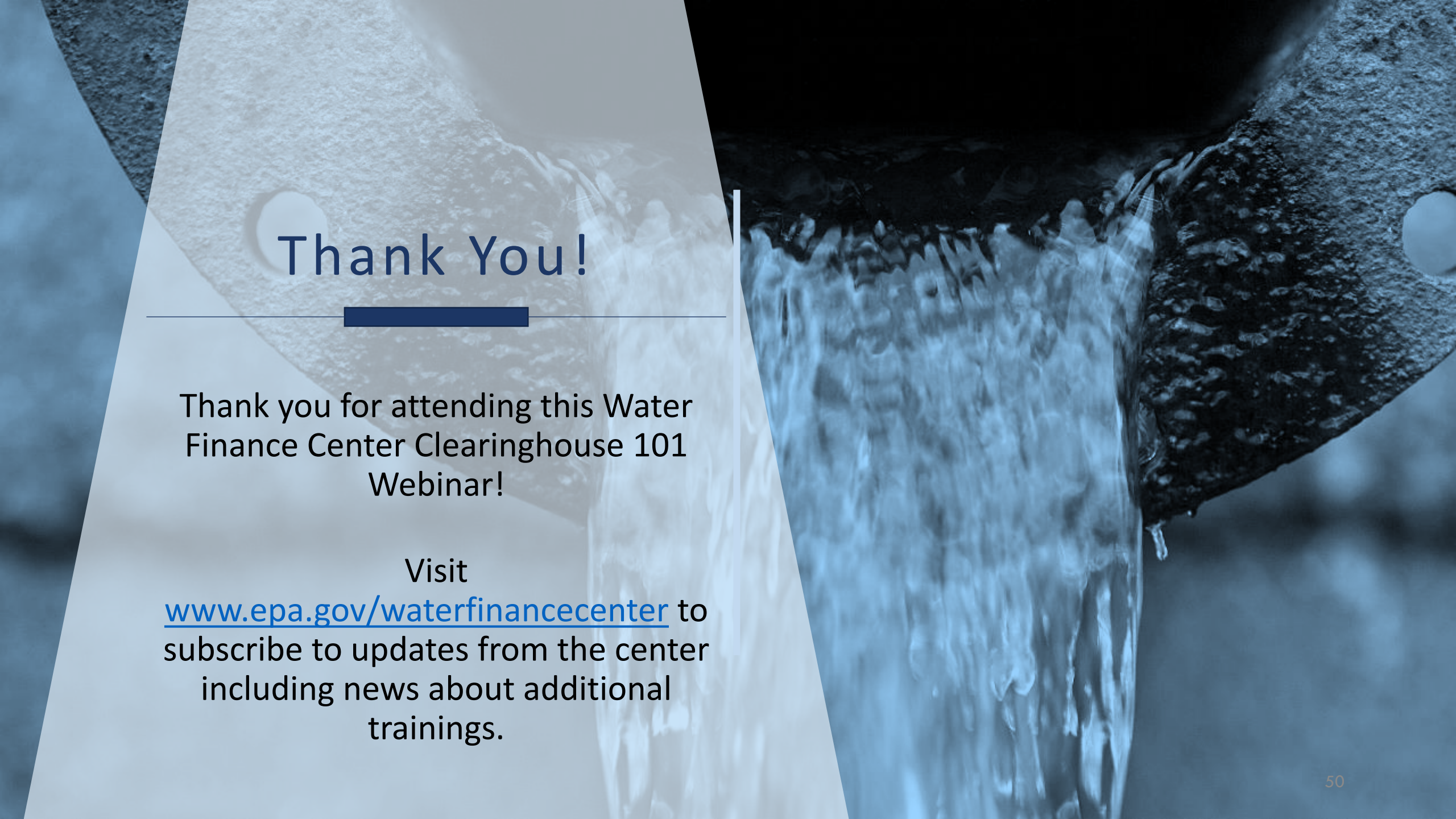

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