



Smart Management for  
Small Water Systems

# Financial Tools and Resources for Small Water Systems

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## About the Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN)

The Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN) is a university-based organization creating innovative solutions to the difficult how-to-pay issues of environmental protection and improvement. The EFCN works with the public and private sectors to promote sustainable environmental solutions while bolstering efforts to manage costs.

## The Smart Management for Small Water Systems Program

This program is offered free of charge to all who are interested. The Project Team will conduct activities in every state, territory, and the Navajo Nation. All small drinking water systems are eligible to receive free training and technical assistance.



## Areas of Expertise

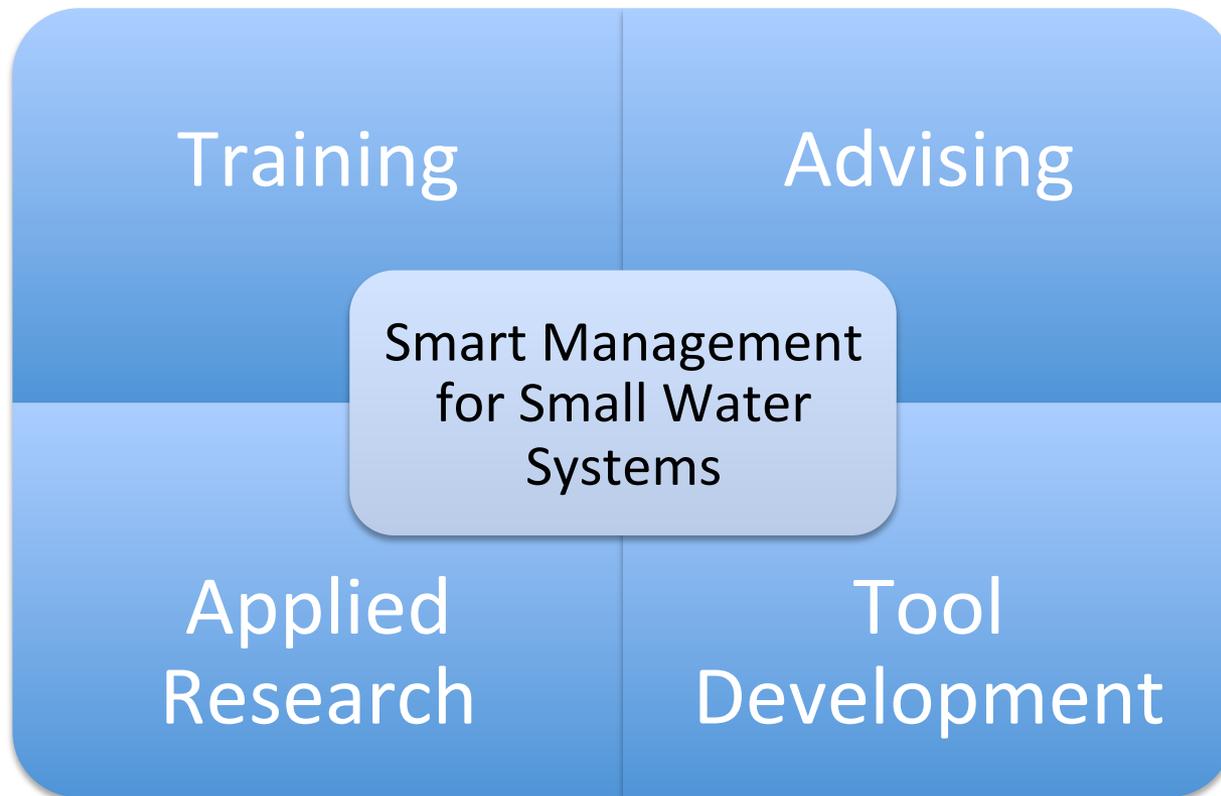
- Asset Management
- Energy Management Planning
- Financial Management
- Leadership Through Decision-making and Communication
- Managing Drought
- Water Loss Reduction
- Collaborating with Neighboring Communities
- Multi-funding
- Water Conservation
- Management and Finance 101
- Climate Resiliency
- Workforce Development



# A couple of questions before we start



# What we offer



Individualized technical assistance, workshops, small group support, webinars, eLearning, online tools & resources, blogs



# Our tools are designed to meet your challenges:





# The Tools in Action—An Example

- Maybe this scenario sounds familiar...



This is you.  
You are new  
to the water  
system and  
excited to  
help provide  
safe drinking  
water to your  
community!





But the more  
you look at  
the system,  
the more  
confused you  
become.  
Something  
seems off...





The infrastructure isn't really in great shape. It hasn't been maintained properly in years...





In fact, you are not really clear what all the infrastructure is or how much longer it will last...



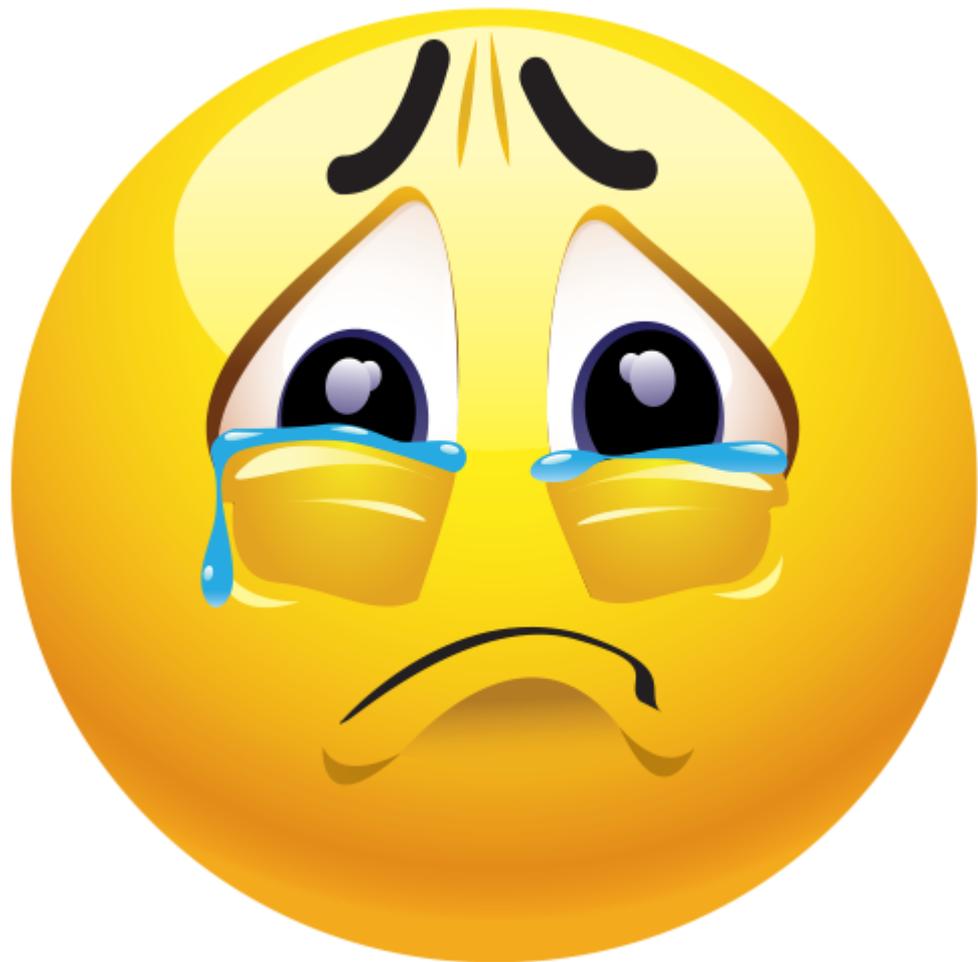


And there  
doesn't seem  
to be any  
money to fix  
things  
anyway.  
Rates haven't  
changed in  
years...





Is there anything that can improve the finance and management of the system?





We are here  
to help! And  
we have  
tools!



# Where to start? EFCNetwork.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of EFCNetwork.org. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the EFCN logo (Environmental Finance Center Network) and the tagline "Innovative Finance Solutions for Environmental Services". Below the logo is a search bar with the text "Enter your email to subscribe..." and a "Sign Me Up" button. The main navigation menu includes links for HOME, ABOUT, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS, ASSISTANCE, RESOURCES, BLOG, ARCHIVES, and a search icon. The central banner features a large image of hands drawing on a blueprint, with the text "Smart Management for Small Water Systems: Improving small water systems through sustainable finance and management". Below the banner are three smaller images: a woman presenting in a meeting, a globe icon surrounded by water droplets, and hands holding a document with charts.





# What tools would you like to see next?

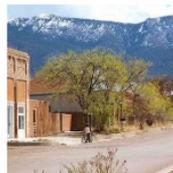
- Energy Management of Water Systems
- Funding Coordination
- Management and Partnerships



# Would you like to subscribe the Smart Management for Small Water Systems Blog?

- Yes
- No

## Blog



December 2, 2015 / by Allison Perch

### [Magdalena, New Mexico: A Success Story from the Smart Management for Small Water Systems Project](#)

Written by: Allison Perch Allison Perch is a Program Coordinator with the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina. What can a small town do when the financial health of its water system is at risk? This is the question that Stephanie Finch, the town clerk and treasurer for the ...



December 1, 2015 / by Allison Perch

### [The Virtuous Cycle: Internal Energy Revolving Funds for Small Water Systems](#)

Written by: David Tucker David Tucker is a Project Director with the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina. How can small (and large) water systems pay for energy efficiency and renewable energy, helping cut utility costs? As energy is often the largest variable expense in a water system's operating ...



November 13, 2015 / by Allison Perch

### [Smart Management for Small Water Systems Program Newsletter | Fall 2015](#)

View Full Issue The Environmental Finance Center Network has published the third issue in a series of quarterly newsletters. The Fall 2015 Program Newsletter announces our new and improved EFCN website, highlights Technical Assistance and eLearning Courses for Small Water Systems, and shares our latest blog post ...



## Are you interested in technical assistance for your small water system? *(choose one)*

- Yes
- No
- Would Like More Information About This



## CEU Certificates

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- Did you provide an email address UNIQUE TO YOU? A unique email address is required to access your certificate on the AWWA website.
- Did you mark the checkbox that you need a certificate?

Within 30 days of the training, you will receive an email with instructions to print your certificate. Emails from AWWA may be blocked or go to your Junk mail. To avoid this issue, add [educationservices@awwa.org](mailto:educationservices@awwa.org) to your email Contacts or check your Junk mail frequently.

AWWA will apply to the water operator state licensing agency for CEU preapproval when applicable. You may be awarded CEUs by your agency. It is your responsibility to confirm with the agency that training meets relevancy criteria established for your license type as some agencies may not apply CEUs to your license if the training topic is not relevant to your position.

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**0.1 CEU = 1 Contact Hour or 1 Professional Development Hour**

**Questions?** Please contact [educationservices@awwa.org](mailto:educationservices@awwa.org)



# Thank You

- Please fill out an evaluation
- Links and resources (including slides and recording) will be sent out to you via email.



# Questions?

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