



# Multi-funding Workshop for Small Water Systems in Minnesota (Draft)

Location: Holiday Inn, 75 South 37th Avenue, Saint Cloud, MN 56301  
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There are several federal and state programs that provide financing for water infrastructure projects. However, the process for securing, even loan funds, is often highly competitive. This workshop will provide participants with descriptions of individual financing programs, and how they may interact with each other. Speakers will include persons involved in administering the program in the state. Participants will receive basic information on best management practices such as asset management, rate setting and benchmarking which could enhance the utility's application.

8:30 – 9:00 – Introduction

9:15 - 9:45 –The Spectrum of State-Level Funding Coordination Efforts

9:45 – 10:15 – Best Management Practices to Enhance Applications for Financing

10:15 – 10:30 – Break

10:30 – 12:00 – Presentations from Individual Funding Programs (e.g. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, USDA Rural Development)

12:00 – 1:30 – Lunch

1:30 – 2:00 – Rate Setting, Benchmarking and Capital Planning – Impressing the Funder

2:00 – 3:00 – Existing Financial and Utility Management Tools

3:00 – 3:15 – Break

3:15 – 4:00 – Tentative: One-on-one meetings Between Funders and Utility Participants

4:00 – 4:30 – Wrap up

