



What is Predevelopment Funding?

December 16, 2024



About Us

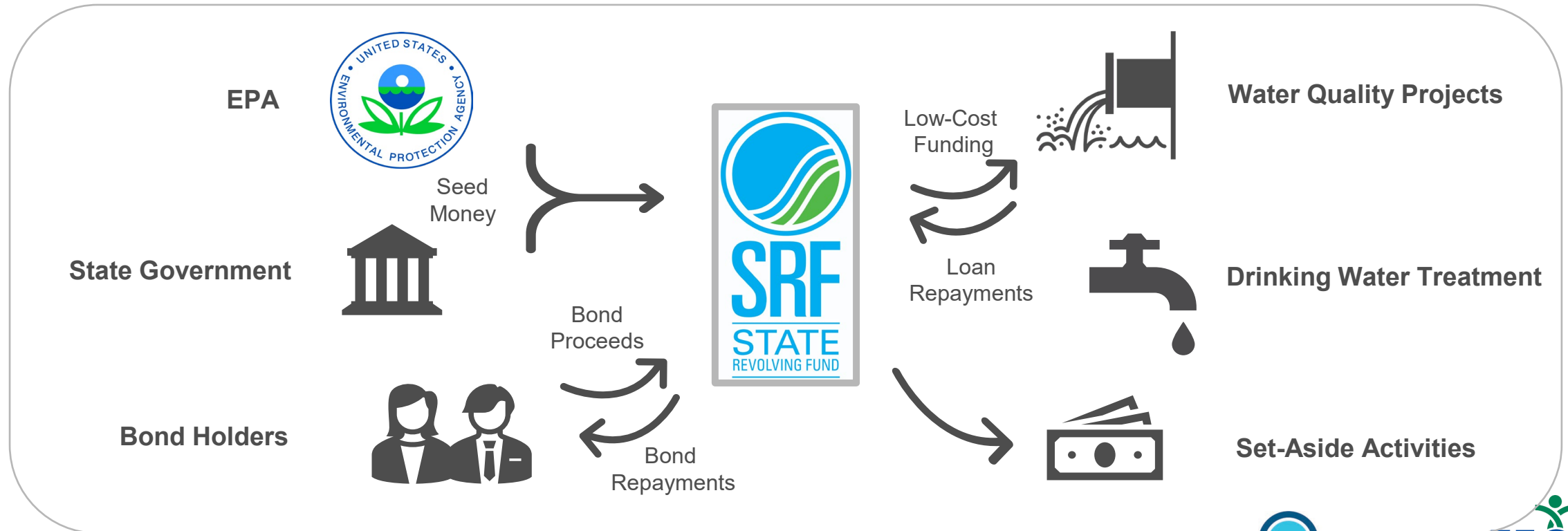
The **Environmental Finance Center Network (EFCN)** is a university- and non-profit-based organization creating innovative solutions to the difficult how-to-pay issues of environmental protection and water infrastructure.

The EFCN works collectively and as individual centers to address these issues across the entire U.S, including the 5 territories and the Navajo Nation. The EFCN aims to assist public and private sectors through training, direct professional assistance, production of durable resources, and innovative policy ideas.



What are the SRFs?

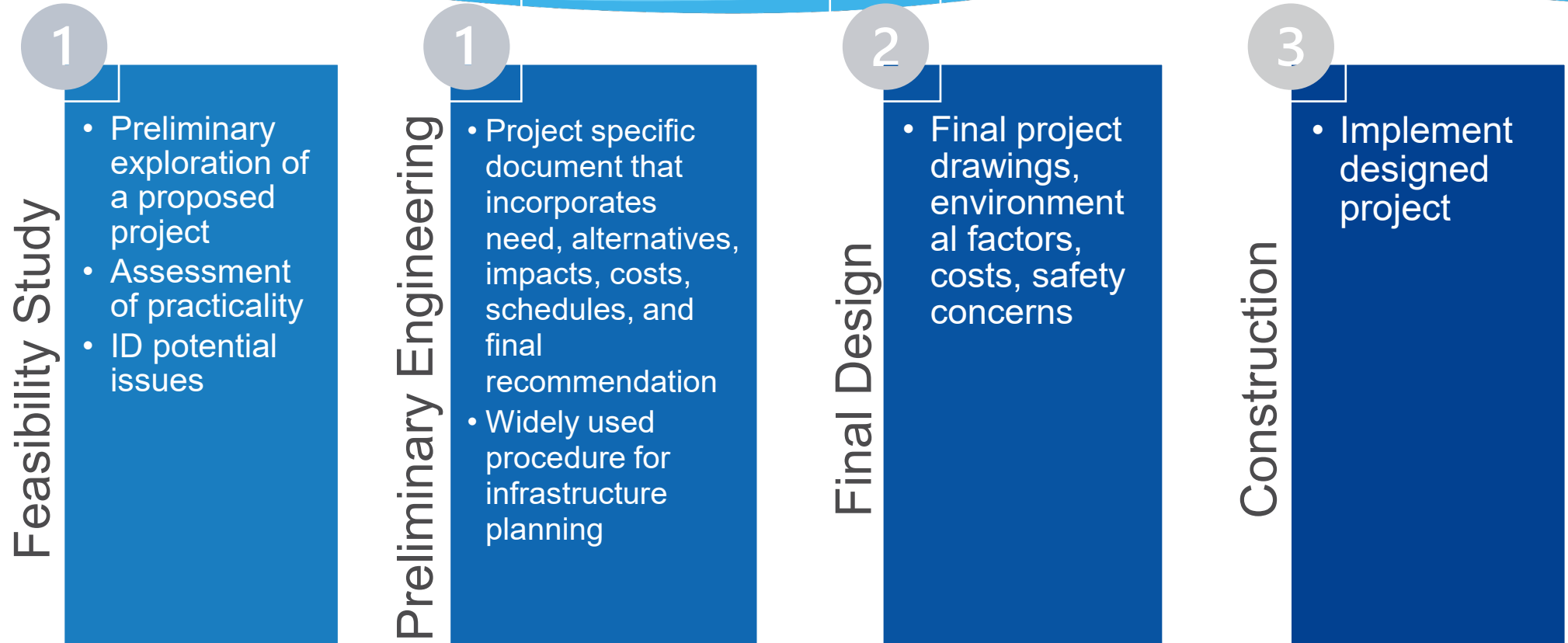
- Low interest revolving loan program with subsidies for targeted projects and communities
- Money comes from EPA/Federal Government, state match, loan repayments, interest, bond proceeds



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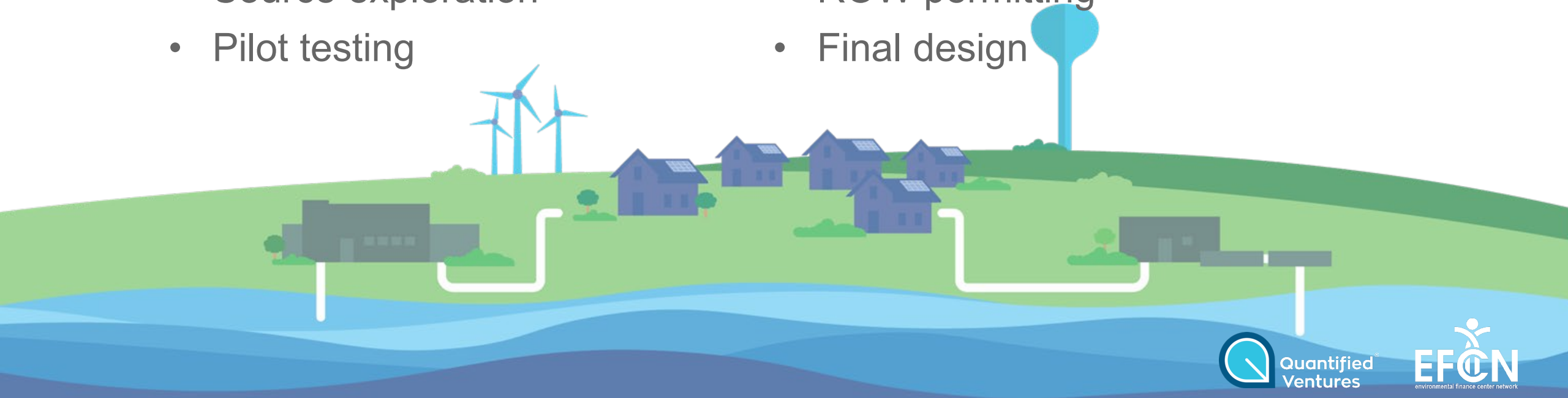
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Project Planning



Preconstruction Activities

- Predevelopment
- Preconstruction
- Feasibility
- Preliminary engineering
- Source exploration
- Pilot testing
- Assessments
- Environmental Reporting
- Income survey
- Camera-ing investigations
- ROW permitting
- Final design



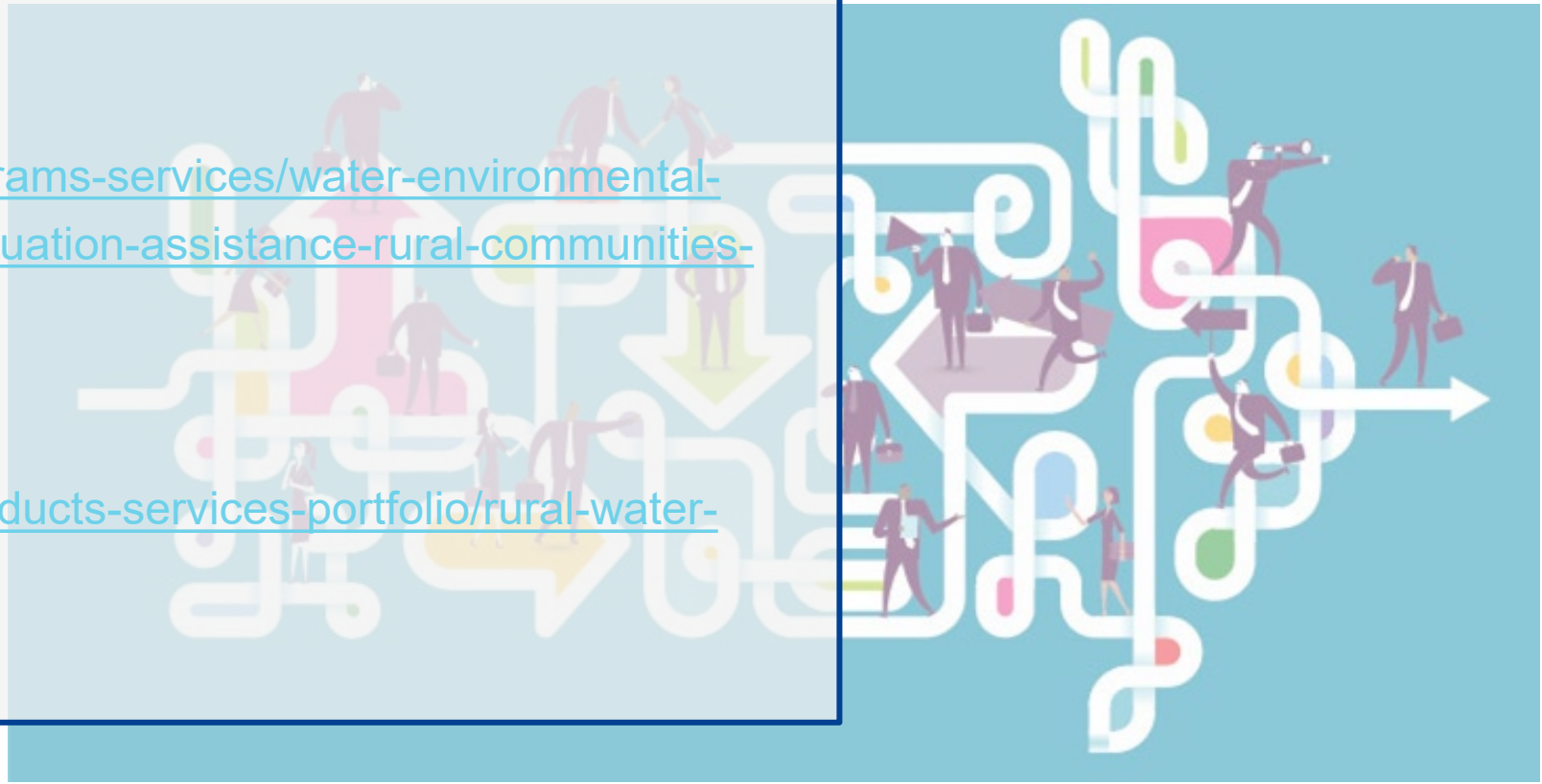
But why preconstruction funding?

- Barriers to applying for project implementation funding
- Limited available capital
- Small system support
- Program visibility
- Financial planning



Sources of Funding

- SRF
- USDA-RD
 - SEARCH grant
 - <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/search-special-evaluation-assistance-rural-communities-and-households-grant/vt-nh>
- NRWA
 - <https://nrwa.org/members/products-services-portfolio/rural-water-loan-fund/>



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Upcoming Trainings

~~What is Predevelopment Funding?~~

~~December 16, 2024 / 2:00-4:00 pm EST~~

How Do I Get Started?

January 8, 2025 / 11:00-1:00 pm EST

What is an IUP?

January 13, 2025 / 2:00-4:00 pm EST

DWSRF Eligibilities

February 5, 2025 / 11:00-1:00 pm EST

CWSRF Eligibilities

February 10, 2025 / 2:00-4:00 pm EST

What is the Green Project Reserve (GPR)?

March 5, 2025 / 11:00-1:00 pm EST

What is Readiness to Proceed?

March 17, 2025 / 2:00-4:00 pm EST

For more information and to register visit:

<https://efcnetwork.org/event/virtual-office-hours-ask-me-anything-srf-technical-assistance-open-discussion/>

Community Finance Team

<https://www.quantifiedventures.com/community-finance>



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