Supporting Small and Rural Communities with Financial Decision-Making
Learn how SRFs are providing the tools and technical assistance to help maintain water and wastewater service in small and rural communities. Hear how Washington is using “value planning” to help decision-makers determine the cost-and-effectiveness of proposed infrastructure and select the solution that makes the most sense for their small community. Learn about Texas’ CFO-To-Go Program, which provides financial expertise and accounting services to small communities with limited resources. Learn about a framework for budgeting, developed by Moonshot Missions, that helps small and underserved communities improve their planning for water infrastructure investments.

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Panelists:
• David Dunn, Engineer, Water Quality Financial Management Section, Washington Department of Ecology
• Rebecca Trevino, Chief Financial Officer, Texas Water Development Board
• George Hawkins, Founder and President, Moonshot Missions

Meet the Panelists:

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David Dunn is the lead Financial Assistance Engineer for the Department of Ecology’s Water Quality Combined Funding program. David manages performance and provides oversight for the grant and loan programs offered by the Department. David began started at Ecology as a design review engineer and water quality permit manager in the Department of Ecology’s Central Regional Office. He has had been with the Department of Ecology for nineteen years, previously having worked as an engineering consultant. Mr. Dunn received his bachelor’s degree in Chemical Engineering and a master’s degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Utah. David currently serves as the Vice Chair for the Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC)

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George Hawkins launched Moonshot Missions to help agencies deliver better service at lower cost. Previously, George served as CEO of DC Water, which became known for innovation and customer service. George is an advisor to Xylem and has taught at Princeton since 1999.
George has been awarded AWWA’s Fuller Award for Leadership and Governing's Public Official of the Year. DC Water was awarded the US Water Prize in 2016.

Angela Knecht, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Angela Knecht is a Program Administrator with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. She joined the State Revolving Fund staff in 1998, where she has held various positions and is responsible for the financial aspects of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs. Angela is a current board member of the City of Opa-Locka Financial Emergency Board and is a member of the Florida Grants Consortium advisory panel. Angela serves on the CIFA Board of Directors as Secretary.

Rebecca Trevino, Texas Water Development Board
Rebecca Trevino serves as Chief Financial Officer for the Texas Water Development Board. Prior to this appointment, she served as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Texas Health & Human Services Commission. She has served in various financial leadership roles during her career, including CFO for the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services and the Texas Water Development Board. Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from The University of Texas at Austin and is a Certified Public Accountant.