Stormwater Funding and Financing Task Force: Next Steps

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EPA’s Water Finance Center provides information that can be used to make **drinking water**, **wastewater**, and **stormwater** infrastructure decisions.

https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter
EFAB made a total of eight recommendations to EPA in its report. These recommendations were grouped into two categories:

1) Allocate new federal stormwater funding

2) Provide stormwater funding education and technical assistance.
Allocate new federal stormwater funding

**RECOMMENDATION:** Develop a new and enhanced construction grant program specifically for stormwater projects, similar to the federal Municipal Construction Grants Program.

- Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Municipal Grants program

**RECOMMENDATION:** Increase annual funding allocation for and modify the Clean Water Act section 319(h) grant program to allow and encourage local capacity building, utility fee study and implementation and asset management, and remove restrictions on use of grant funds for MS4 permit compliance.

**RECOMMENDATION:** CWSRF and WIFIA
Provide stormwater funding education and technical assistance
Meeting the Needs of Stakeholders

The Water Finance Clearinghouse is an easily navigable web-based portal that helps communities locate information and resources for all things water finance.

www.epa.gov/wfc
Green Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

What’s New

- FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Application is open until January 21, 2021. Click here for more information.
- EPAs Water Finance Clearinghouse is a database of financial assistance sources available to fund a variety of watershed protection projects.

Leading-Edge Stormwater Financing

Leading Edge Stormwater Financing Webinars - Learn how to identify financing strategies to support your stormwater management program. This webinar series explores both traditional stormwater financing strategies as well as new and innovative approaches. Each webinar, hosted in collaboration with the Water Environment Federation, provides a deep-dive, technical overview of specific successful and leading-edge examples of how communities support their stormwater programs.

- Success with Stormwater Fees - September 12, 2018
- Washington DC’s Stormwater Retention Credit Program - May 23, 2017
- DC Water’s Environmental Impact Bond (EIB) - May 11, 2017

Drinking Water and Wastewater Customer Assistance Programs

Learn how drinking water and wastewater utilities are implementing customer assistance programs (CAPs) created for customers having difficulty paying for water and sewer bills. CAPs help all customers receive the public health benefits of drinking water and wastewater services, while also helping utilities meet their financial needs and obligations.
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EFAB Report

• https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/evaluating-stormwater-infrastructure-funding-and-financing-task-force