



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK  
Small Community Drinking Water System Financing  
Workshop**

**November 16, 2021**

**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*All Times Eastern Standard*

Via Zoom

**12:55 p.m. Zoom Workshop Open**

**1:00 p.m. Welcome and Program Overview**

**Cynthia R. Harris**, Workshop Moderator and Deputy Director, Center for State, Tribal, and Local Environmental Programs, Environmental Law Institute

**1:05 p.m. Module #1: Environmental Protection Agency**

*55 minute presentation; 20 minute Q&A*

EPA drinking water finance experts will discuss the connection between sustainable funding, environmental compliance and maintaining public health. The presentation will provide an overview of both new and existing federal funding and financing sources and highlight select EPA tools and resources.

- **Cassandra Rice**, Attorney Advisor, Office of Enforcement Compliance Assurance, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Tara Johnson**, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency
- **Alison Flenniken**, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, Environmental Protection Agency

**2:20 p.m. Break**

**2:30 p.m. Spotlight Presentation: EPA's Water Finance Clearinghouse (10 min)**

- **Tara Johnson**, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Wastewater Management, Environmental Protection Agency

**2:40 p.m. Module #2: Environmental Finance Center**

*55 minute presentation; 20 minute Q&A*

EFC's financial experts will focus on financial sustainability, providing technical assistance on budgeting, asset management and capital planning tools and rate



setting. Presenters will also demonstrate of some of EFC's most popular interactive planning tools and resources.

- **Stephen Lapp**, Project Director, Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina
- **Elsemarie Mullins**, Project Director, Environmental Finance Center at University of North Carolina

**3:55 p.m. Concluding Remarks from LGEAN**