

Selected Financial Assistance Publications

"The Clean Water State Revolving Fund: Financing America's Environmental Infrastructure--A Report of Progress."

Describes national progress on addressing threats to water resources since 1972. Provides information on the accomplishments of the national SRF program, the level of federal and state investment, how the program works, how communities benefit from the program, and the types of projects funded. January 1995. (14 pgs) EPA 832-R-95-001.

"SRF Funding Framework Policy and Guidance."

Provides States a tool for establishing relative funding priorities for a range of projects meant to correct water quality problems either statewide or on a watershed basis. The guidance builds upon current SRF programs, broadens participation of nonpoint sources and estuary constituent groups, and encourages states to establish water quality priorities on a watershed basis. October 1996 (13 pages) EPA-832-B-96-005.

"Securing Improvements in Water Quality: EPA and Water Infrastructure Financing."

Article published in Fall, 1997 issue of *The Journal of Project Finance*. The article discusses the Agency's progress to date in delivering innovative approaches to the development of environmental infrastructure across the country. Specifically, the article features the accomplishments of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF), the goals of the new Drinking Water SRF, issues surrounding joint U.S. - Mexico infrastructure programs, and the challenges that remain in terms of effective stewardship of these infrastructure programs.

"Developing Public/Private Partnerships: An Option For Wastewater Financing."

An introductory document that provides background on financing the construction and expansion of wastewater treatment facilities using private resources, specifically public/private partnerships (P3s). The brochure outlines the steps necessary to secure P3 financing and addresses issues concerning structuring a successful partnership and agreement, October 1992. (14pgs) EPA 832-F-02-003. For more information and to order copies of the brochure, call the EPA Public Information Center at (202) 260-2080.

"Water and Wastewater Manager's Guide for Staying Financially Healthy"

This booklet helps small water and sewer utility managers understand some of the more important principles of financial management. It presents useful management tools to keep utilities financially healthy and running smoothly. It can help determine the financial shape of a utility and help lay a financial foundation for the future. July 1989. (14pgs) EPA 430-09-89-004. Order from the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (1-800-624-8301).

"Building Support for Increasing User Fees"

This document discusses the use of public education to build support for water and wastewater fee increases. The process of developing the message, choosing a spokesperson, targeting various audiences, and other campaign details are described. July 1989. (17pgs) EPA 430/09-89-006. Order from the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (1-800-624-8301).

"Road to Financing: Assessing and Improving Your Community's Credit worthiness"

This booklet can help water and wastewater utility managers and community officials assess and improve their community's credit worthiness. It defines credit worthiness, describes funding criteria, and discusses methods of evaluating a community's financial health. A list of organizations that provide information on financial issues and a table of comparative municipal financial indicators are included. September 1992. (14pgs) EPA832-B-92-004. Order from the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (1-800-624-8301).

"Determining Wastewater User Service Charge Rates: A Step-by-Step Manual"

This publication helps operators of small to medium size wastewater utilities determine rates for their residential, commercial, and industrial wastewater services. Included is a Lotus 1-2-3 computer model program and manual to help with calculation specific values for the system's user service chargers. August 1992. (29pgs)EPA 832-B-92-003. Order from the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (1-800-624-8301).

"Evaluating Municipal Wastewater User Charge Systems: What You Need To Know"

This publication provides information about EPA's Construction Grant User Charge System regulations. It suggests questions to ask while reviewing municipally owned wastewater treatment works user charges and provides a checklist, worksheets, definitions, and tips regarding compliance. September 1993 (38pgs) EPA832-R-93-010. Order from the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (1-800-624- 8301).

"Utility Manager's Guide to Water and Wastewater Budgeting"

This user-friendly booklet presents financial concepts that are helpful to water and wastewater utility managers when developing their annual budget. Offered are possible sources of revenue, expenses to consider, suggestions on gaining public support, and examples to assist with developing revenue and expense trends information. September 1994 (21pgs) EPA 832-B-94-010. Order from the National Small Flows Clearinghouse (1-800- 624-8301).