

The **EFC at Sacramento State** serves state and local governments, small disadvantaged communities, tribal communities, and the private sector. It serves EPA Region 9—that is, California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, and Pacific territories. We assist these entities in building and maintaining technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity for sustaining drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and watershed programs. Support services include training, technical assistance, and tool and resource development.

The EFC at Sacramento State is one of 10 centers partially funded by USEPA. Collectively, the centers comprise the **Environmental Finance Center Network** (EFCN). The EFCN offers no-cost assistance to drinking water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people, and wastewater systems treating 1 million gallons per day or less.

Following are examples of assistance the EFC at Sacramento State can provide:



Assessing and improving your asset management strategies

- Understanding the benefits and possibilities of asset management
- Creating an asset inventory
- Mapping your system
- Integrating green infrastructure
- Defining levels of service
- Estimate program costs (capital planning, permit compliance, O&M)
- Creating a rate structure, including affordability evaluation
- Comparing existing revenues and costs
- Filling in the funding gaps



Navigating grant and loan applications



Conducting a water loss audit



Assessing your TMF capacity



Staff training or resource development for any of the above

In addition to the assistance listed above, the other EFCN centers support the following TMF topics:

- Assessing options for lowering energy use
- Preparing for an operator certification exam
- Helping understand water/wastewater math
- Resiliency planning

To request assistance from the EFC at Sacramento State, please contact the EFC's Associate Director, Maureen Kerner, at maureen.kerner@owp.csus.edu.

To request assistance from other centers within the EFCN, complete the **EFCN technical assistance request form**.