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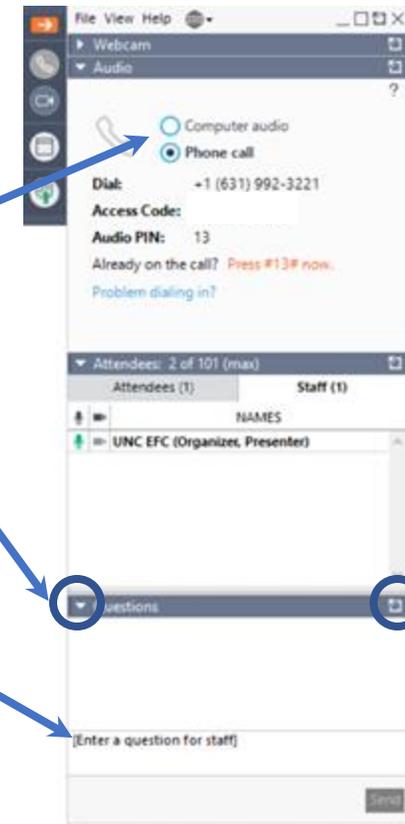
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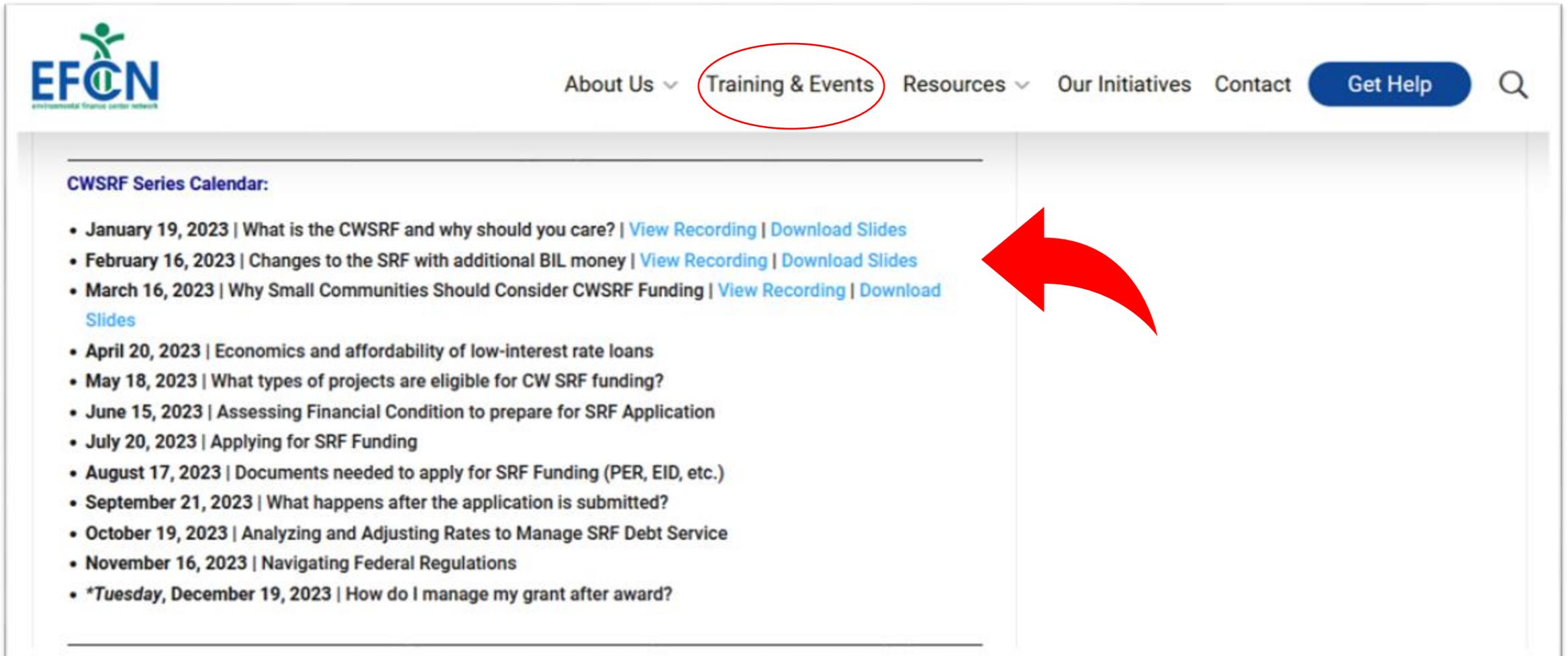
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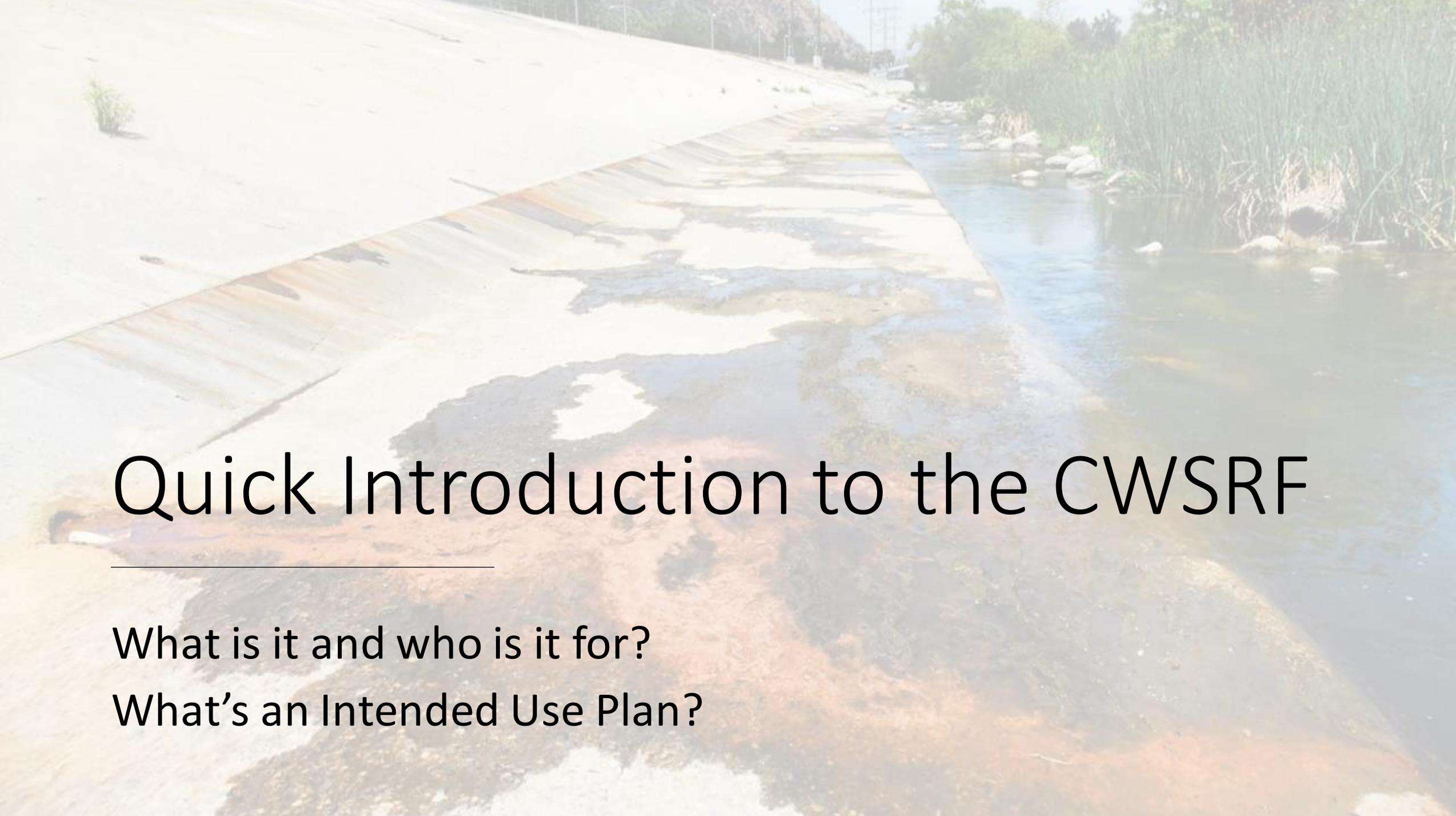
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Workshop Overview

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2. Project Priority Lists
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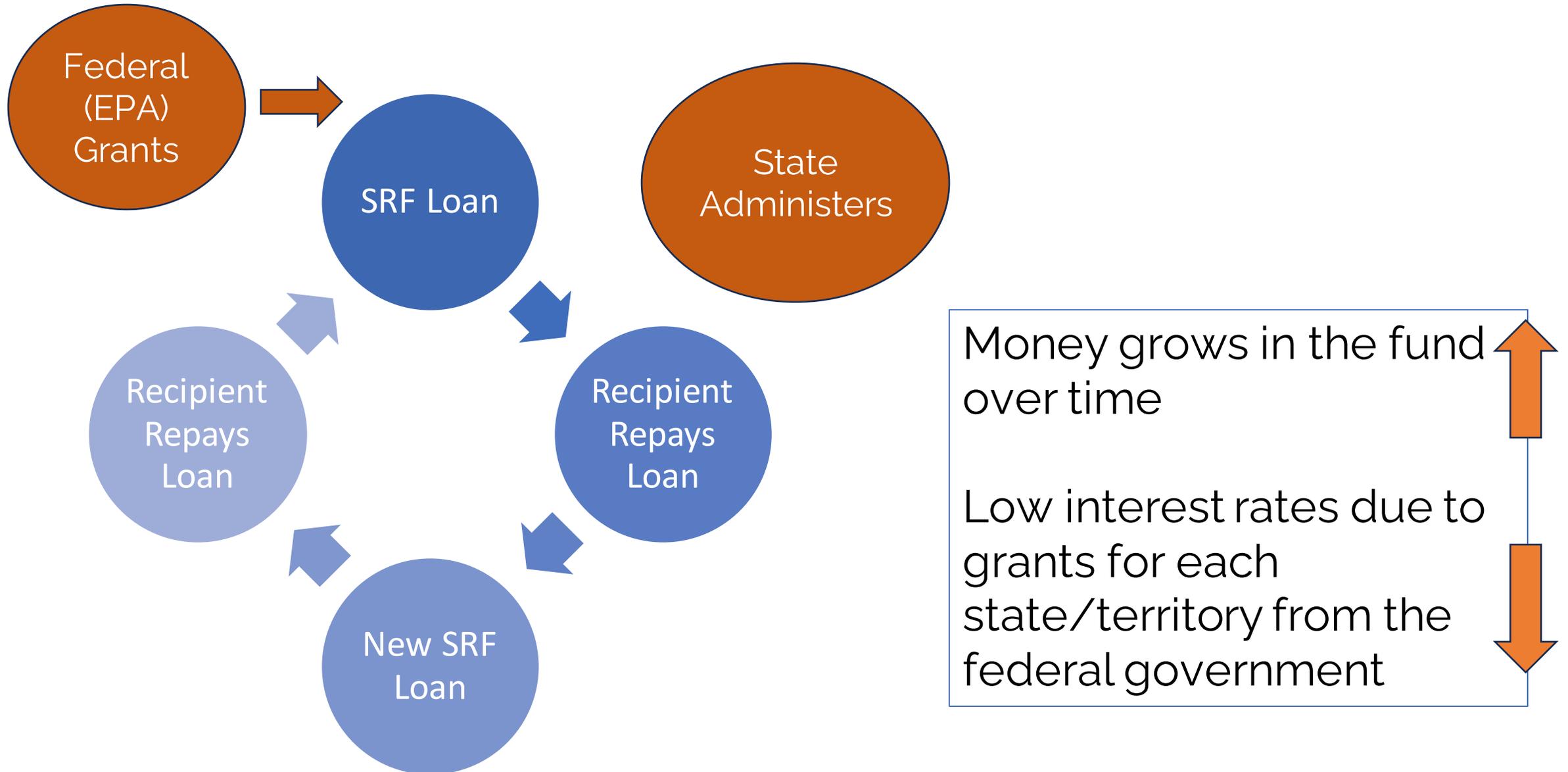
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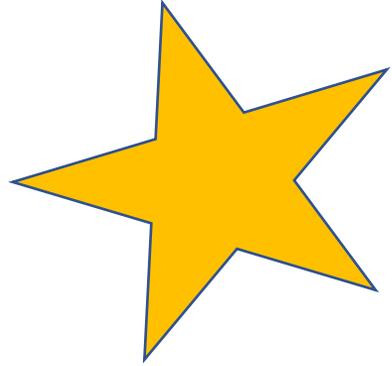
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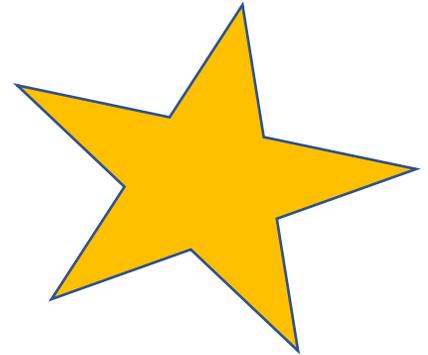




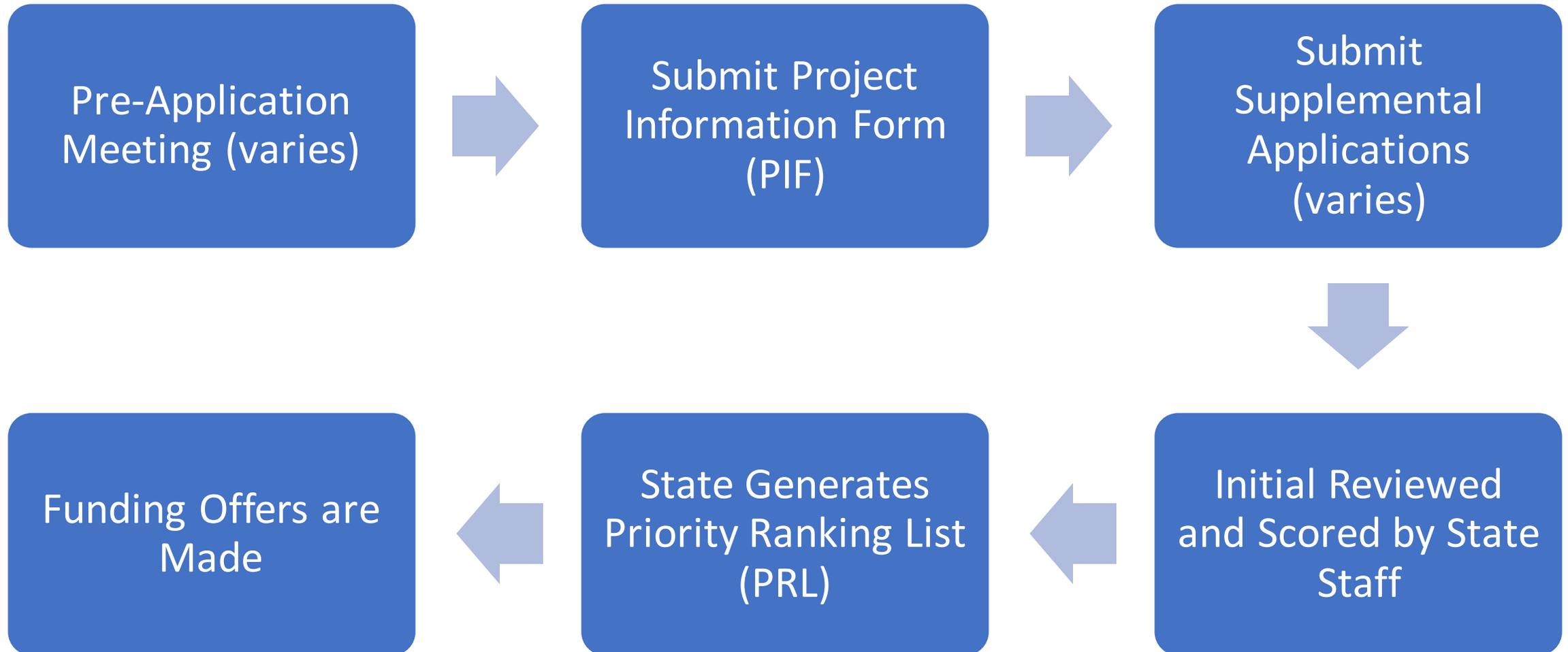
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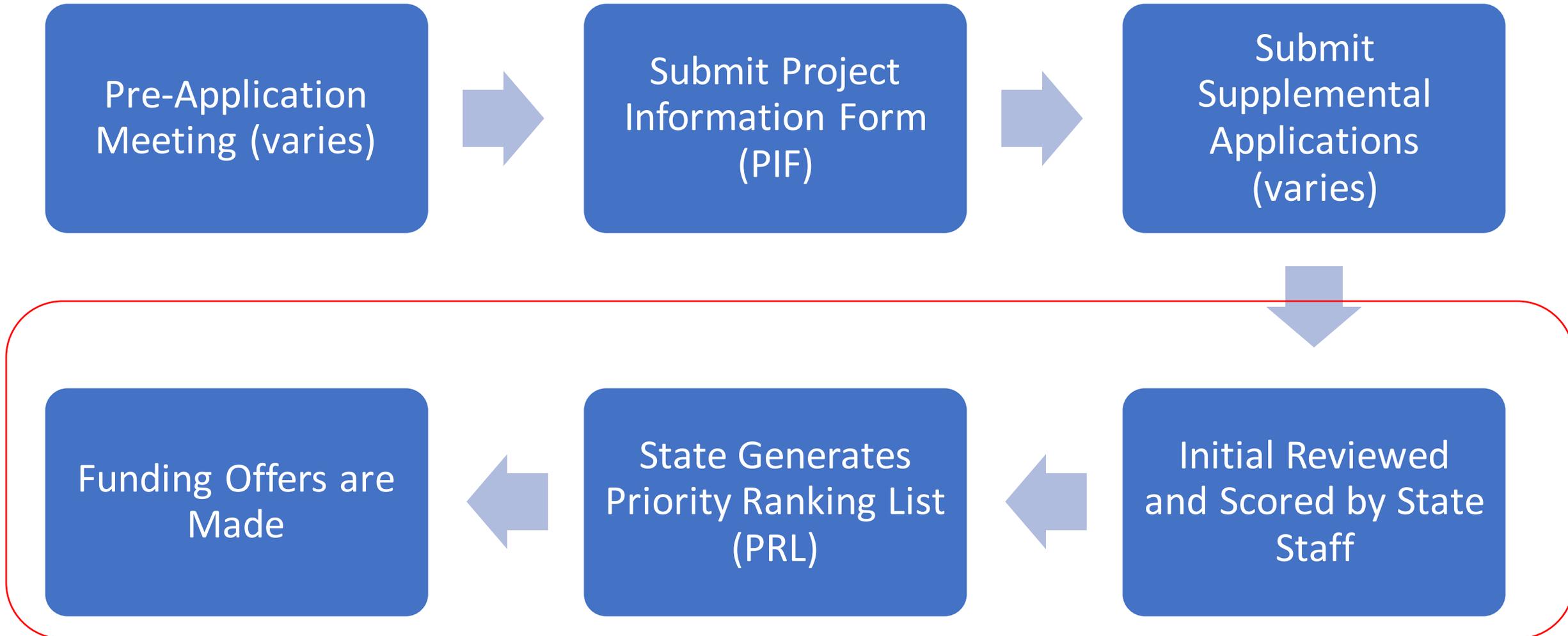
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Review: CWSRF Application Process



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Review: Intended Use Plan (IUP) – Your Road Map

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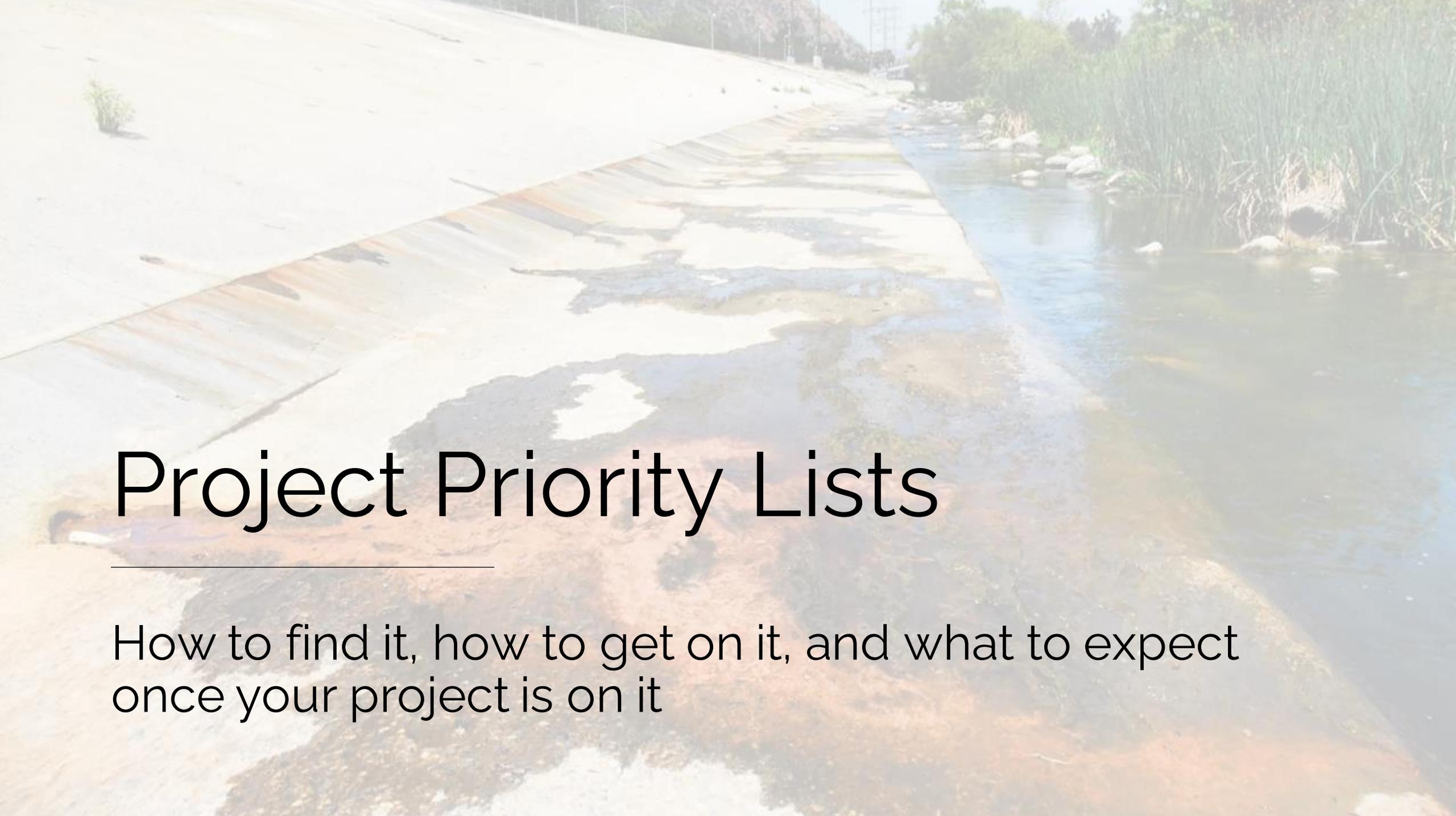
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Project Priority Lists

How to find it, how to get on it, and what to expect once your project is on it

Intended Use Plan

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Each year the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) publish Intended Use Plans (IUPs) that explain how the SRF funding capitalization grants provided by the Federal government will be used to support the programs. Each IUP makes program decisions to meet requirements set by Congress in each year's capitalization grants and to address state programmatic priorities. IUPs address critical program details including discussions of Project Priority Lists,

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2023 Final SRF Intended Use Plans

MassDEP's Final 2023 Intended Use Plans detail projects that that will be offered financing through the Clean Water & Drinking Water SRF programs.

MassDEP is pleased to present the 2023 Final Intended Use Plans detailing the projects, borrowers and amounts that will be offered financing through the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF loan programs. The SRF loan program is a joint federal-state financing loan program that provides subsidized interest rate loans to improve or protect water quality and infrastructure systems in the Commonwealth.

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Model

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Iowa Department of Natural Resources / Iowa Finance Authority



The Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa Finance Authority jointly administer the State Revolving Fund.

Iowa's [Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\)](#) is the best choice to finance the design and construction of drinking water systems to help ensure public health and provide safe drinking water for Iowans.

Iowa's [Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\)](#) is the best choice to finance publicly owned wastewater treatment, sewer rehabilitation, replacement, and construction, and storm water quality improvements. Since 1989, the CWSRF has provided more than \$1.4 billion in financing assistance for water pollution control.



Click on the CWSRF link to get to the State's program website

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Project/Priority Ranking Criteria

How States decide which projects to fund



Poll: Rate your state's Priority
Ranking Criteria

CASE STUDY

Delaware DWSRF Ranking Criteria

Info Sharing Strategy: Clear Ranking Criteria

Overview: Delaware DWSRF provides a ranking sheet which delineates criteria and maximum points possible. Each criteria is numbered and represented as a yes or no question. As this is the same sheet used by agencies to rank applications, utilities can fill out this sheet to estimate the points their application will receive.

Benefits: Having the ranking form available on Delaware's DWSRF website is extremely helpful for utilities to get an idea of where their application will fall. Using yes or no questions allows utilities to decide with some confidence whether they meet a certain criteria or not.

Recommendations: Though clearly laid out, Delaware's ranking criteria are complex, and sometimes use vague language. They also allow much state discretion in the application of points. Given that the funds are currently demand limited, the states may benefit from a simplification of the ranking criteria.

If the answer is **yes**, award the maximum points allowed.

Item	Criteria	Yes	No	Max Points	Points Awarded
1	Growth: Is this project primarily for growth? If yes, it is not an eligible project and review can end here.			0	
2	Affordability/Community Considerations: According to the preliminary financial review, is this project considered unaffordable and/or does this project meet Underserved Community criteria?			100	
3	Quality Deficiencies:				
3a	Was the Applicant required to provide a Public Notification (PN) to its consumers during the past three years for exceeding a drinking water standard in accordance with State or Federal Regulations?			80	
3b	Does the project description stated in the application address the compliance issue for which the PN was required?			30	
3c	INFORMATION received internally from the Office of Drinking Water during ranking. Does the Applicant meet or exceed the EPA's Electronic Tacking Tool (ETT)'s compliance score of 11? SCORE: _____			10	
3d	According to sample results, does the water system exceed any Secondary Standards?			25	
3e	Does the proposed project address issues related to any documented complaints about taste, color and/or odor?			15	
3f	Have any monitoring or reporting violations been issued in the past three years?			20	
4	System Information:				
4a	Population: 10,000 or more			10	
4b	Population: Between 5,001 – 9,999			10	
4c	Population: Between 3,301 – 5,000			10	
4d	Population: Between 500 – 3,300			20	
4e	Population: Less than 500			40	

Tips

Project ranking criteria are not always readily accessible and are typically overly complex. As well, they are generally difficult to understand and use vague language or jargon. We recommend the following to states.

For States:

- Use language—and/or provide clear glossary of terms and acronyms—that the layperson will readily understand.
- Provide sufficient detail to so that systems can determine how many points they are likely to receive.
- Share all prioritization and ranking criteria documents that are of public record in an easily found location and in an accessible format so that systems, customers, and other stakeholders can refer to them during the SRF process.
- Provide water systems with a checklist or ranking criteria spreadsheet they can fill out to track their points.
- Clearly explain priority/points your state allocates to **Green Project Reserve (GPR)**. If you do not address green infrastructure or sustainability, explain the set-aside fund reserved for such projects.

Tips

Project ranking criteria are not always readily accessible and are typically overly complex. As well, they are generally difficult to understand and use vague language or jargon. We recommend the following to utilities.

Utilities

- Get to know your state's project ranking criteria; if the criteria are not clear, contact a state SRF staff person.
- If a checklist or ranking criteria spreadsheet is available, use it. Retain a copy so that if you have any questions, you can contact SRF personnel about your points/score.
- Find out how your state allocates priority/points to Green Project Reserve (GPR). Some states do not address green infrastructure or sustainability, so they have a set-aside fund reserved for projects that are eligible under GPR or use a separate ranking criterion for this kind of projects.



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Make your project stand out through partnership and financing options that include green and natural infrastructure



Section 319: Nonpoint source (NPS) projects

Eligibility Examples: Section 319 Projects

Green stormwater
treatment/recovery

Agriculture BMPs

Decentralized
WWTF

Resource extraction
recovery

Contaminated sites
recovery

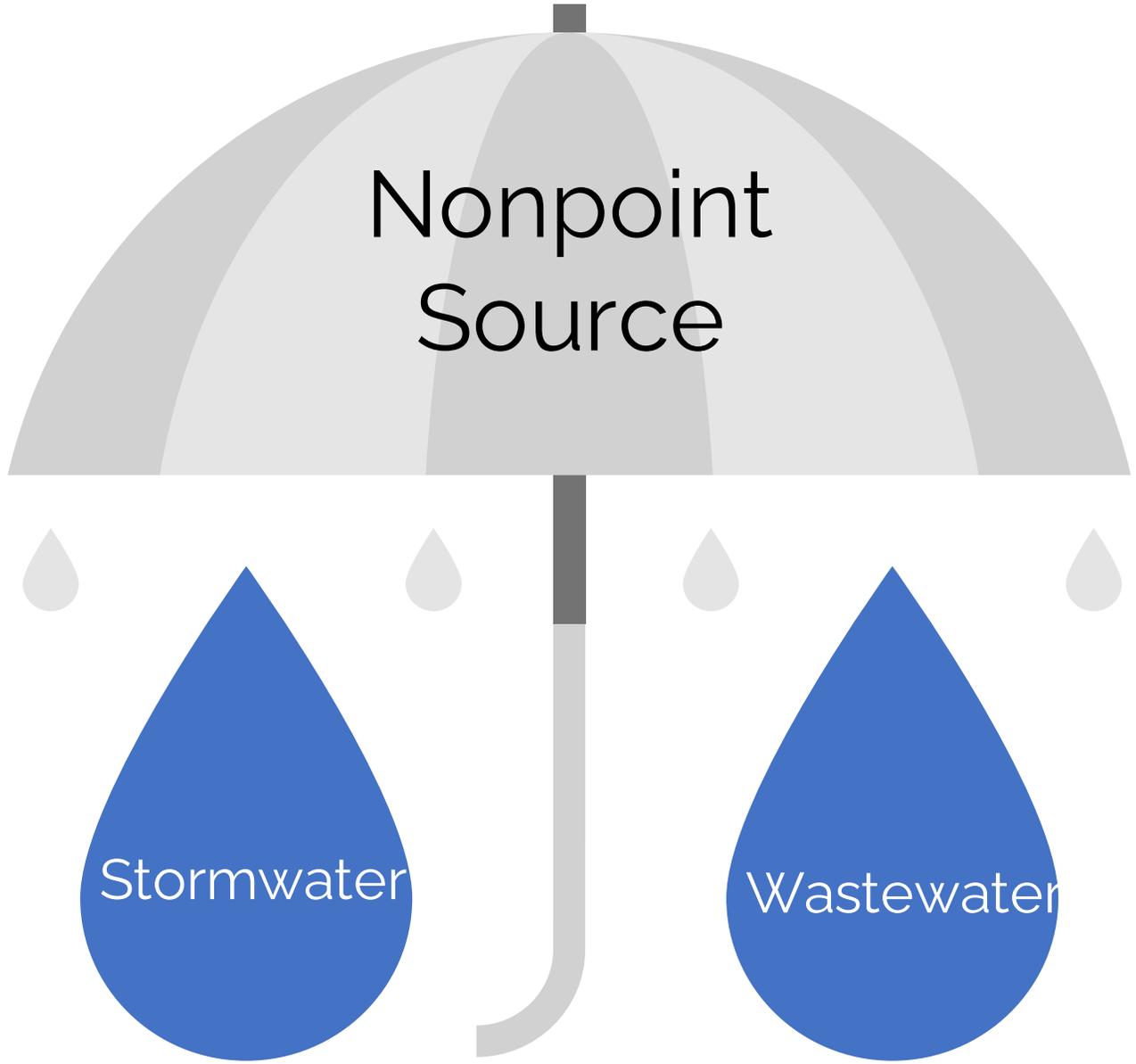
Landfills

Habitat protection &
restoration

Silviculture/Forestry

Groundwater
protection

Surface Water
Protection

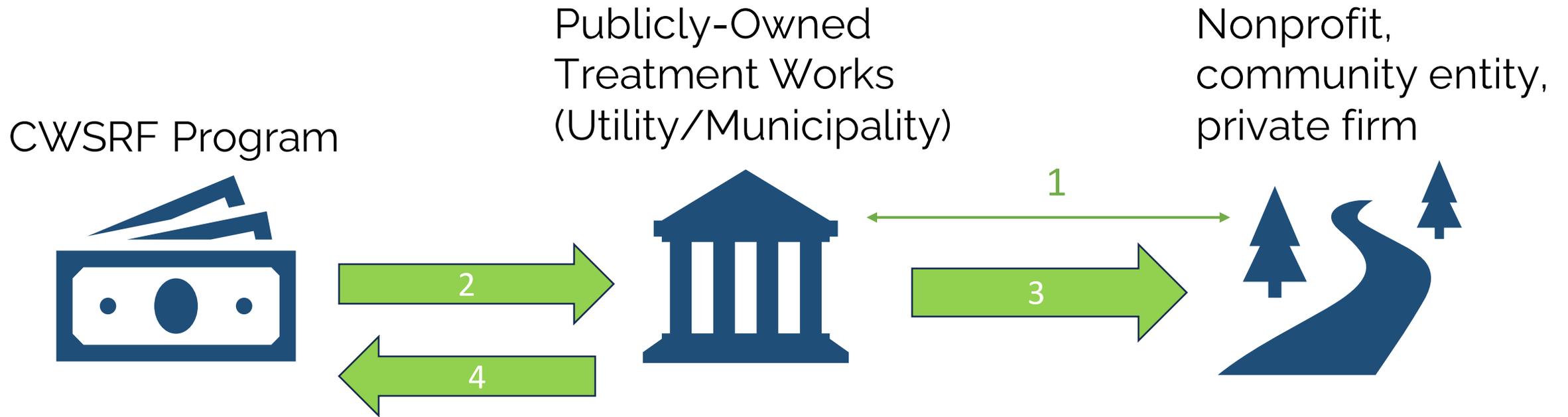


Nonpoint
Source

Stormwater

Wastewater

CWSRF Sponsorship: How it Works



Example: Clinton, Iowa

- Goal: Reduce amount of untreated wastewater discharging directly into river

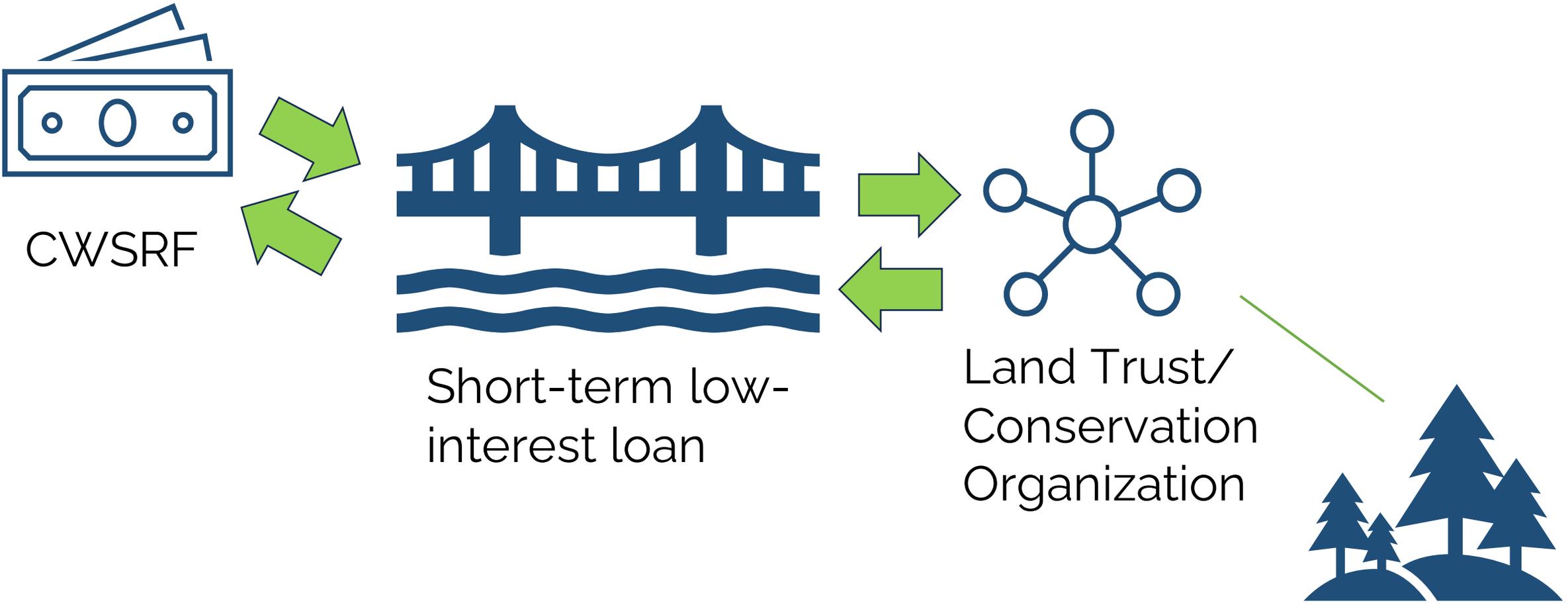


Example: Clinton, Iowa

- City applied for CWSRF funding for combined sewer separation project (2 new pump stations), AND
- City sponsored series of green infrastructure installations to reduce stormwater load on system
- City got 2 projects for the price of 1



CW/SRF Interim or "Bridge" Financing



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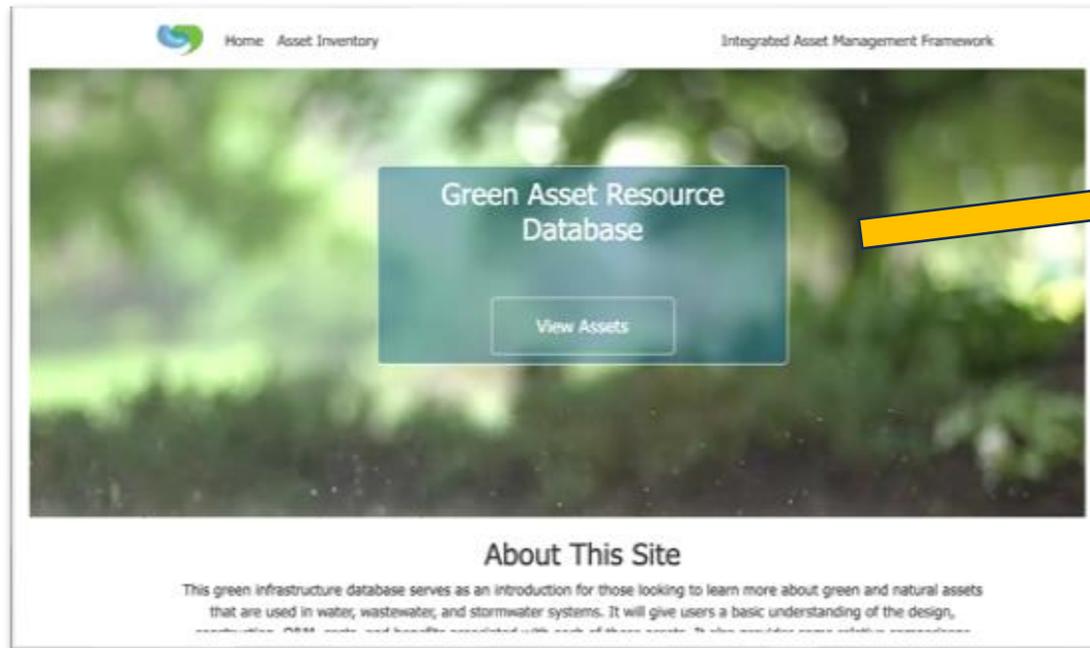
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Integrated Asset Management Framework:
Combining Green and Gray Assets

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- Free and available online
- A guide to combining green/natural and gray/traditional assets
- Interactive, including videos and clickable graphics

Green Asset Resource Database



The screenshot shows a detailed view of the Green Asset Resource Database. It features a table with columns for Name, Asset Type, Construction Rank, GIM Difficulty, and Action. A yellow arrow points from the 'View Assets' button on the homepage to this table. The table lists various green infrastructure assets with their respective types and ranks.

Name	ASSET TYPE	CONSTRUCTION RANK	GIM DIFFICULTY	ACTION
Bioswale Area	Enhanced	2	3	View
Blue Roof	Engineered	3	3	View
Constructed Wetlands	Natural	3	2	View
Cuts and Subsoil Erosion	Engineered	2	1	View
Overground Disconnection	Engineered	1	N/A	View
Drainage Dish or Channel	Enhanced	2	3	View

<https://swefcapps.unm.edu/gardb>

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State contacts

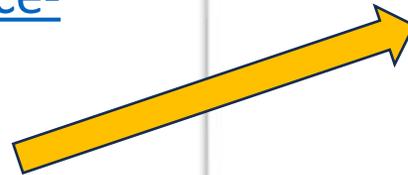
<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-cwsrf-program-contacts>

Regional office information is also available

<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/epa-regional-office-cwsrf-contacts>

Funding Tables by State

<https://efcnetwork.org/resources/funding-tables/>



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Funding Sources By State Or Territory

We work with state and federal agencies to make sure that current funding opportunities are consolidated in one place. Click the map below to find water and wastewater infrastructure funding sources for your state or territory.

New York Water and Wastewater Funding Sources

Compiled by the Environmental Finance Center Network, July 2022

Organization	Program (key words)	Gov. Entity	Non-Profit	For-Profit	Purpose or Use of Funds	How to Apply	Website	Contact
New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) <i>(water)</i>	✓			The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) provides financial assistance for drinking water projects. Examples include treatment plants, distribution mains and storage facilities. EFC provides both short and long-term financings to accommodate communities of all population sizes with varying financial needs. Interest-free financing and grants may be available to qualifying communities with demonstrated financial hardship. The DWSRF is administered jointly by EFC with the State Department of Health. EFC administers the financial aspects of the DWSRF.	To be considered, projects need to be listed on the Annual List of the DWSRF Intended Use Plan. This is done by completing a Project Listing Form and submitting it along with a Smart Growth Assessment Form and Engineer's report. Projects are typically listed each October 1st with the release of the Intended Use Plan. Once listed, applicants can submit a DWSRF Financing Application. Listing and application information can be found here: https://efc.ny.gov/dwsrf-apply	www.efc.ny.gov/dwsrf	Chief, Design Section Bureau of Water Supply Protection NYS Department of Health bpwsp@health.ny.gov 518-402-7650 or 1-800-458-1158 Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237
	Emergency Financial Assistance <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓			Emergency financial assistance is available to municipalities for wastewater and drinking water system issues that pose hazards to public health, public welfare or the environment. The amount is based on the reasonable costs immediately necessary to address the emergency. The financial assistance is to be repaid within one year.	Assistance can be provided within two business days of a determination by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) or Department of Health (DOH). You will have to formally declare an emergency and submit an application.	https://www.efc.ny.gov/emergency	Edward Hampston, P.E. Director, Bureau of Water Compliance Division of Water New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 518-402-9660 edward.hampston@dec.ny.gov
	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) <i>(wastewater, sewer, stormwater)</i>	✓			The Clean Water State Revolving Fund provides interest-free or low-interest rate financing for wastewater and sewer infrastructure projects to municipalities throughout New York State. A variety of projects are eligible for financing, including construction or restoration of sewers and wastewater treatment facilities, stormwater management, landfill closures, as well as habitat restoration and protection projects.	To be considered for CWSRF financing, applicants will need to complete a Project Listing Form, a Smart Growth Assessment Form, and a CWSRF Financing Application. Application information can be found at https://efc.ny.gov/cwsrf-apply	www.efc.ny.gov/cwsrf	Dwight Brown Division of Operations & Program Mgmt NYSWaterGrants@efc.ny.gov
	Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) <i>(water, wastewater)</i>	✓			EFC is offering \$400 million in grants for clean and drinking water projects during the 2021-2022 state fiscal year to municipalities with infrastructure projects that protect public health and/or improve water quality. Various types of clean and drinking water infrastructure projects are eligible, including critical water infrastructure projects that combat emerging contaminants (EC), such as PFOA, PFOS and 1,4 dioxane with system upgrades and innovative pilot technologies, along with those that address combined and/or sanitary sewer overflow impacts from sustained rain events.	Clean Water: Limited to \$5 million per year per municipality. Drinking Water: Limited to \$3 million per year. Deadline for 2022 is September 9th. Specific requirements and application procedures for each offering of WIIA and IMG grants are posted on EFC's website when the application period is open.	https://www.efc.ny.gov/WIIA	518-402-6924 625 Broadway Albany, New York 12207

<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-cwsrf-program-contacts>



Clean Water State Revolving Fund

CONTACT US

State CWSRF Program Contacts

CWSRF assistance is provided directly from state agencies. Contact the CWSRF program in your state for information on how to apply.

State	Contact	Phone	Email	State CWSRF Website
Alabama	Eric Reidy	(334) 271-7805	eric.reidy@adem.alabama.gov	Alabama Department of Environmental Management 
Alaska	Carrie Bohan	(907) 465-5143	carrie.bohan@alaska.gov	Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation 
	Young Ha	(907) 269-7544	young.ha@alaska.gov	
Arizona	Lindsey Jones	(602) 364-1324	ljones@azwifa.gov	Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona 
	General	(602) 364-1310	contact@azwifa.gov	
Arkansas	Debby Dickson	(501) 682-0548	debra.dickson@arkansas.gov	Arkansas Department of Agriculture 
California	Michael Downey	(916) 341-5698	michael.downey@waterboards.ca.gov	California Water Resources Control Board 
	Sandeep Kals	(916) 324-8404	sandeep.kals@waterboards.ca.gov	
	General	(916) 314-5296	CleanWaterSRF@waterboards.ca.gov	

CW SRF Resources

- EPA's CW SRF Factsheets
 - <https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf-factsheets>
- SW EFC's SRF Infohub
 - <https://swefcsrfswitchboard.unm.edu/srf/>



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Reducing Significant Non-Compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits

EPA Document # 805F22002 March 2022

Compliance Tips for Small Wastewater Treatment Lagoons with Clean Water Act Discharge Permits

Background on this Compliance Advisory

This advisory is written to assist owners and operators of small publicly and privately owned lagoons wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) to comply with the law. Of the facilities in recent "significant non-compliance" (SNCL) with their Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, approximately 85 percent are WWTPs. SWTP owners and operators are reminded of their responsibility to comply with the requirements in their NPDES permits, and that compliance and financial performance resources are available to help them comply. Also note that EPA and states currently are undertaking an [initiative to reduce NPDES SNCL](https://www.epa.gov/npdes). As a result, NPDES permittees, regardless of industry sector, facility size or type, will see an increased pressure by EPA and its state and tribal partners in an effort to identify and address SNCL, including using enforcement and other compliance assistance tools.



The image shows two technicians in high-visibility yellow and orange jackets and white hard hats. They are standing on a metal walkway or platform at an industrial or utility site. One technician is holding a laptop, and both are looking at the screen. In the background, there are large concrete structures, possibly part of a water treatment plant, and utility towers. The overall scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Technical Assistance: Remote or In-Person

We can provide assistance on a full array of Technical, Managerial, & Financial Topics such as:

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Certification &
Education

Asset
Management

Effective Utility
Management

Workforce
Development

Rates and Fiscal
Sustainability

Affordability

Operation and
Maintenance

Resilience and
Planning for an
Uncertain Future

Green and
Natural
Infrastructure

Water Efficiency
(Inflow/Infiltration)

Access to
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Request assistance now or contact us for more information.





Technical Assistance Request Form

The EFCN offers no cost assistance to drinking water systems serving 10,000 or fewer people and wastewater systems that treat 1 million gallons per day or less. Examples of assistance we can provide include:

- Conducting a water loss audit
- Assessing options for lowering energy use
- Starting an asset management plan
- Identifying next steps in your asset management process
- Creating an asset inventory
- Mapping your water system
- Rate setting
- Near-term financial & long-term capital planning
- Analyzing your revenues and expenses
- Resiliency planning
- Preparing for an operator certification exam
- Helping understand water/wastewater math
- Integrating green infrastructure into your gray asset management plant

To request assistance, please fill out the form below. You will be asked a few questions to help us understand your system and what kind of assistance you need.

Name *

Title/Position *

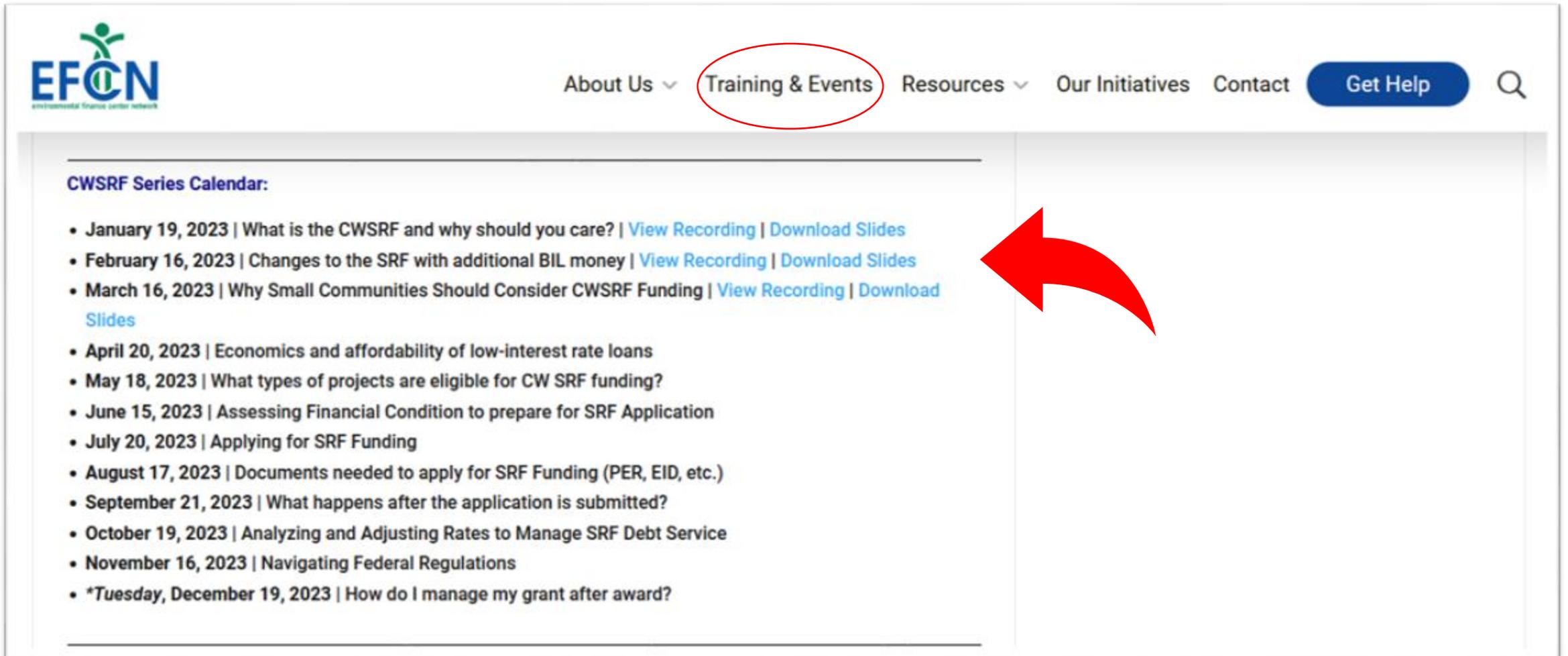
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