



SOUTHEAST SUSTAINABILITY
DIRECTORS NETWORK



**EPA Community Grants
Bonus Session**

September 25, 2024



Training Objectives

- Share resources to apply for and manage Community Grants
- Create a supportive peer-to-peer network
- Increase local grant writing and management capacity

Disclaimer!

The training provides guidance, but not authoritative interpretations of federal laws, rules or regulations.

Curriculum

1. Possibilities, Limitations & Requirements: June 26
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6. Application Submittal: September 4
- Bonus: Other Water TA Providers: September 25***
7. Grant Management & Reporting: October ~~2~~ **9**
8. Troubleshooting & Closing: October ~~16~~ **23**

Bonus Session Agenda

1. Fellow TA Providers
 - a. Alicea Easthope-Frazer, Sr. Project Director, UNC Chapel Hill EFC
 - b. Campbell Simmons, Resilient Communities and Policy Associate, River Network
2. Federal Technical Assistance Portfolio
3. Q&A and Peer Exchange

1. Fellow TA Providers

SSDN Multimedia EFC

Services:

- Community Outreach and Facilitation
- Capacity Building
 - Peer learning
 - Training
 - Technical Assistance one-on-one
- Research, Policy Analysis and Funding

Current focus:

- Water
- Environmental Justice



The Southeast Sustainability Directors Network

The Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) is a collaborative community that develops sustainability solutions to the South's unique sustainability challenges. SSDN's 115 local and tribal government members build knowledge and learn from colleagues in other areas about best practices to meet their community's needs. Communities located in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia working in all stages of sustainability implementation join the network to scale, accelerate, and implement sustainable best practices so that our region's communities are equipped to adapt to and mitigate climate change.



Sustainability Directors representing over 75 local governments attended our 2022 Annual Meeting

SSDN's Environmental Finance Center

SSDN's Environmental Finance Center (EFC) provides a flexible service to help communities in the Southeast compete for funding opportunities. The EFC aggregates and shares funding opportunities, tools, and resources with local and state governments and community-based organizations. It also provides guidance and information about opportunities, and communicates strategically to maximize the opportunity for federal investments in Southeast communities' sustainability and resilience priorities. Through these efforts, the EFC helps local sustainability practitioners:

- Find Federal Funding Opportunities
- Access Federal Financial and Technical Assistance
- Build and Strengthen Strategic Relationships
- Build Capacity for Long-term Success

2. Federal TA Portfolio

TA Offerings

- [Technical Assistance Guide](#), published Sept 2023
- [Thriving Communities](#) - EPA, FEMA, DOE, DOT, HUD, USDA, etc
 - [WaterTA](#) - EPA
 - [Engineering Support](#)
 - Environmental Justice TCTACs - [REACT4EJ](#) - EPA
 - [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities](#) - FEMA

TA Offerings

- [Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project](#) - DOE/NREL
- [Clean Energy to Communities](#) - DOE/NREL

- [Floodplain Management Services](#) - US Army Corps of Eng.
- [Planning Assistance to States](#) - US Army Corps of Eng.
 - Requires match 1:1

3. Q&A, Peer Exchange

Pain Points

- What other information do you need to successfully submit your Community Grant application(s)?
- Are there unanswered questions for EPA that we may assist you with?

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