



EPA Community Grants Training Session 2

October 10, 2025



Training Objectives

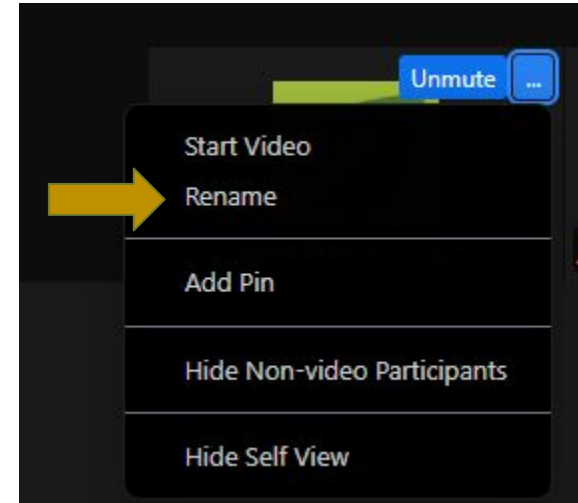
- Share resources to apply for and manage Community Grants
- Create a supportive peer-to-peer network
- Increase local grant writing and management capacity

Disclaimer!

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

Housekeeping

- Participation
 - Add your location next to your name
 - Hold questions for the end of the presentations
 - Please turn your camera on, if possible, during Q&A
- Recordings
 - Presentations will be recorded
 - Q&A and discussions will not be recorded
 - Recordings and slides will be posted on SSDN's website



Curriculum

1. Community Grants Basics - 09/25
- 2. Support Resources, Waiver Eligibility - 10/09**
3. Application Components - 10/16
4. Entity Registration; Other Funding Options - 10/30
5. NEPA and Other Cross-Cutting Regulations - 11/13
6. Procurement Regulations - 12/04
7. Grant Management and Reporting - 12/11



Session 2 Agenda

1. Application resources
2. Cost share waivers
3. Q&A and peer connections

1. Application Resources

Resources from EPA

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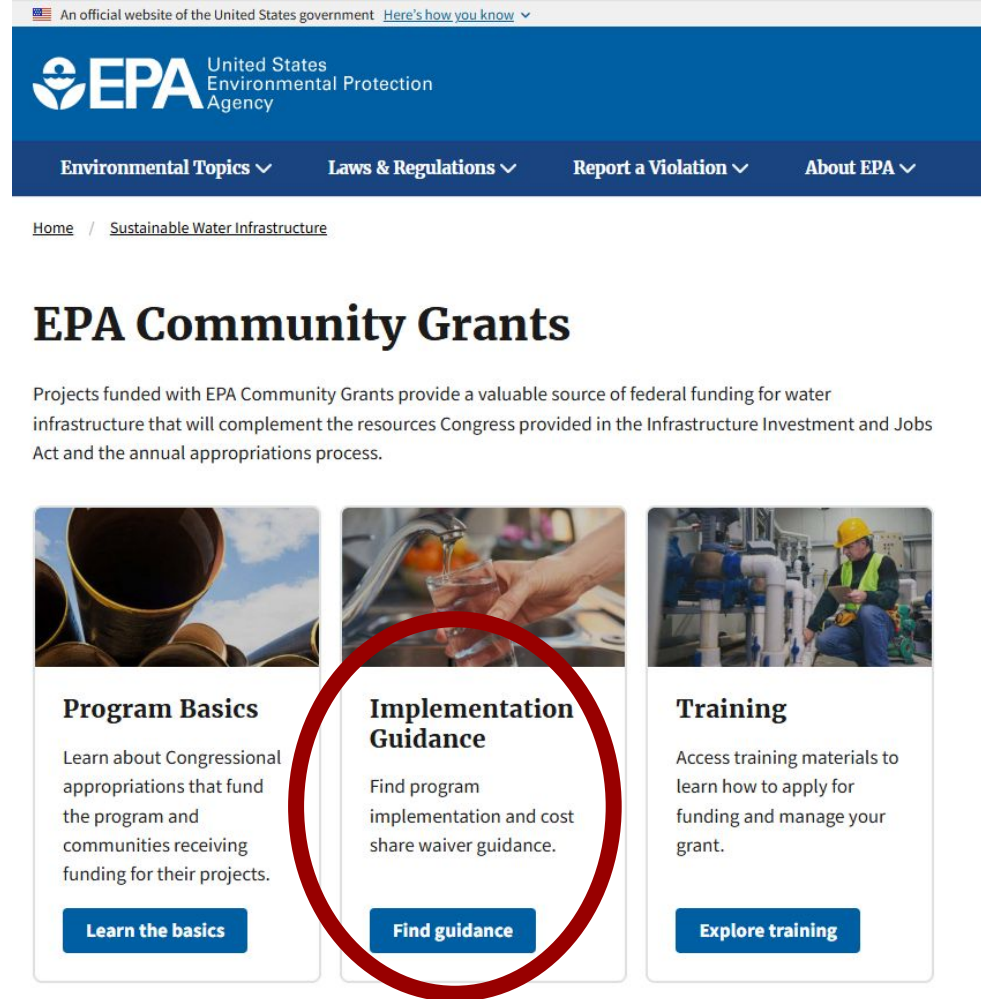
<https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-water-infrastructure/epa-community-grants>

Final Implementation Guidance

- Technical corrections
- Crosscutting regulations
- Procurement references

Cost Share Waiver Implementation Guidance

[General Terms and Conditions](#)



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EPA Community Grants


Projects funded with EPA Community Grants provide a valuable source of federal funding for water infrastructure that will complement the resources Congress provided in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the annual appropriations process.



Program Basics

Learn about Congressional appropriations that fund the program and communities receiving funding for their projects.


[Learn the basics](#)



Implementation Guidance

Find program implementation and cost share waiver guidance.

[Find guidance](#)



Training

Access training materials to learn how to apply for funding and manage your grant.

[Explore training](#)

Resources from EPA

Required training

- For new recipients, and
- For recipients who last received an EPA grant prior to Oct. 1, 2014



EPA Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients

6 modules, approx. 5h total



How to Develop a Budget

4 modules, approx. 2h total

Non-required webinars: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-webinars>

2. Cost Share Waivers

Cost Share Requirement

- Non-federal funds: min 20% of grant project cost
 - Ex. \$2M grant (80%) = \$400K match (20%); total project: \$2.4M
- *Any voluntary cost share funding will be subject to the grant terms and conditions as well as applicable requirements and must be used on eligible activities.*
 - [EPA Community Program Q&A](#)
- Federally recognized Tribes are exempt
- Disadvantaged communities may be exempt - must request waiver

Cost Share Requirement

- Sources of match:
 - Public:
 - State (incl. State Revolving Fund)
 - Local
 - CDBG, Dept of Ag Rural Development funds, Appalachian Regional Commission funds
 - Private:
 - Business, nonprofit
 - In-kind:
 - Admin expenses

Cost Share Waiver Criteria

Same for all FY of funding

1. Median household income: $< 80\%$ of state MHI
2. Upper limit of Lowest Quintile Income: \leq national LQI
3. Poverty level: $\geq 30.9\%$ of pop under 200% poverty level
4. Poverty level: $\geq 20\%$ of pop under poverty level
5. Food stamps/SNAP benefits: $\geq 11.7\%$ of population

Cost Share Waiver Implementation Guidance, March 1, 2024

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-02/community-grants-cost-share-waiver-guidance.pdf>

MHI per State

State	MHI	80% of MHI
Alabama	\$ 62,027	\$ 49,622
Florida	\$ 71,711	\$ 57,369
Georgia	\$ 74,664	\$ 59,731
Kentucky	\$ 62,417	\$ 49,934
Mississippi	\$ 54,915	\$ 43,932
North Carolina	\$ 69,904	\$ 55,923
South Carolina	\$ 66,818	\$ 53,454
Tennessee	\$ 67,097	\$ 53,678

Source: ACS 5-yr 2023

What's a Quintile??

Income brackets	Lower limit (example)	Upper limit (example)
Lowest	\$ 0	\$ 25,000
Second	\$ 25,001	\$ 35,200
Third	\$ 35,201	\$ 68,520
Fourth	\$ 68,521	\$ 98,456
Upper	\$ 98,457	\$ 147,890

National upper limit of
Lowest Quintile Income: \$33,775

NOTICE:


Due to the lapse of federal funding, portions of this website will not be updated. Any inquiries submitted will not be answered until appropriations are enacted.

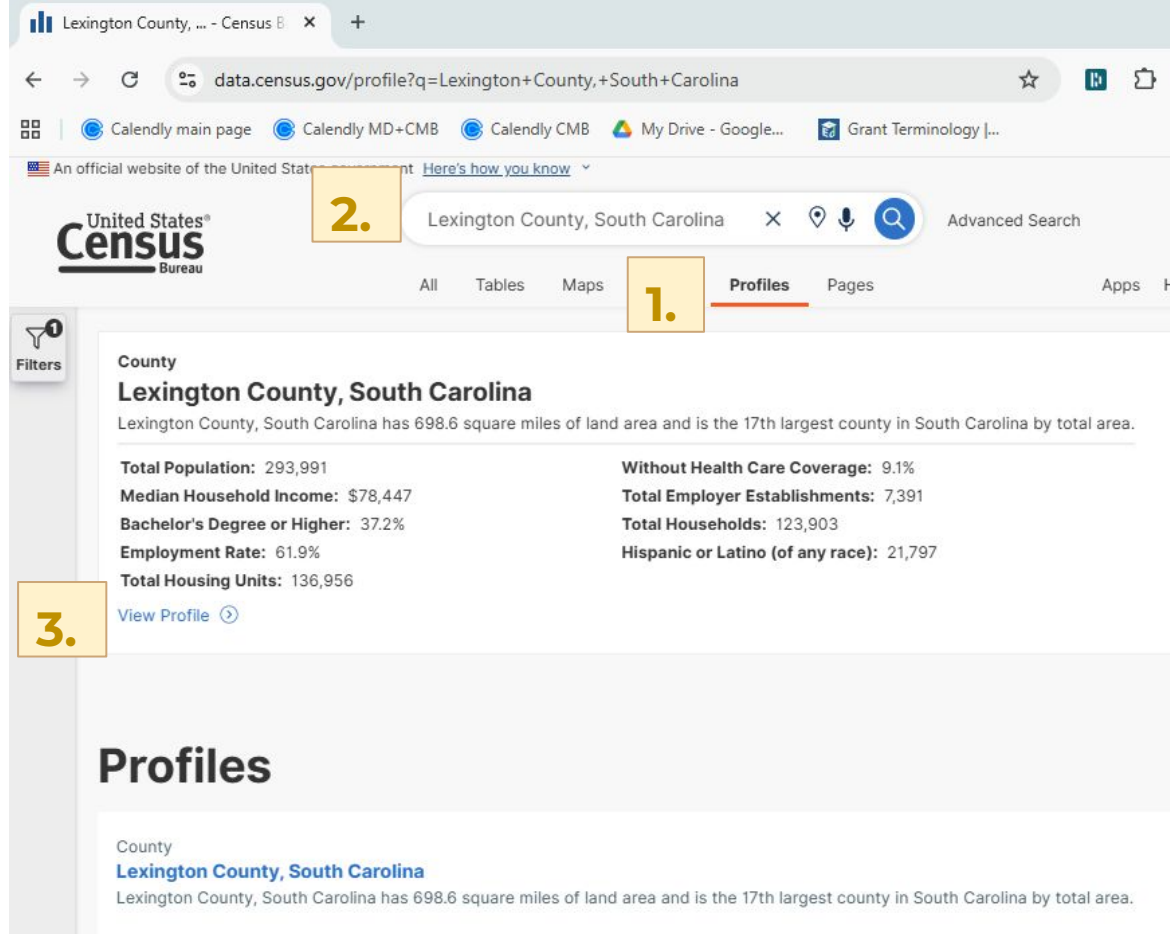
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Census Profile

data.census.gov

How it *should* work

1. Click Profiles tab
2. Type location, then 
3. Click [View Profile](#)



The screenshot shows the data.census.gov website. The browser address bar displays the URL: data.census.gov/profile?q=Lexington+County,+South+Carolina. The United States Census Bureau logo is visible. The search bar contains the text "Lexington County, South Carolina". The "Profiles" tab is selected in the navigation menu. The profile for Lexington County, South Carolina is displayed, showing various statistics such as Total Population, Median Household Income, Bachelor's Degree or Higher, Employment Rate, Total Housing Units, Without Health Care Coverage, Total Employer Establishments, Total Households, and Hispanic or Latino (of any race). The "View Profile" link is highlighted with a blue circle.

1. Profiles

2. Search bar

3. View Profile

County
Lexington County, South Carolina
Lexington County, South Carolina has 698.6 square miles of land area and is the 17th largest county in South Carolina by total area.

Total Population: 293,991	Without Health Care Coverage: 9.1%
Median Household Income: \$78,447	Total Employer Establishments: 7,391
Bachelor's Degree or Higher: 37.2%	Total Households: 123,903
Employment Rate: 61.9%	Hispanic or Latino (of any race): 21,797
Total Housing Units: 136,956	

[View Profile](#)

Profiles

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SNAP Benefits

<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/food-stamps/>

We ask one question about receiving benefits from the food stamp/SNAP program to better understand food assistance program needs.

VIEW QUESTION

Results from this question

The results from this question are compiled to provide communities with important statistics about housing characteristics. You can see some of these published statistics here for the nation, states, and your community.

United States

Households Receiving Food Stamp/SNAP Benefits

11.8 percent

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates
Data Profiles/Economic Characteristics

Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP that Have Children Under 18 Years

47.2 percent

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates
Subject Tables: S2201

Median Income of Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP

29,953 dollars

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates
Subject Tables: S2201

Lexington County, South Carolina

GET DATA

Lexington County, South Carolina

Households Receiving Food Stamp/SNAP Benefits

9.8 percent

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates
Data Profiles/Economic Characteristics

Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP that Have Children Under 18 Years

57.9 percent

Source: Latest ACS 5-Year Estimates
Subject Tables: S2201

VIEW STATE AND LOCAL DATA

Food Stamp/SNAP data help communities:

Provide Food Assistance to School Children

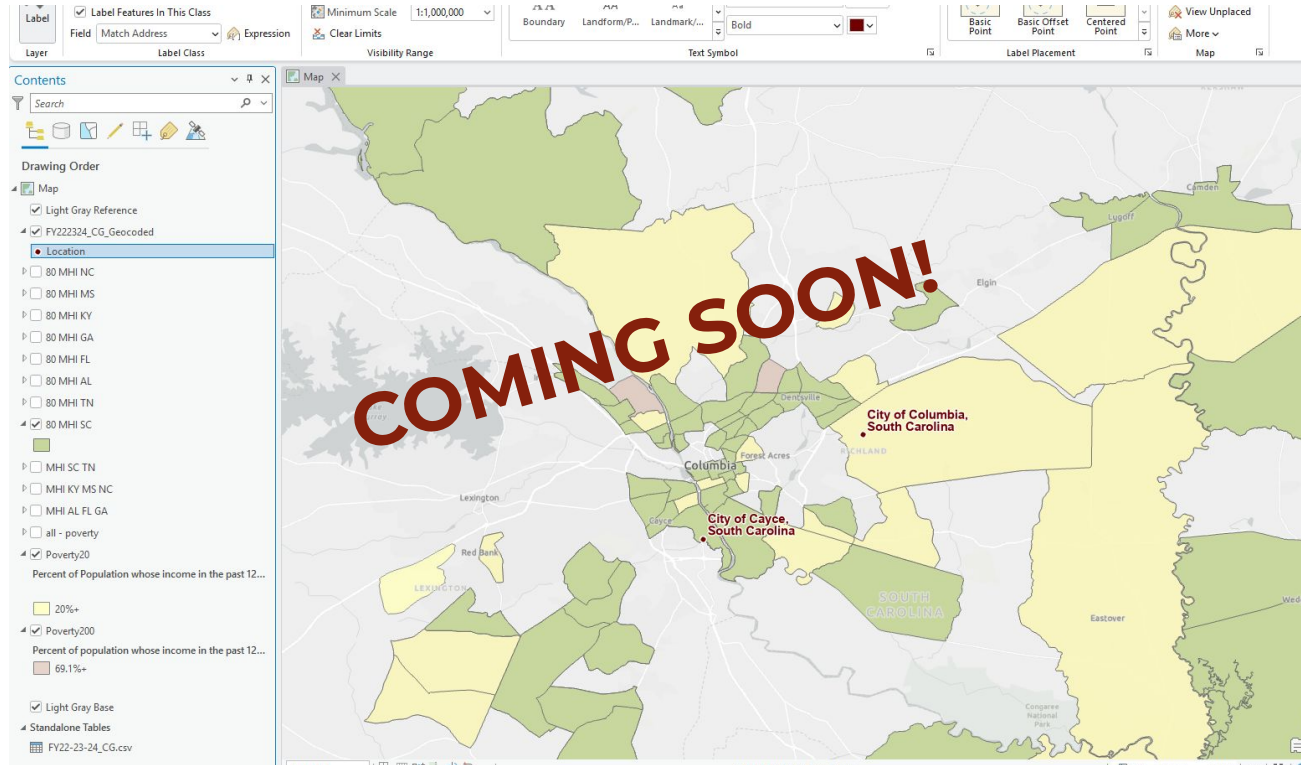
We want to know more about food assistance

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Eligibility & Access

Cost Share Waiver Implementation Guidance, March 1, 2024

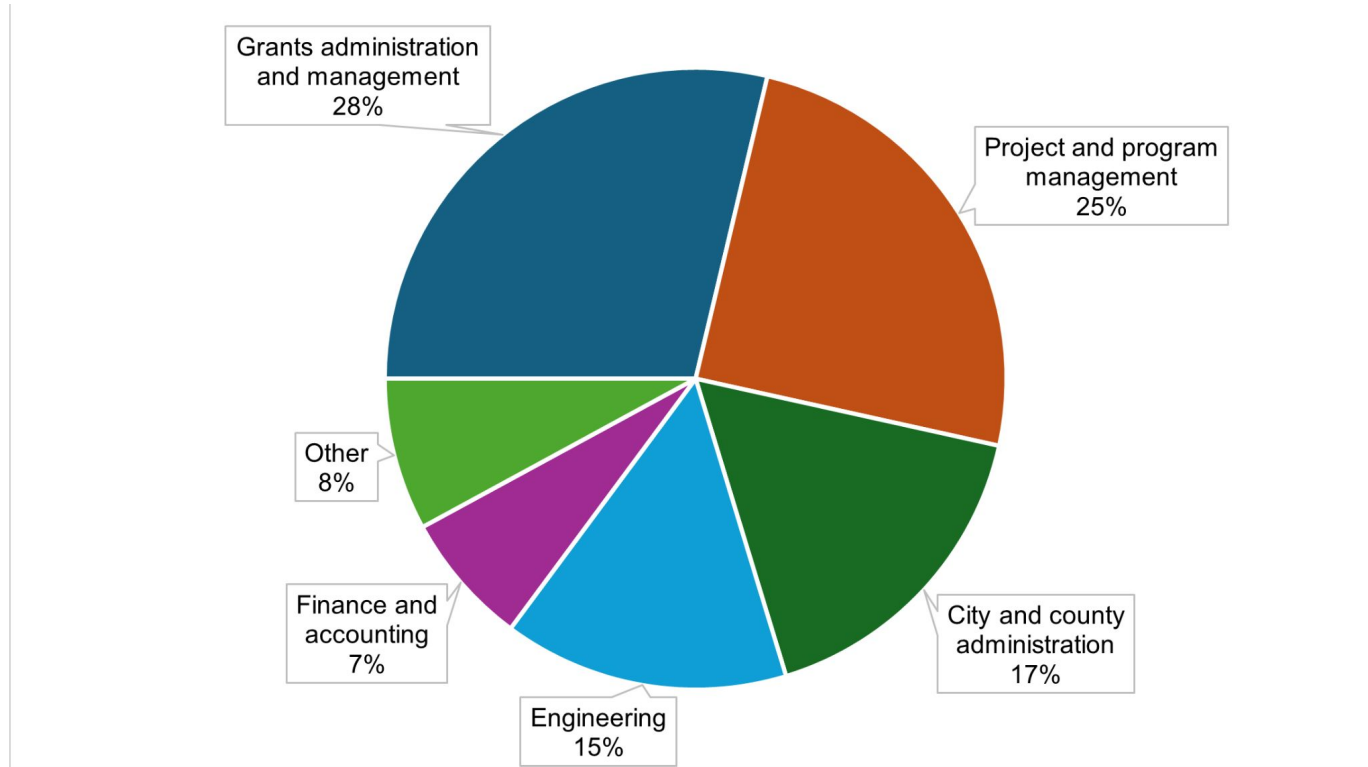
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Interactive Map

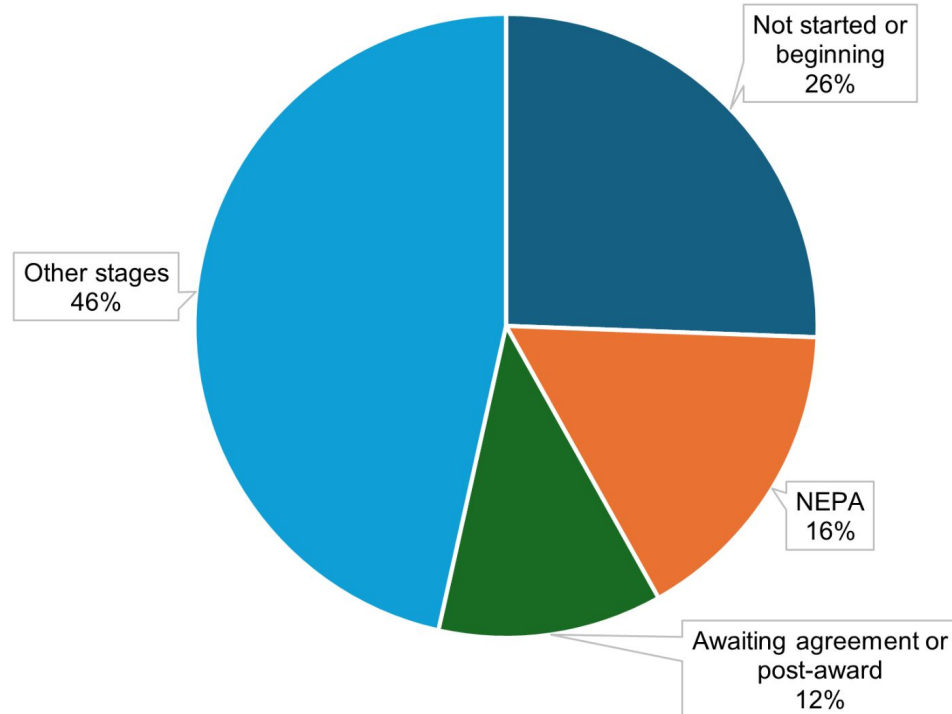


3. Q&A and Peer Exchange

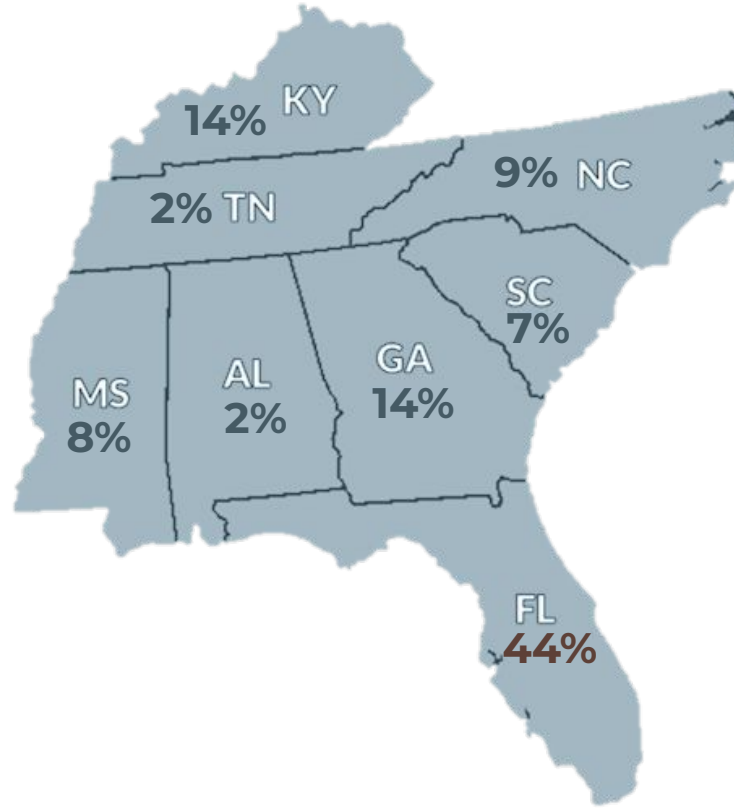
Training Participants



Application Progress



State Representation



Open Floor



Next Session



Oct. 16: Application Components

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