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## Mission of the MOU

- Streamline collaboration between FEMA and SRF programs to ensure that funding for vital water infrastructure recovery is available after a Presidential-declared disaster.
- Traditionally, a community would expend their own funds and wait for reimbursement from FEMA.
- FEMA and SRFs can coordinate to help a community as quickly as possible with assistance, such as low interest or no-interest loans to enable recovery in advance of FEMA reimbursement.



# Key Elements of the MOU

- Authority
- Purpose and Scope.
- Responsibilities of EPA and FEMA
- Reporting and Documentation
- Points of Contact
- Period of Performance





### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

Regarding Coordination between EPA and FEMA Pertaining to State Revolving Fund Programs

### PARTIES

The Parties to this agreement are the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### II. AUTHORITY

This Agreement is authorized under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relilef and Emergency Assistance Act, P.L. 93-288, as amended (Stafford Act): 42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq; Title IV of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code § 1383), as amended; Title 42 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. § 300j-12).

### PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a framework for the EPA funded State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs to assist and collaborate with FEMA disaster assistance grant programs. Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs operate in all fifty states and Puerto Rico. SRF programs provide low-interest loans and additional subsidies to public, private, and non-profit entities for eligible drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities and a wide variety of other water and wastewater infrastructure projects. SRFs have worked cooperatively with FEMA and state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to allow local entities to quickly recover and restore their vital infrastructure after a Presidentially-declared major disaster. The proposed activities in this MOU are intended to streamline coordination between FEMA and the SRFs to enable funding to support essential infrastructure projects to be made available as quickly as possible.

In cases where applicants for FEMA grant assistance need funding to meet cost sharing requirements or provide interim financing for FEMA-funded projects, the SRFs can act as cooperative and nimble financing sources with the benefit of pre-established relationships with the many municipalities applying for FEMA disaster assistance grant

https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/memorandum-understandingbetween-environmental-protection-agency-and-departmenthomeland

## Utilization, Feedback and a Path Forward

- To-date, Oklahoma and Nebraska SRFs have used the MOU
- The SRF and FEMA will take the necessary steps to promote this MOU by:
  - Marketing and Outreach via webinars, factsheets, social media, newsletters and more
  - Training sessions on public assistance and emergency funding
  - Resiliency and Recovery Workgroup participation amongst both agencies



# THANK YOU!

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