



2021 CIFA SRF Workshop

Bridge Financing with EPA FEMA MOU: Monday, September 27, 3:00 – 4:30 pm (ET)

SRFs to the Rescue

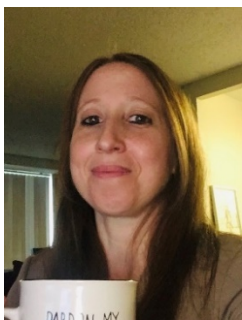
Get an update on the partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to work together to respond quickly in the aftermath of natural disasters. Hear how Nebraska and Oklahoma SRFs used the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies to provide bridge financing to help communities recover from catastrophic floods.

Meet the Speakers



David Zimmer, New Jersey Infrastructure Bank

David Zimmer is Executive Director of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank, where he has served since 2010. Prior to public service, David worked in capital markets on Wall Street for more than two decades, where he gained considerable expertise in risk management, capital markets, and investment banking.



Frances Josephs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Frances Josephs has been a financial analyst since 2016 for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Branch at the U.S. EPA headquarters in Washington, DC. She is currently supporting the State Revolving Fund team, states, and regions, while managing grants as a project officer for the agency, as well. Prior to this, Frances worked for over 10 years as a project accountant in the engineering consulting services field, which includes work in financial services and investment management. Before completing a Master of Science in Environmental Policy and Management at Johns Hopkins University, Frances completed a certificate program in Geographic Information Systems from Florida Atlantic University. Originally from Westchester County, New York, she now resides in Arlington, Virginia since May of 2010.



Richard Green, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Richard Green is the SRF Regional Coordinator for EPA Region 10. He has worked for EPA since the inception of the DWSRF in 1997. In 2016 he created the SRF project recognition program **WATERS** (**W**ell-planned, **A**ffordable, **T**ransferable, **E**nergy efficient, **R**esilient, **S**ustainable) to fete top notch SRF projects. In 2020 he formed a new sub-workgroup of the State-EPA Workgroup focusing on using the SRF for wildfire recovery and resiliency. He holds a B.S. in Journalism from Andrews University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma.



Steve McNulty, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

Steve McNulty is the SRF Section Supervisor for the Planning & Aid Division at the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. He oversees all financial assistance programs for the funding of water and wastewater infrastructure. He has worked primarily in the DWSRF program for the past 15 years and guided the response to the State's March 2019 Flood Disaster for major infrastructure needs. Steve graduated from the New Jersey Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering.



Lori Johnson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board

Lori Johnson is the Assistant Chief of the Financial Assistance Division of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. She oversees the Board's water and wastewater infrastructure grant and loan programs while also serving as the Clean Water SRF Program Manager for Oklahoma. She has worked for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board for more than 15 years. Lori currently serves as a representative for EPA Region 6 on the Board of Directors of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA).



Eddie Rhandour, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality

Eddie Rhandour is the Engineering Manager of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) within the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Eddie has been employed with DEQ since November 2006, 14 years. From November 2006 through May 2010, Eddie was employed in the Construction Permitting Section as plan review engineer. Eddie has been working with the DWSRF program since May of 2010 where he served as a project engineer for 7 years before becoming the program's Engineering Manager in January 2017. Eddie graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and holds Professional Engineering license in Oklahoma.