



COUNCIL OF INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITIES

2021 CIFA SRF Workshop

Hilton Salt Lake City Center

October 2 – 6, 2021

Saturday, October 2

6:00 – 7:30 pm **CIFA Social Hour**

Sunday, October 3 (Pre-Workshop Activities)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm **CIFA Connection**

Join us for brunch and the opportunity to connect and reconnect, face-to-face, with national and state SRF leaders, including new members of EPA's SRF team. Share experiences and lessons learned since our last meeting, nearly two years ago.

1:00 – 5:00 pm

Field Trips

(Open to all registered attendees for an additional fee.)

- Water Leadership, [Utah Olympic Park](#)
Join SRF managers and staff for a peer-to-peer conversation about developing talent in the water sector.

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Welcome Reception

Monday, October 4

8:00 – 9:00 am

Networking Breakfast

9:00 – 10:00 am

Opening Plenary: Welcome

- Jim McGoff, COO and Director of Environmental Programs, Indiana Finance Authority, and CIFA President

Spotlight on Utah, the Beehive State

Hear about the history, accomplishments and challenges for water infrastructure investment in the Beehive State.

- Erica Gaddis, Director of the Division of Water Quality
- Tim Davis, Director of the Division of Drinking Water

10:00 – 10:15 am

Break

10:15 – 11:45 am **“To Make Necessary Investments in Water, Sewer and . . .”**
Hear how states are using State Fiscal Recovery Funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act to fund critical water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects.

- Jim McGoff, Indiana Financing Authority
- Anna Miller, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Jerry Rouch, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Discussion from Around the Nation

If your state is using the American Rescue Funds for water, wastewater and stormwater, please tell us about it. What are your challenges and concerns? Are communities using their funds on water infrastructure projects? What are the impacts on your SRFs?

11:45 am – Noon **Break**

Noon – 1:00 pm **Networking Lunch**

The Road to Excellence (And Getting Ready for an Influx of Cash)

SRFs from around the nation will share their experiences with tackling an array of challenges. Their experiences will give you ideas, big and small, about how to improve your SRF – just in time for a potential influx of increased federal funding. Every SRF will have an opportunity to share what their state is doing in each area and how they are preparing for increased funding.

1:00 – 1:50 pm **Lessons Learned: Big Money Movers**

Learn how Texas and Virginia are evolving and managing their SRFs to keep the funds flowing.

- Jeff Walker, Texas Water Development Board
- Shawn Crumlish, Virginia Resources Authority

1:50 – 2:50 pm **Lessons Learned: Lead Leaders**

Learn how Ohio and Rhode Island utilized the Water Infrastructure Fund Transfer Act to increase funding for lead service line replacement. Get an update from Illinois on their lead service line replacement program.

- Jeff Diehl, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank
- Jerry Rouch, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Gary Bingenheimer, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

2:50 – 3:10 pm **Break**

- 3:10 – 5:00 pm** **Concurrent Sessions**
- 3:10 – 4:30 pm** **Lessons Learned: Leveraging 2.0 and Beyond (Topaz)**
Learn how New York, Virginia, Rhode Island and Texas are modernizing their leveraged programs.
- Shawn Crumlish, Virginia Resources Authority
 - Jeff Diehl, Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank
 - Rebecca Trevino, Texas Water Development Board
 - Albert Schnide, New York Environmental Facilities Corporation
- 3:10 – 3:50 pm** **Lessons Learned: Update From the Dakotas (Alpine)**
Learn how North Dakota is coordinated across programs and agencies to maximize funding for water infrastructure.
- DeAnn Ament, North Dakota Public Finance Authority
- Hear how South Dakota used creating approaches to planning, partnering and financing to successfully consolidate several small water systems.
- Mike Perkovich and Andy Bruels, South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- 3:50 – 5:00 pm** **Lessons Learned: Models for Tackling Failing Septic Systems (Alpine)**
Learn how Arkansas, Delaware, Iowa and Oklahoma developed programs to address water pollution from old and failing septic systems.
- Debby Dickson, Arkansas Department of Agriculture
 - Lori Johnson, Oklahoma Water Resources Board
 - Greg Pope, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
 - Aaron Smith, Iowa Finance Authority
 - Theresa Enright, Iowa Department of Natural Resources
- 6:00 – 8:30 pm** **Water Community Exchange**
6:00 – 6:45 pm Reception followed by a dinner buffet

Tuesday, October 5

- 8:00 – 9:00 am** **Networking Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 10:30 am** **SRF Townhall**
Hear the latest in federal policy, programs and funding for water infrastructure from the nation's leaders in water infrastructure financing.
- Jim McGoff, COO and Director of Environmental Programs, Indiana Finance Authorities, and CIFA President
 - Dr. Jennifer McLain, Director, Office of Drinking Water and Ground Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - Dr. Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- 10:30 – 10:45 am** **Break**

10:45 am – Noon

Roundtable Discussions

Attendees will break into smaller groups to discuss issues related to implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and other policies. Team leaders will report on the discussion at the CIFA Members lunch.

Topics will include:

- Staffing Up
- Cash Match
- Lead Service Line Replacement
- PFAS and Emerging Contaminants
- Timely and Expeditious Use of Funds
- Justice40
- Small Communities

11:45 – Noon

Break

Noon – 2:00 pm

CIFA Members Lunch (CIFA Members Only)

2:00 – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 – 5:00 pm

CIFA Action Team Meetings

These meetings will delve deeper into the issues from the roundtable discussions.

Wednesday, October 6

8:00 – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – Noon

CIFA Action Team Meetings (Continued from Previous Day)

These meetings will delve deeper into the issues from the previous session.