

CIFA SRF WORKSHOP

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Affordability

Monday, November 13 • 1:30 – 3:00 pm • Oklahoma Station 6-7

The Evolution of Affordability Criteria

Learn how SRFs are refining their affordability criteria to ensure financial assistance is delivered to the most disadvantaged communities and households in their state. Hear how Connecticut is utilizing household income within census tracts to determine eligibility for additional subsidy. Hear how Alaska is using a tiered system and targeted programs to deliver additional subsidy to communities most in need. Learn how Indiana used their scoring system to further target additional subsidy to communities in need and then contracted with Indiana University to determine whether their new approach was actually reaching the neediest communities.

Moderator: Felicia Freeman, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Presenters:

- Young Ha, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- Brett Roberts, Indiana Finance Authority
- Cam Walden, Connecticut Department of Health

Meet the Moderator

Felicia Freeman, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Felicia Freeman is an Environmental Manager with the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan in the Division of Water Resources for the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. She has been a part of Tennessee's SRF team for more than two decades. Felicia earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a Master of Science Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering. Felicia represents EPA Region 4 on the CIFA Board of Directors.

Meet the Presenters

Young Ha, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

Young Ha is the State Revolving Fund Program Manager in the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Water. Young has been in this position for two years; however, she has been with the Department since 2005. She previously served 13 years as the Environmental Program Specialist in the Division of Spill Prevention and Response, two years as the Technical Specialist in the Division of Environmental Health, and two years as the Village Safe Water Program Manager in the Division of Water. Young earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Brett Roberts, Indiana Finance Authority

Brett Roberts is Program Manager for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in the Indiana Finance Authority. Prior to joining the SRF, Brett spent time in South Bend, Indiana, as a Community Development Planner helping communities across northern Indiana through state and federal grant processes and their comprehensive planning efforts. He holds a Master's of Public Affairs with a concentration in Community and Economic Development from Indiana University's Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs.

Cam Walden, Connecticut Department of Health

Cam Walden has supervised the Connecticut Department of Public Health's (DPH) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program since 2006 and has been with the agency for 30 years. Cam previously served as DPH's Capacity Development Coordinator and has performed various roles related to Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance throughout his career. Cam is a US Navy veteran and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine.