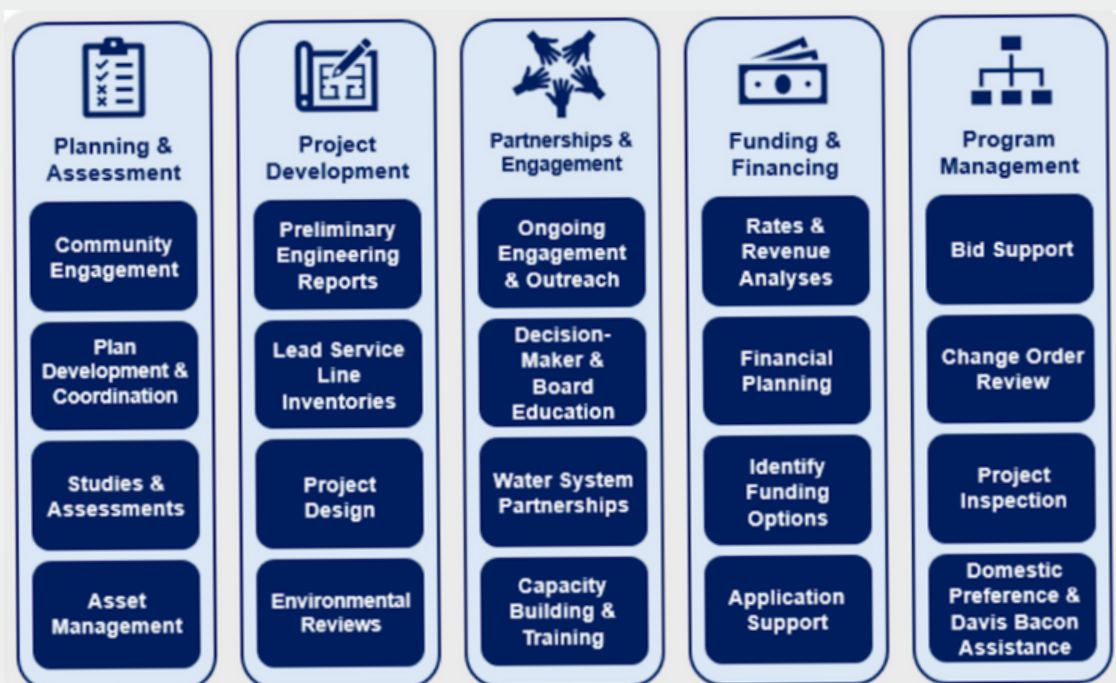# Region 3 Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Program

The Region 3 Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) program offers direct support to municipalities, tribes, and water utilities in the Mid-Atlantic region, to help them access federal and state funding to address water infrastructure needs. Coordinated by the University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center through a five-year award from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the program aims to increase the number of communities that can successfully access water infrastructure funding to ensure safe, reliable water systems for all.

Eligible Communities

Assistance is available to any municipality, tribe, and water system in US EPA Region 3, which covers Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Assistance is provided at no cost to communities and is delivered on the basis of availability and need. Priority is given to historically underserved and disadvantaged communities and those that meet their state's affordability criteria.

Available Services

Assistance is available at any step in the process of accessing water infrastructure funding, including identifying water challenges; developing plans; building technical, financial, and managerial capacity; and completing funding application materials. Projects can span drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, source water protection, nonpoint source, decentralized wastewater (e.g., septic systems), and/or Financial Capability Assessment (FCA) assistance. The following graphic shows a range of available services.

Planning & Assessment	Project Development	Partnerships & Engagement	Funding & Financing	Program Management
Community Engagement	Preliminary Engineering Reports	Ongoing Engagement & Outreach	Rates & Revenue Analyses	Bid Support
Plan Development & Coordination	Lead Service Line Inventories	Decision-Maker & Board Education	Financial Planning	Change Order Review
Studies & Assessments	Project Design	Water System Partnerships	Identify Funding Options	Project Inspection
Asset Management	Environmental Reviews	Capacity Building & Training	Application Support	Domestic Preference & Davis Bacon Assistance

WaterTA Provider Team

The Region 3 WaterTA Team includes the following technical service providers:

- University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center (team lead and community liaison)
- University of Maryland Center for Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Health
- The Water Center, University of Pennsylvania
- Moonshot Missions
- Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc.
- RCAP Solutions Northeast
- West Virginia Community Action Partnership

REQUEST ASSISTANCE

To request Water Technical Assistance, please visit bit.ly/Region3WaterTAprogram or scan the QR code. After reviewing your submission, a Region 3 WaterTA provider will respond with potential next steps. Response times may vary depending on the volume and types of requests received. Note not every request may be offered WaterTA, and participation in this or other TA programs does not guarantee funding through the State Revolving Funds (SRFs) or other programs.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact water-ta@umd.edu.