



Water System Partnerships:

Tools to Address Water System Challenges

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Challenges to Partnership Development

- Starting the process may be intimidating
- Funding and regulatory challenges may be a hindrance
- Timeframe for establishing partnerships may be long
- Processes may be unknown
- Challenges may be unique for each water system



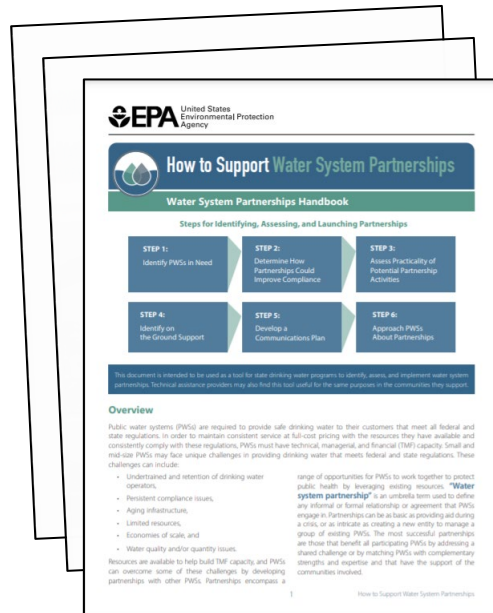
Addressing Challenges with Partnerships

- Creating opportunities to promote partnerships
- Increasing awareness
- Creating resources where communities can easily find support for partnerships
- Identifying opportunities to address technical, managerial, and financial capacity needs
- Using case studies, incentives, funding, and financing tools to support partnerships
- Teaching through the Water System Partnerships Workshop



EPA Tools

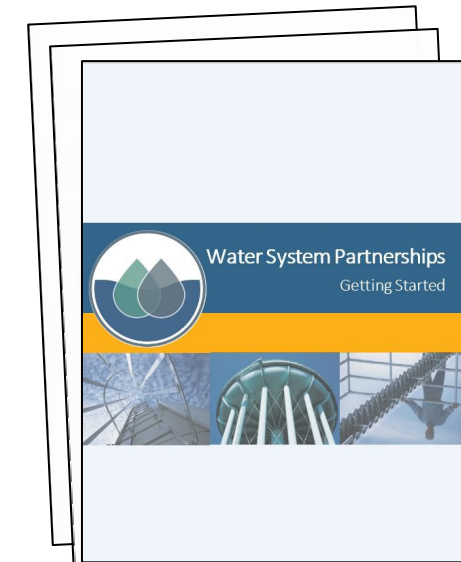
Water System Partnerships Handbook



Water System Partnerships Training Toolbox



Water System Partnerships Getting Started Guide

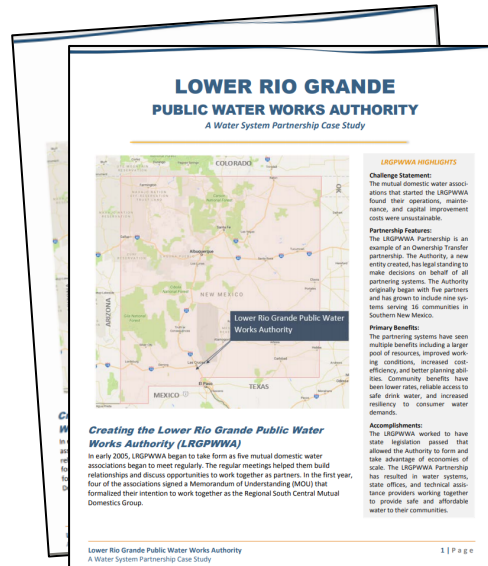


You can access these resources at: <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-system-partnerships>

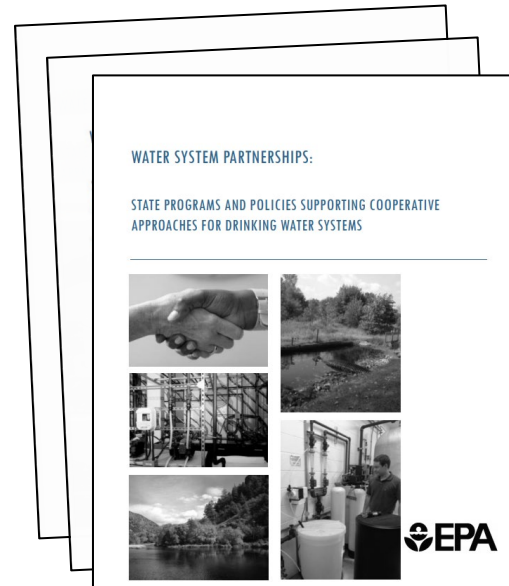


EPA Resources

Water System Partnerships Case Studies



State Programs and Policies Supporting Water System Partnerships



Water System Partnerships Funding Resources



Water System Partnerships Workshop

Training Toolbox

- Hosted by local technical assistance providers, primacy agencies, or interested others
- Brings together water systems from neighboring communities that are potential partners
- Introduces types of partnerships and partnership activities
- Introduces areas a water system can improve technical, managerial, and technical capacity
- Provides a platform to assess a water system's current capacities, strengths and challenges
- Offers an opportunity to learn from existing partnerships and examine new opportunities for participating water systems to engage in partnerships

Benefits of Attending the Workshop

Understand Types
of Partnerships



Problem
Solve



Build
Relationships





Thank you for your interest in water system partnerships. Contact us:

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<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-system-partnerships>

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program

<https://www.epa.gov/dwsrf>

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

<https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure>

WIIN Grants

<https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/water-infrastructure-improvements-nation-act-wiin-act-grant-programs-0>

