

Safe, Clean Water Program

Technical Assistance



The Safe Clean Water Program's Regional Program (50% of total revenue) includes a Technical Resources Program (TRP) that, according to LACFCD Code [Section 18.07.D](#):

- 1) Provides Technical Assistance Teams (TATs) to assist persons or organizations that do not have the necessary technical resources or capabilities with the development of Feasibility Studies and compliance with other technical requirements of the Infrastructure Program.
- 2) Provides Watershed Coordinators to educate and build capacity in Watershed Areas and facilitate community and Stakeholder engagement with the Technical Resources Program and the Watershed Area Steering Committees (WASCs) as a whole.

If functionally equivalent Feasibility Study level information has not been prepared for a proposed Project, a WASC may recommend that a Feasibility Study for the proposed Project be prepared through the Technical Resources Program, in a Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP). When included in an approved SIP, the District will provide TATs to complete the Feasibility Studies in partnership with and on behalf of Municipalities, community-based organizations ("CBOs"), non-governmental organizations ("NGOs"), and others who may not have the technical resources or capabilities to develop Feasibility Studies [[Feasibility Study Guidelines](#)].

Total TRP expenditures are not to exceed 10% of the Watershed Area's annual allotment for their SIP (ranging from \$180k/year in NSMB to \$3.9M/year in ULAR).

Technical Assistance Teams:

"Technical Assistance Team" means a group of subject-matter experts in Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff infrastructure design, hydrology, soils, Nature-Based Solutions, green infrastructure, Stormwater and/or Urban Runoff quality, water supply, recreation, open space, community needs, and other related areas, provided by the District to assist Infrastructure Program Project Applicants (IPPAs) and others, as part of the TRP [[Section 18.02](#)].

TATs shall be assigned to do one or both of the following:

- 1) Develop an equivalent Feasibility Study for Project concepts identified in approved SIPs.
- 2) Assist [*potential*] IPPAs and others, as appropriate, in:
 - a. Amending eligible water management plans to include the Project
 - b. Obtaining Municipal support letters (for non-Municipal applicants)

TATs are paid for with funds allocated to the Technical Resources Program. The District may, in its discretion, also provide TATs using District Program funds [[Section 18.07.D.2](#)].

TATs are comprised of LACFCD staff with support from as-needed consultants as appropriate (distributed equitably across consultants). Additional guidelines provided to committees includes:

- The District commitment to complete feasibility studies for a flat rate to be approved and budgeted in the SIP (up to \$300k). If less is needed, excess returns to the WASC. If more, District will use District Program SCW Funds to cover the excess cost.
- Resulting feasibility studies will, at minimum, address the 19 requirements outlined in the [Feasibility Study Guidelines](#). Additional analysis will be included at District discretion.
- TATs will invite applicant to be involved/inform the feasibility study, as appropriate, at the applicant's cost. There is currently no mechanism for the District to provide funding to applicants or select specific/requested consultants.

Watershed Coordinators:

Each WASC selects Watershed Coordinator(s) for inclusion in their respective SIPs. The duties and responsibilities of Watershed Coordinator(s) center around connecting potential applicants with technical resources and building inclusion and meaningful engagement in pursuit of SCW Program Goals. Tasks include, but are not limited to, the following [[Section 18.07.D](#)]:

- 1) Work with TATs to bring resources to potential Infrastructure Program Project Applicants.
- 2) Work with Municipalities and Stakeholders to identify and develop Project concepts that may be elevated to the WASC and TAT to assist with development of Feasibility Studies.