



## \$1 Million for Water Loss Audit Technical Assistance and Water Loss Control Grants

The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) has designated \$1,000,000 to create a Water Loss Audit Technical Assistance Program and a Water Loss Control Grant Program for small water systems. Water systems identified by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) serving 3,300 individuals (or population served) to 10,000 individuals (or population served) are eligible for the technical assistance and grant funds. The source of this \$1,000,000 is the small system technical assistance set-aside of the federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF). For more information, please contact [Jason Bodwell](#), GEFA's SRF program manager.

### Water Loss Audit Technical Assistance Program

Small water systems are required, pursuant to the Georgia Water Stewardship Act of 2010, to implement the Georgia Water System Audit and Water Loss Control Manual by Friday, March 1, 2013. The Water Loss Audit Technical Assistance Program will provide free technical assistance to small water systems serving at least 3,300 individuals (or population served), and up to 10,000 individuals (or population served).

Applications for the Water Loss Audit Technical Assistance Program can be completed online. Click [here](#) to access the application. The deadline is **Wednesday, March 28, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.** The application must be submitted in its entirety in order to be eligible for this technical assistance.

The technical assistance will be provided from May 2012 through December 2012. For more information on water loss and reporting requirements, please click [here](#).

### Water Loss Control Grant Program

The Water Loss Control Grant Program will provide grants to small water systems serving at least 3,300 individuals (or population served) and up to 10,000 individuals (or population served). Only small water systems that have implemented the Georgia Water System Audit and Water Loss Control Manual and have submitted the results to EPD will qualify for a water loss control grant. Water loss control grants will be open to all water systems in the population range whether or not the water system participated in the Water Loss Audit Technical Assistance Program.

GEFA and EPD will use the water system data submitted for compliance with the Georgia water system audit process to determine awards for water loss control grants based on performance indicator score, validity score and the water system's ability to achieve a meaningful reduction in water loss. The size of each water loss control grant will be determined during the grant development process.

GEFA and EPD will complete the design of the Water Loss Control Grant Program and open the application process toward the end of this year. Grant awards will be issued beginning in March 2013.