

Call for Interest

Rural Groundwater Resilience Workshops

Invitation

If your community is interested in a groundwater workshop tailored to your community's needs, you are invited to complete an [Application of Interest](#). Application review will begin August 16, 2024. Early applications are encouraged. **Deadline for final submissions is September 16, 2024.**

Workshop Goals

Bring local leaders, residents, and subject matter experts together to address critical groundwater challenges with community-driven solutions.

Engage: Facilitate a neutral convening to explore and understand local groundwater management challenges and solutions.

Empower: Provide hands-on guidance and essential data on water availability and quality, projected use, and other resources tailored to community needs. Support community-driven efforts to address groundwater decline.

Activate: Support communities to collaboratively develop and implement strategies to address groundwater decline and advance a framework for rural groundwater management.

Workshop Benefits

- **All workshop expenses covered** by the Arizona Water Innovation Initiative and partners.
- Access to **expertise** from leading researchers and practitioners in areas of expressed interest.
- **Community-based**, interactive sessions to identify and address groundwater issues.
- Collaborative environment to **develop and implement tailored water management strategies**.
- Summary of workshop and **recommended actions** developed during workshop.
- **Support in identifying funding sources and resources** for sustainable groundwater management.

Background

The [Arizona Water Innovation Initiative Impact Water - Arizona](#) program at Arizona State University, in partnership with the [Arizona Institute for Resilience](#) at the University of Arizona and the [Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy](#) at the Lincoln Institute, will collaborate with local leaders to host a series of Rural Groundwater Resilience Workshops.

The focus and scope of the issues that each workshop will address will be **defined by the local community** to ensure they are relevant to each community's specific groundwater issues. The program will be **intentionally flexible and designed to fill resource gaps**; workshops will be customized and offer expert training on a **wide range of groundwater management topics**, strategies, tools, data development, and education. The workshops will provide space to engage on relevant, local groundwater issues, and to **empower communities to lead solutions** towards their own local groundwater challenges.

Eligibility

Any individual or group representing the following entities:

- Governments and government agencies (municipal, county, state, or tribal)
- Community and civic leaders
- Non-profit organizations
- Economic or community development groups
- Water/irrigation districts
- Watershed partnership groups
- Groups of unaffiliated community members (residents, business owners, etc.)

Eligible communities must:

- Be located within Arizona
- Have groundwater depletion concerns
- Be committed to forming or collaborating with local groups to build diverse representation of stakeholders for the workshop.

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