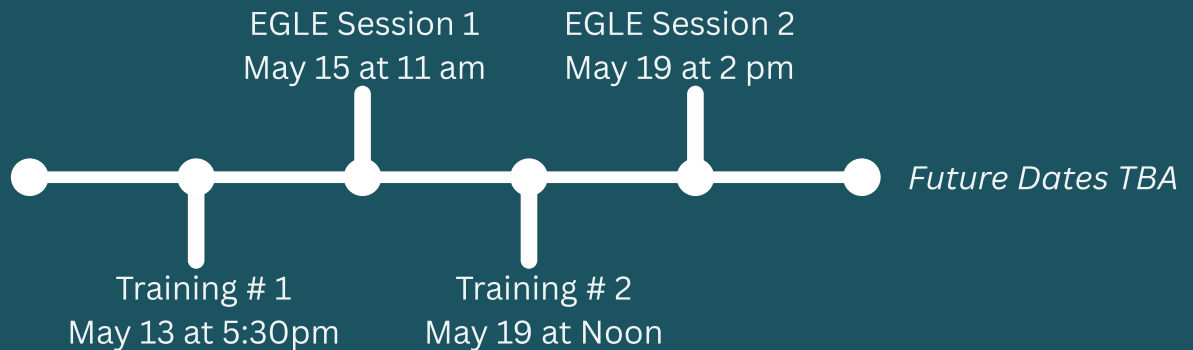


# Improve Equity in the Michigan Drinking Water Fund

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By law, the State of Michigan must update the definitions of “overburdened community” and “significantly overburdened community” for its State Revolving Fund every three years. Qualifying means access to dollars to keep water affordable and safe.

## Process Timeline



## Current Criteria

Median Household Income (MHI)  
at or below state’s value - \$71,149

Taxable Value Per Capita (Average  
property value per person)

Ignores state law that requires  
consideration of: unemployment,  
population trends, existing public  
health and environmental impacts

## Recommended Improvements

Federal Poverty Level threshold  
more accurately shows level of  
hardship than MHI, which is  
influenced by wealthier residents

Remove requirement tied to  
property values, which is also  
skewed by wealthier residents

Update and use the Michigan  
Environmental Justice Screening  
Tool (MI EJScreen)