

Subject Lead drinking water service lines

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Overview

Creates grant programs to help municipalities fund the inventory and replacement of lead service lines. Sets a goal of removal of these lines from public drinking water systems statewide by 2033.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Authority of commissioner.</p> <p>Grants the commissioner of health authority to do activities necessary for operating the lead service line mapping grants program.</p> |
| 2 | <p>[446A.077] Lead service line replacement; grant program.</p> <p>Creates a grant program to help municipalities fund the replacement of lead service lines.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines "lead service line" and "service line."</p> <p>Subd. 2. Establishment. Requires the Public Facilities Authority to establish a grant program for replacing lead drinking water service lines by 2033 that maximizes use of federal funds.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Eligible recipients. Allows the following groups to receive grants:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Community public water suppliers of a community water system;2) Municipalities;3) Suppliers of other residential drinking water systems; and4) Anyone eligible for grants or loans under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. <p>Requires applicants to apply to be listed on the Minnesota Department of Health project priority list.</p> |

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Subd. 4. Eligible uses. Specifies that grant funds may be used for removing and replacing lead drinking water service lines, providing information to residents on the benefits of doing so, performing associated construction, and repaying debt incurred for any of these purposes. Requires grants for replacing lines to cover 100 percent of the cost of privately owned parts of lines and no more than 50 percent of the cost of publicly owned parts of lines.

Subd. 5. Grant priorities. Prioritizes applications that include a plan to remove all lead service lines within a municipality. Details what must be included in a plan.

Subd. 6. Workforce plan. Requires applicants who serve 50,000 service connections or more to submit as part of their application a description of how it will maximize use of registered apprentices and populations under-represented in the construction industry in the work performed under the grant.

Subd. 7. Reporting. Sets August 1 as the annual deadline for the Public Facilities Authority to report to legislature on the program.

Subd. 8. Prevailing wage. Requires payment of prevailing wage to laborers and mechanics hired for grant activities.

Subd. 9. General fund appropriation. Appropriates \$80,000,000 from the general fund to the program every year from fiscal year 2024 through fiscal year 2033. Sets this subdivision to expire June 30, 2033.

3 **[446A.078] Lead line removal goal.**

Declares that it is a goal of the state of Minnesota to remove all lead service lines in public drinking water systems by 2033.

4 **Loan conditions.**

Sets the interest rate for loans made to replace lead service lines at zero percent.

5 **Other uses of fund.**

Allows the drinking water revolving loan fund to be used for principal forgiveness or grants to the extent allowed by federal law. Gives priority to projects that address an imminent threat to public safety.

6 **Lead service line mapping grants.**

Subd. 1. Establishment. Requires the commissioner of health to establish a grant program for municipalities to inventory local lead service lines.

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Subd. 2. Eligible uses. Allows a municipality to use grant money for surveying households, creating public databases and visualizations, and complying with federal inventory requirements related to lead service lines.

Subd. 3. Appropriation. Appropriates money to the program in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Gives priority to municipalities addressing an imminent threat to public safety.

Effective date: This section is effective July 1, 2023.



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