

**Subject** Residential lead service line replacement grant program

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## Overview

This bill establishes a program, administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, to replace the privately owned portions of residential service lines that are constructed of lead by 2032. A service line is a pipe that delivers water from a water main to a house or building. In many jurisdictions the responsibility for repairing or replacing a service line is divided, with public utilities and government entities responsible for the service line from the water main to the curb and the property owner responsible for service line from the curb to the building.

The Minnesota Public Facilities Authority is established in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 446A, and consists of the commissioners of employment and economic development, management and budget, the Pollution Control Agency, agriculture, health, and transportation. It administers funds and programs that provide grants and loans to local units of government for water infrastructure, sewage treatment systems, transportation infrastructure, and other projects.

## Summary

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1	<b>Residential lead service line replacement grant program.</b> Adds § 446A.077. Establishes a program, administered by the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, to replace the privately owned portions of residential lead service lines by 2032.
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**Subd. 1. Establishment.** Directs the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to establish a program to provide grants to cities to replace the privately owned portion of all residential lead drinking water service lines in Minnesota by 2032.

**Subd. 2. Eligible uses.** Allows a city receiving a grant to use grant funds to pay for up to 100% of the costs of identifying and locating lead drinking water service lines; removing and replacing the privately owned portion of these service lines;

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installing replacement drinking water service lines; and matching federal money available for these purposes.

**Subd. 3. Grant priorities.** Requires a city to give priority to applications for projects that are located in census tracts with 50% of more of households with incomes at or below 60% of state median household income; are in census tracts designated as Opportunity Zones; are submitted by minority-owned or women-owned businesses; commit to employ contractors that pay a wage comparable to the prevailing wage rate; or leverage additional funds for residential lead service line replacement.

**Subd. 4. Reporting.** Requires the authority to annually report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources, on program operations.

**Subd. 5. Appropriation.** Appropriates \$30,000,000 each fiscal year through fiscal year 2032 from the general fund to the authority for this program. Makes this subdivision expire June 30, 2032.



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