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TO: Community and Non-Profit Non-Community Public Water Systems
Chief Elected Officials
Local Directors of Health
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FROM: Lori J. Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief 
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DATE: January 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding for State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Programs

The Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section (DWS) is sharing the current information that we have regarding drinking water infrastructure funding that will be directed through state Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) programs over the next five (5) years from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (IIJA). BIL was signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021.

Attached you will find summaries of the DWSRF provisions and appropriations within the BIL from the Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities and the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators. As indicated in these summaries, there are three (3) additional grants that Connecticut will be eligible to receive annually for the next five (5) years. We are also providing a concise description of those grants below:

1. **Supplemental Capitalization Grant:** These funds can be used for any drinking water infrastructure project that is currently eligible for DWSRF funding including planning, design and construction phases.
2. **Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Grant:** These funds can only be used for LSLR projects and the funding is available for both the utility-owned and privately-owned portion of these service lines (i.e the entire service line from curb to customer premise). It will be necessary to replace each LSLR in its entirety to be eligible to receive these funds.



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3. **Emerging Contaminants Grant:** These funds can be used for the remediation of emerging contaminants which a focus on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA).

The DPH will share any additional details on these grants, including Connecticut's individual appropriations, as they become available. We want to encourage all eligible public water systems (PWS) to take advantage of this unique and historic DWSRF investment opportunity to improve your infrastructure. PWSs should anticipate strong competition for these funds and that priority may be directed to the highest ranking projects that can quickly move to construction. If you wish to review our current DWSRF Priority Ranking System please click [here](#).

The DPH will make the application process for the BIL funding available to PWS as soon as adequate information becomes available to make this announcement. We are hopeful that these applications will be available in time for our annual DWSRF [Call for Projects](#) announcement for State Fiscal Year 2023 (January – March 2022). For more information on the DWSRF program please click [here](#) to visit our website.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to the DPH DWSRF program at dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov.

Attachment: CIFA BIL/IIJA Summary
ASDWA BIL/IIJA Summary