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TO: Community & Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems
State and Local Governments
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Private Nonprofit Institutions/Organizations
Quasi-public Nonprofit Institutions/Organizations
Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments
Non-profit Organizations

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW

DATE: March 14, 2022

SUBJECT: **Announcement of EPA Region 1's 2022 Lead Pipe Inventory and Public Engagement (LPIPE) Demonstration Grant Program Funding**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 has announced on March 7, 2022, the Lead Pipe Inventory and Public Engagement (LPIPE) Demonstration Grant Program, which is a competitive grant program to fund projects that will achieve measurable environmental and public health results in specific Investment Areas and Program Areas across New England. The LPIPE Demonstration Grant Program supports EPA's mission by working directly with overburdened and underserved communities in New England that still have high prevalence of public and private lead pipes to reduce public health risks from lead pipes, protect and improve human health, and improve the quality of life by reducing exposure to lead in drinking water through identification of lead service lines and public education and engagement.

The LPIPE Demonstration Grant Program will achieve this through identifying and funding projects that:

- Target resources to benefit pollution overburdened and underserved communities including environmental justice areas of potential concern and sensitive populations (e.g., children and others at increased risk from lead exposure).



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- Reduce environmental and human health risks associated with lead in drinking water from lead pipes.
- Increase collaboration through partnerships and community-based projects that raise awareness of the presence of lead service lines and provide education and outreach to families to reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.

Target Investment Areas: Environmental Justice Areas of Potential Concern;
Sensitive Populations (e.g., children and others at increased risk from lead in drinking water exposure)

Target Program Areas: Lead Pipe Identification;
Lead Education & Public Engagement

The LPIPE Demonstration Grant Program anticipates awarding approximately \$350,000 through this announcement. Applications may be submitted for amounts ranging from \$75,000-\$100,000 per project. Project periods may be for one or two years, starting no earlier than June 1, 2022.

Applications must be submitted **by April 25, 2022** via <https://www.grants.gov> at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=338568>.

For more information and eligibility information on the LPIPE Demonstration Grant Program or apply for the funding on www.grants.gov, please visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=338568>.

EPA Region 1 is hosting an information session webinar on March 31, 2022 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM to discuss the LPIPE Demonstration Grant Program. To register for the webinar, please email Zac Degler of EPA at Degler.Zachary@epa.gov.

c: Heather Aaron, Deputy Commissioner, DPH