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Drinking Water Section

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TO: Community and Non-Profit Non-Community Public Water Systems

Municipal Chief Elected Officials

Local Directors of Health

Lori J. Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief Jai J. Mathieu Environmental Health & Branch Chief FROM:

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch

DATE: March 8, 2024

RE: Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) –

CALL FOR PROJECTS – March 8 to April 26, 2024 - State Fiscal Year 2025

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is announcing its call for eligible drinking water projects for potential loan funding through the DPH Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025. Please see the attached Call for Projects Notice for details.

DWSRF funding is in the form of loans with a potential for principal forgiveness. Loans are available to eligible public water systems. The Call for Projects is open from March 8, 2024, to April 26, 2024, and eligible public water systems can complete a short eligibility application to be considered for loan funding under the SFY 2025 DWSRF Intended Use Plan. SFY 2025 will mark the third round of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) appropriations to DPH, which includes loan funding specifically to address lead service lines, emerging contaminants in drinking water, and other drinking water infrastructure projects. Additional information on BIL funding for Water Infrastructure is available on the Environmental Protection Agency website, as well as the DWSRF BIL webpage.

DPH will hold virtual informational webinars on March 12, 2024, for large community public water systems and March 13, 2024, for small community and non-profit non-community public water systems to review the Call for Projects, the eligibility application process, the DWSRF Intended Use Plan, ranking system, formal process for submitting questions and various loan opportunities for eligible public water systems. If you wish to learn more about the DWSRF, please plan to attend these webinars. Registration information will be available on the DPH Drinking Water Section's website.

If you have an eligible drinking water construction project that will be ready to proceed during the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, you are strongly encouraged to submit your



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eligibility application as early as possible, but no later than April 26, 2024. Please visit the DPH DWSRF Program's website at www.ct.gov/dph/dwsrf for further information and to access eligibility application materials.

All questions are being processed through the DWSRF's dedicated Call for Projects email in-box at DPH.DWSRF@ct.gov. Answers to all questions received will be made publicly available.

c: Lisa Morrissey, MPH, Deputy Commissioner