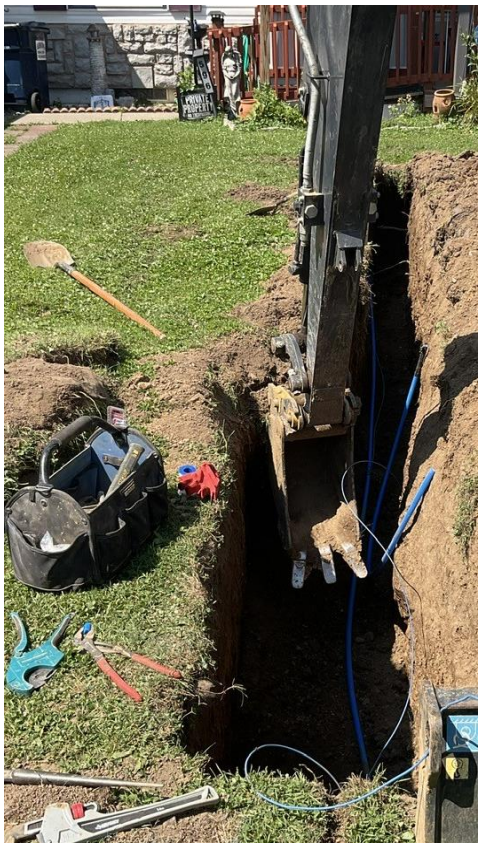
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Program Year 2026 Program Management Plan







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INTRODUCTION

The Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) Program Management Plan and Intended Use Plan (herein referred to as the PMP) for Program Year (PY) 2026 describes how the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) intends to administer and distribute funds in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program as authorized and required by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6109.22. Funding for the DWAF is provided through federal capitalization grants received annually from USEPA as well as leveraged funds from bond proceeds and loan repayments. The program year follows the state fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th). This PMP will remain in effect until the next program year PMP is finalized.

Public Review and Comment Procedures

In accordance with 40 CFR 35.3555(b), PMP development must undergo a public notice and comment process. A public notice information was issued announcing a 30-day public comment period followed by two public hearings on July 10, 2025 (refer to Appendix A).

Appendix M includes a summary response to comments received during the pubic notice period.

About Ohio's State Revolving Fund

Ohio's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, known as the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA), is a revolving account designed to operate in perpetuity providing low interest rate loans and other forms of assistance for drinking water protection and infrastructure improvement projects. In addition, specialized services, including principal forgiveness, are provided for qualifying systems.

A wide variety of projects can be financed through the WSRLA including, but not limited to, water treatment plant construction or improvements, waterline replacements, interconnections, waterline extensions, and water meter replacements. Planning, design, and updates to Asset Management Plans may also be financed.

Highlights of the PY 2026 Program Management Plan

1. Federal Capitalization Grant (Base), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Grants (Supplemental, Lead Service Line, and Emerging Contaminants)

   Base Capitalization Grant: The DWAF is funded, in part, by an annual federal capitalization grant (Base cap grant). SRF program funds are allotted to states through federal appropriation legislation. DWAF program cap grants must be used for eligible projects under the SDWA. Section 1452 of the SDWA requires that states receiving a capitalization grant must award a minimum percentage as principal forgiveness. Principal forgiveness (PF) refers to the principal portion of a loan that does not require repayment. Along with SDWA requirements, federal appropriations legislation identifies additional percentage requirements for PF. For PY 2026, a minimum of 12 percent but no more than 35 percent of the Base capitalization grant must be issued as PF to disadvantaged community projects. Additionally, 14 percent must be issued as PF but not restricted to disadvantaged community projects. Combined, up to 49 percent ($12 million) of the Base capitalization grant will be made available as principal forgiveness for program priorities described in Table 1.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Grants: The federal IIJA became public law in November 2021. Significant investment for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements is provided through the IIJA and will be funded via State Revolving Fund programs over a 5-year period (2022-2026). For Ohio's drinking water SRF, three IIJA-funded capitalization grants will be available in PY 2026 including a Supplemental grant, Lead Service Line grant, and Emerging Contaminants grant. These are in addition to the Base capitalization grant. Each grant will have similar funding requirements, but some grants must be directed toward particular types of projects (e.g., lead service line replacements, emerging contaminants, etc.). A percentage of each grant must be offered as additional subsidy (i.e., principal forgiveness). Further, a portion of the PF funding must be awarded to water systems qualifying as a disadvantanged community (see Table 1 below). Appendix E outlines the benchmarks for the WSRLA's disadvantaged community loan program.

All principal forgiveness awards are contingent upon Ohio EPA receiving the federal fiscal year 2025 capitalization grants identified in Table 1 below.

Table 1- FFY2025 BASE AND IIJA GRANTS FOR THE WSRLA

Grant Type	2025 Allotments[1]	Principal Forgiveness Portion	% of PF Portion for Disadvantaged Communities
Base	$24,669,000	$12,087,810	71%
Supplemental	$56,225,000	$27,550,250	100%
Lead Service Line (LSL)	$251,020,000[2]	$ 122,999,800	100%
Emerging Contaminants (EC)	$28,753,000	$28,753,000	25%[3]

[1]Refer to Table 4 Sources and Uses for detailed description of each grant allotment for PY2026

[2]LSL allotments for FFY25 were issued by USEPA on 11/26/2025;
total LSL allotment includes reallotments from FFY22 and FFY23.

[3]Not less than 25% to disadvantaged communities or PWS <25,000 population

If revisions or updates to this PMP document are required to receive additional grant funds, including any transfers of EC funding from the Clean Water program or LSL capitalization grant, a public notice will be issued.

Principal forgiveness from each grant listed in Table 1 will be made available for program priorities:

- Base and Supplemental grant – Disadvantaged Community Loan Program and Regionalization as described in Section 2 below
- Lead Service Line (LSL) grant – Lead service line replacements
- Emerging Contaminants (EC) grant – Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other EC eligible projects

2. Regionalization and Disadvantaged Project Principal Forgiveness

   PF funding is allocated to the highest ranking projects Based on score (refer to Appendix D for project ranking criteria) and readiness-to-proceed (see Item 6 below). For projects with the same project score and readiness-to-proceed ranking, regionalization projects and agency priority projects will be prioritized. As a tie-breaker, projects will be sorted by project cost (low to high). To maximize the availability of PF to as many eligible entities as possible, only one PF award will be allotted per eligible entity each program year. The maximum PF available per project is $4M. For construction projects that were previously awarded PF for planning or design, the PF allocation will be reduced such that the total project PF does not exceed $4 million.

   a. Regionalization Projects. Projects that consolidate water systems or connect private wells with poor quality or inadequate water supply into larger systems that exhibit capability are eligible for principal forgiveness. Eligible projects may receive up to 50 percent of project costs or $4 million, whichever is less, as principal forgiveness. The remaining project costs are eligible for a 0-percent interest rate loan.

   b. Disadvantaged Community Projects. Projects that qualify for the Disadvantaged Community Loan Program are eligible for up to 50 percent of project costs or $4 million, whichever is less, as principal forgiveness. The remaining project costs are eligible for a 0-percent interest rate loan.

3. **Important Deadline for all projects allocated PF:** To ensure PF funding is awarded during PY 2026, projects that include construction of, or improvements to, water treatment plants should submit approvable detailed plans by **August 31, 2025**. All other PF eligible projects should submit approvable detailed plans by **October 31, 2025.** If the deadlines identified above are achieved, plan approval is expected by December 31, 2025.

4. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Emerging Contaminants Small or Disadvantaged Community Grant (IIJA EC-SDC)

   Ohio EPA will utilize a portion of its IIJA EC-SDC grant to supplement the Emerging Contaminants capitalization grant funding for projects identified as addressing emerging contaminants in Appendix B.

5. Other grant funding

   Additional grant funds may become available during PY 2026 from a variety of state and federal sources such as H2Ohio or USEPA. Additional funds may be directed toward program priorities described in item 2 above or toward particular types of projects Based on grant funding guidelines and requirements. Projects listed in Appendix B will be evaluated throughout the program year as additional funds become available to determine suitability for funding. Readiness-to-proceed will be a primary determinant in awarding funds (refer to Item 6 below).

6. Readiness-to-proceed Criteria

Beginning in 2019, a phased approach was outlined for applying readiness-to-proceed criteria when evaluating projects eligible for principal forgiveness. Each program year, readiness-to-proceed criteria is evaluated and updated, as needed, to include measures that best distinguish a project ready for construction. For PY 2026, readiness-to-proceed was evaluated for projects eligible to receive principal forgiveness using the criteria outlined below. Projects eligible for principal forgiveness are listed in Appendix B. A readiness-to-proceed ranking is Based on project information readily available at the time of evaluation.

- Planning Information
  - Approved General Plan, if applicable (1 point)
    OR
  - Approvable project planning information submitted with the project nomination (1 point)
- Design underway (1 point)
- Detailed plans submitted or approved (1 point for plans submitted, 2 points for plans approved)
- Public Participation (1 point)

General plans are required for water treatment plant construction and improvement projects. Formal submission is required through the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) to initiate review and approval. A reference guide, including required elements, is available on the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance webpage: WSRLA Design and Construction Loan Project Planning Guidance. A copy of the General Plan approval letter must be submitted with the project nomination for water treatment plant projects.

Approvable project planning information is required for all design and construction projects. Required project planning information may often be addressed by a preliminary engineering report. Information submitted with the project nomination must be adequate for planning review. A reference guide for project planning information is available on the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance webpage: WSRLA Design and Construction Loan Project Planning Guidance.

For projects with design underway, provide an agreement for services and written project update with the nomination. For projects with approved WSRLA financing for design, a project update should be submitted with the nomination.

For projects with detail plans submitted and/or approved, plans must be submitted to DDAGW prior to the end of the nomination period. Not all projects require a formal plan submission. Formal submission includes the Water Supply Data Sheet, detailed plans and review fee submitted to the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters. For projects that do not require formal plan submission (e.g., lead service line replacement, water meters, SCADA), project plans must be submitted to the DDAGW for project review. OAC Rule 3745-91-02 (D) provides plan approval exemptions for certain water line replacements. For more information concerning detail plan review and how to submit documentation, please visit DDAGW Engineering webpage.

Public participation requirements vary depending on the anticipated project. Provide a description of outreach to the impacted area (i.e., community, neighborhood, residents) and documentation of any responses received. As appropriate, outreach may include information available online, press releases or news articles, and mailings or direct contact with current or potential customers. For projects that will extend water service to underserved areas, documentation of public participation must be included with the nomination (e.g., outreach materials, meeting minutes, requests for water service from unserved residents, signed MOUs for future connection, etc.). A lack of documentation may impact the project score and readiness-to-proceed ranking. For lead service line projects, provide documentation of outreach efforts already completed along with a plan for informing residents of the replacement project (e.g., door hangers, email, website, automated calls, etc.). Also provide the anticipated method for accessing private property for LSL replacement (e.g., work agreement with contractor, city ordinance, short-term easement, etc.)

7. Disadvantaged Community Loan Program Eligibility Criteria

With the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act in November 2021, US EPA encouraged states to evaluate the disadvantaged community program criteria and make adjustments where appropriate. Ohio EPA reviewed and carefully considered the disadvantaged community loan program and made modifications in PY 2023. No further revisions were implemented for PY 2026.

For PY 2026, a disadvantaged community candidate is a public water system (PWS) with a system population below 10,000, a nominated project with demonstrated health related factors and meets **any three of the four** socio-economic benchmarks identified in Table 2.

Table 2 - Disadvantaged Community Loan Program Criteria

General Criteria	**Program Value**
Service area population*	Less than 10,000
Documented human health related factors	Presence of indicators
Economic Benchmarks	**Program Value**
Median household income (MHI) less than or equal to statewide average	≤$69,680
Individuals with income below 200% of poverty level greater than or equal to statewide average	≥29.43%
Unemployment rate greater than or equal to statewide average	≥4.85%
Water and sewer rates compared to MHI greater than or equal to statewide benchmark	≥ 1.44%

*Population is not an eligibility factor for lead service line replacement or emerging contaminants principal forgiveness funding.

Regionalization projects: Large systems (greater than 10,000 population) may nominate a regionalization project benefitting a disadvantaged community. The regionalization project would be considered for the disadvantaged community loan program and principal forgiveness funding.

LSL projects: If a PWS does not meet the disadvantaged community loan program criteria, a project specific evaluation may be conducted to determine if the project will benefit a disadvantaged area. Localized data by census tract or zip code may be evaluated for this purpose.

8. PY 2026 Targeted Funding and Loan Discounts

    a. Emerging Contaminant Funds (Funding source: emerging contaminant capitalization grant, WSRLA funds)

Eligible projects may receive up to $4 million principal forgiveness funding per project. The remaining project costs, up to $10 million, are eligible for a 0-percent interest rate loan. Any portion of a planning, design, or construction loan that includes infrastructure improvements to address emerging contaminants may be eligible for PF and 0-percent interest rate funding. PFAS projects as well as projects in disadvantaged commmunities will be prioritized.

EC Discount: Ohio EPA is offering up to $50 million at 0-percent interest rate for qualifying EC projects. Borrowers may receive up to $10 million per project at 0-percent interest rate financing on a first-come, first-served basis. Readiness-to-proceed will be a primary determinant in awarding funds.

EC principal forgiveness and discounted rate will be allocated to the portion of the project directly attributable to addressing EC with a priority focus on PFAS projects. EC projects may include source water protection measures as well as remediation projects. For projects addressing microcystin, targeted entities are public water systems that use surface water as a direct source. Priority will be given to water systems in the Lake Erie watershed, and those that have already experienced an algal bloom or a detection of toxins. Qualifying projects will include components at water treatment facilities that treat toxins, as well as projects that implement avoidance strategies such as interconnections with other water supplies, new elevated storage facilities, and the installation of alternative water sources.

    b. Regionalization Project Funds (Funding source: Base and Supplemental capitalization grants, WSRLA funds)

Ohio EPA continues to support regionalization efforts by offering up to 50-percent of project costs or $4 million, whichever is less, for qualifying projects. The remaining project costs are eligible for a 0-percent interest rate loan. Regionalization includes projects which consolidate water systems or connect private wells with poor quality or inadequate water supply into larger systems that exhibit capability. Regionalization is the agency-preferred alternative unless another alternative is fully demonstrated to be more cost effective. The agency reserves the right to direct funding to projects that result in consolidation or shared services.

Regionalization Discount: Regionalization projects that do not qualify for principal forgiveness are eligible for 0-percent interest rate loans. Ohio EPA is offering up to $30 million at 0-percent interest rate for qualifying regionalization projects. Regionalization discount funding will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Readiness-to-proceed will be a primary determinant in awarding funds.

c. Lead Service Line Replacement Project Funds (Funding source: Lead service line capitalization grants, WSRLA funds)

Principal Forgiveness - Eligible projects may receive up to 53-percent of project costs as principal forgiveness. The remaining project costs may be financed at 0-percent interest rate. Lead service line replacement must include both public and private service lines. Principal forgiveness funds may be allocated to multiple projects awarded throughout the program year. In accordance with IIJA legislation, LSL principal forgiveness funding must be awarded to Disadvantaged Communities. For projects with other drinking water infrastructure improvements (e.g,, water main repair), PF funding will only be applied to LSL construction costs. Full replacement of LSL, both system and privately-owned portions, is required. Refer to Appendix J for more information on the LSL project requirements.

LSL Discount – For those entities not eligible for IIJA LSL funding, up to $5 million will be made available at a 0-percent interest rate for lead service line replacements. All LSL funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Readiness-to-proceed will be a primary determinant in awarding funds.

9. Ohio EPA will accept nominations throughout PY 2026 for planning and design, emergency, and LSL construction projects. Only stand-alone LSL construction projects will be accepted. Refer to Appendix J for more information. Nominations for EC projects will also be accepted throughout the program year for WSRLA loan discount funding and EC-SDC grant funds (See Item 4 above).

10. Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act requirements

Included in the IIJA are several amendments to the SDWA as well as the Build America, Buy America Act. BABA establishes strong and permanent domestic sourcing requirements across all federal financial assistance programs. It expands the current American Iron and Steel domestic preference requirements for SRF programs and includes manufactured products and construction materials. On May 14, 2022, BABA requirements became effective (180 days after enactment of the IIJA). USEPA released initial guidance for states on November 7, 2022 following approval of three program waivers: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba-approved-waivers.

All federally funded projects, including those receiving IIJA LSL and EC funding, are required to follow BABA. Further, BABA requirements may be applicable to projects receiving other federal funding (e.g., Army Corps of Engineers, Appalachian Regional Commission, Community Development Block Grant, etc.). For all other WSRLA financed projects, American Iron and Steel requirements will remain in effect. Federally funded projects are identified under DWAF Management Practices Item 22. Additional waivers may be issued for the SRF programs but, until issued, projects that will not meet the waiver requirements should plan for BABA requirements during design and bidding activities. Ohio EPA's construction guidance document is available with additional BABA information and required forms.

11. Interest Rate Evaluation and Availability of Interest Rate Discounts

    During PY 2026, Ohio EPA and financial partners at the Ohio Water Development Authority will continue to evaluate the impact of the current interest rate structure and amount of discounted loan rates on the overall lending capacity of the WSRLA program.

    Availability of interest rate discounts may be revised during the program year based on funding capacity and Ohio EPA's receipt of federal fiscal year 2025 capitalization grant funding. Revisions to the interest rate calculation and discontinuation of rate discounts may be considered for future program years. Refer to Table 4 and Appendix C for more information on current rates and discounts.

12. Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-88-01 and OAC 3745-88-02 Five Year Rule Review

    In January 2025, Ohio EPA began the process for rule review. This process is required every five years. DWAF program related rules in the Ohio Administrative Code were evaluated for revision and an early stakeholder outreach was conducted. Proposed revisions to these rules include eligibility factors for the disadvantaged community loan program with the intention to create parity and offer more transparency between the two SRF programs for disadvantaged community eligibility determinations.

13. Central Ohio Water Study and Upcoming Studies

    Ohio EPA, along with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission completed a 15-county comprehensive water study in central Ohio. A dashboard to review study data and findings along with a summary by county is available on Ohio EPA website: Central Ohio Regional Water Study. Ohio EPA is in the planning stages for additional studies in other regions of the state.

THE 2026 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT PLAN

The State of Ohio has established financial and technical assistance programs under the DWAF to help Ohioans improve their drinking water systems. The DWAF follows provisions of Section 1452 of the SDWA and ORC Section 6109.22.

The DWAF helps protect public health by providing financial assistance to eligible public water systems to attain and maintain compliance with the requirements of the SDWA and Ohio statutes and regulations. Its ranking system prioritizes helping communities correct public health issues in their systems, assisting communities to meet or maintain state and federal SDWA requirements and providing financing to economically disadvantaged communities.

Drinking Water Assistance Fund Long-Term Goals

1. Maximize below-market rate loans and subsidies to eligible public water systems for improvements that eliminate public health threats and ensure compliance with federal and state drinking water laws and regulations.
2. Target technical assistance to public water systems serving fewer than 10,000 people.
3. Target small and disadvantaged community assistance to reduce the financial impact of capital improvements on customers of small systems and systems serving poorer communities.
4. Encourage the regionalization of small public water systems so they may take advantage of economies of scale available to larger water systems.
5. Support extensions of public water systems to address private wells with poor quality or inadequate water supply into larger systems that exhibit capability.
6. Promote the continued development of Asset Management Programs for public water system owners and operators to maintain compliance with the state and federal SDWA requirements.
7. Update source water assessments and provide technical assistance to promote locally developed source water protection plans.

Drinking Water Assistance Fund Short-Term Goals

1. Encourage projects that regionalize and improve human health. Within the limits of additional subsidies, principal forgiveness may be available.
2. Maximize the additional subsidies made available under the FFY 2025 capitalization grant and other federal assistance grants.
3. Continue to provide a special incentive for regionalization projects.
4. Continue to provide a special incentive for infrastructure improvement projects addressing PFAS and for surface water systems to address HAB issues.
5. Continue to provide a special incentive for lead service line replacement projects.

Sources and Uses of Funds for PY 2026

Table 3 below summarizes the sources and available uses of funds for PY 2026. This table includes estimated funds from the FFY 2025 Base capitalization grant and IIJA grants which Ohio EPA will apply for in 2025. The primary sources of funds available for PY 2026 will come from capitalization grants, loan repayments, state matching funds, and leveraged bond funds.

Table 3 - SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2026

SOURCES			
1.	FFY25 Base Capitalization Grant	$ 24,628,000	Final
1a.	FFY21 Cap Grant Reallotment (third)	$41,000	Final
2.	FFY 2025 Supplemental Capitalization Grant	$ 56,225,000	Final
3.	FFY25 Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	$ 202,669,000	Final Allotment

3a.	FFY22 Lead Service Line Reallotment (second)	$3,256,000	Final
3b.	FFY23 Lead Service Line Reallotment	$45,095,000	Final
4.	FFY 2025 Emerging Contaminants Grant	$ 17,253,000	Final
4a.	FFY22 Emerging Contaminants Reallotment (second)	$42,000	Final
4b.	FFY23 Emerging Contaminants Reallotment (first)	$487,000	Final
4c.	FFY24 CWSRF Emerging Contaminants Transfer to DWSRF	$10,971,000	Projected
5.	State Match		
	a. FY2025 Base	$ 4,925,600	20% requirement
	b. FFY21 Reallotment	$8,200	20% requirement
	c. FFY25 Supplemental	$11,245,000	20% requirement
6.	Net Loan Repayments (P+I)	$ 12,800,000	Projected on June 30, 2025, based on 06/30/25 cash flows and loan portfolio and debt currently outstanding
7.	Investment Earnings	$ 16,200,000	Projected based on July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025
8.	Carryover from PY 2025	$ 746,101,000	As of June 30, 2025, including $350M from bond sale proceeds
9.	Leverage Funds	$0	As needed
10.	Recaptured funds from PY 2025	$372,279	Maximum
	Total Sources	**$1,180,744,157**	

USE			
11.	Loans	$750,000,000	Estimated loan demand
12.	Principal Forgiveness	$158,684,830	

Set-asides

		Administrative	Small Systems TA	Public Water Systems	Local Assistance	Total Set-Asides
13.	FFY25 Base Grant	$ 0	$ 0	$ 2,462,800	$ 2,462,800	$4,925,600.00
14.	FFY25 Supplemental Grant	$ 0	$ 1,000,575	$1,500,000	$ 5,500,000	$8,000,575.00
15.	FFY25 Emerging Contaminants Grant	$ 0	$ 0	$0	$0	$0.00
16.	FFY25 Lead Service Line Grant	$0	$0	$0	$14,500,000	$14,500,000.00
	Set-asides Subtotal		$27,426,175			
		Total Uses	**$936,111,005**			

Sources and Uses Table Notes

i. Principal forgiveness funding will be made available upon receipt of capitalization grants.
ii. Small Systems TA Set Aside – 1.78% will be used from the Supplemental grant.
iii. Public Water Systems Set Aside – the maximum 10.00% will be used from the Base grant and 2.67% from the Supplemental grant.
iv. Local Assistance Set Aside – 15% is the permitted maximum; 10.00% ,9.78% and 5.78% and will be used from Base, Supplemental and LSL grants, respectively.
v. Ohio EPA reserves the right to bank all unused set-aside funding for future program years as well as utilize unspent set-aside funding for eligible program uses (i.e., award additional loans).

1. Source – Capitalization Base Grant

   The figure in this table reflects Ohio's final allotment for FFY25. These capitalization grants are distributed to all states using a formula outlined in the Safe Drinking Water Act.

2. Source - IIJA Supplemental Grant

   The figure in this table reflects Ohio's final allotment for FFY25. These capitalization grants are distributed to all states as part of the IIJA. Supplemental grant funds will be used for similar projects and purposes as the Base capitalization grant.

3. Source – IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement Grant

   The total funding available for PY2026 includes $3,256,000 reallotted from FFY22, $45,095,000 reallotted from FFY23, and an FFY25 allocation of $202,669,000. All three allocations are from IIJA and provide funding and technical assistance for the identification and replacement of lead service lines. FFY25 final allotments for LSL grants were issued on November 26, 2025.

4. Source – IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant

   The IIJA provides additional funding to help reduce exposure to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) or other emerging contaminants. The total funding available for PY2026 includes $42,000 reallotted from FFY22, $487,000 reallotted from FFY23, and the FFY25 allocation of $17,253,000. An additional $10,971,000 will also be transferred from the FFY24 Clean Water allocation. The transferred funds will positively impact the DWAF program and fund an additional five projects.

5. Source – State Match

   Both the Base Federal Capitalization Grant and the IIJA Supplemental Capitalization Grant have a match requirement of at least 20 percent for the program. To finance Ohio's match portion, the proceeds of DWAF State Match notes issued in 2022 and a planned August 2025 issuance will be used. Match funds will be spent before drawing down federal capitalization grants, if applicable.

6. Source – Net Loan Repayments

   Since the Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) is a revolving loan program, it regularly receives repayments from loans issued in previous years. This line item represents the projected net repayments Ohio will receive for this program year. Of the total amount received, we subtract all outstanding debt obligation and loan commitments. The repayments include principal and interest.

7. Source – Investment Earnings

   Investment earnings are generated from interest payments, dividends, capital gains collected upon the sale of a security or other assets, and any other profit made through an investment vehicle of any kind. The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) maintains both of Ohio's revolving loan funds and manages all loan transactions and payments. Their role also includes managing any investments. The earnings from those investments are rolled back into the respective program. Since the PMP is prospective, we estimate the investment earnings based on the previous program year.

8. Source – Carryover from PY 2025

   This line item represents the total unobligated funds on balance from the previous program year. Most of the carryover funds come from remaining balances of bond and note sales and bank funding commitments. For PY2026, $350 million of the total carryover is from a bond sale completed in June 2025. Additionally, $177 million of the total carryover is from previously awarded lead service line capitalization grants. Carryover may include monies from any of the following sources:

   - Federal capitalization grant
   - State matching grant
   - Net loan repayment money
   - Investment earnings
   - Leveraged funds

9. Source – Leveraged Funds (Bonds)

   The principal and interest repayments from previously awarded DWAF loans can be leveraged to issue Bonds and Notes which are deposited in the DWAF and used for additional loans. As such, Ohio can issue loans that total far more than the annual federal capitalization grant. Whenever the program's cash balances begin to run low, OWDA issues bonds on behalf of the program to cover anticipated loan awards. Based on recent fund modeling, Ohio currently has the capacity and capability to fund all the projects expected to be awarded in this program year. An estimated $350 million bond issuance is anticipated after July 1, 2025. A final dollar amount is not identified in the table above because it is directly related to the actual needs of our customers, which varies from month to month.

10. Source - Recaptured Principal Forgiveness Funds from Previous Program Year

    From time to time, a reconciliation of previous federal capitalization grants is performed to ensure allocated principal forgiveness dollars were expended. Unused principal forgiveness funds due to project savings or unutilized principal forgiveness funds from projects that did not proceed to award are recaptured and made available for program priorities. For PY2026, $372,279 of unrestricted PF from PY2025 will be allocated in PY2026.

11. Use – Project Loans

    Because the DWAF is a leveraged program, Ohio can issue loans that total far more than the annual federal capitalization grant. As needed, OWDA issues bonds on behalf of the program to cover anticipated loan awards. Based on recent fund modeling, WSRLA currently has the capacity and capability to fund all the projects expected to be awarded in this program year. Average annual loan awards total $550M. This amount is identified in the table as an estimated value. The actual needs of our customers vary from year to year.

12. Use – Principal Forgiveness (PF)

    The federal fiscal year 2025 appropriations legislation and IIJA establish the minimum and maximum percentages of capitalization grant funds to be used as principal forgiveness. Ohio plans to offer up to maximum allowable PF from Base, Supplemental, Emerging Contaminant and Lead Service Line grants. Refer to Table 1 for maximum PF allowance for each grant.

13. Use – Administrative Set Aside

    These are the total costs related to administering the DWAF program. This includes personnel and fringe benefits, contract services, travel, equipment, and supplies, rent and utilities, as well as other indirect costs. Currently, Ohio EPA does not plan to utilize money from the capitalization grant to fund administrative costs. However, if financial circumstances change, Ohio EPA will consider the use of this set aside for program administration.

14. Use – Small Systems Technical Assistance Set Aside

    This program specifically targets public water systems that serve less than 10,000 people. These funds support technical assistance efforts to help these systems achieve and maintain compliance with applicable state and federal drinking water standards. For this program year, 1.78 percent of the Supplemental grant will be set aside to fund these activities.

15. Use – Public Water System Supervision Set Aside

    This program is designed to assist all public water systems. These funds will support efforts to 1) help failing systems return to compliance, 2) identify and assist systems nearing failure, and 3)

implement Ohio's Harmful Algal Bloom Strategy. For this program year, 10 percent of Base and 2.67 percent of Supplemental grants will be set aside to fund these activities.

16. Use – Local Assistance and Other Program Set Aside

    These funds support efforts to help local governments and special districts build capability in their public water systems. For example, developing and updating an asset management program, completing source water assessments, or assisting public water systems in implementing their source water protection plans.

    For this program year, 10 percent of Base, 9.78 percent of Supplemental, and 7.73 percent of Lead Service Line grants will be set aside to fund these activities.

Cross-collateralization: The Ohio EPA and the OWDA have implemented cross-collateralization between the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) and the DWAF by providing for the investment of surplus funds available in the WPCLF to enhance the security for leveraging bonds for the DWAF and by providing for the investment of surplus funds available in the DWAF to enhance the security for Water Quality Bonds and State Match Bonds issued for the WPCLF. Cross-collateralization aids both programs by enhancing bond ratings and lowering borrowing costs without increasing risks.

SRF Program Transfers: Ohio EPA is reserving the right to transfer an amount up to 33% of the cumulative Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Capitalization Grants from the WPCLF to the WSRLA, or an equivalent amount from the WSRLA to the WPCLF

Financial Planning: In cooperation with OWDA and financial investment advisors, Ohio EPA provides funding decision assumptions as inputs in a fund model. The model projects fund capacity and potential impacts on the long-term financial health of the DWAF. The fund model review is conducted annually in advance of the new program year.

Structure of the Fund

To accomplish its short and long-term goals, the DWAF will be composed of the following five accounts in PY 2026:

1. The Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)
2. The Drinking Water Assistance Fund Administrative Account
3. The Small Systems Technical Assistance Account
4. The Public Water Systems Supervision (PWSS) Account
5. The Local Assistance and Other State Programs Account

Each of these five accounts and their operation is described in the following sections.

Water Supply Revolving Loan Account

The WSRLA provides financial assistance for the planning, design, and construction of improvements to community water systems and nonprofit, non-community public water systems. The assistance is in the form of below-market interest rates for compliance-related improvements to public water systems.

WSRLA Nomination Process

Each year Ohio EPA announces by e-mail and press news release the availability of the nomination form, attachments, and instructions on the Ohio EPA webpage. WSRLA funds are available to eligible applicants that submit a complete project nomination package, meet all programmatic requirements, and are ready to proceed within the program year. Special calls for nominations may be issued during the program year for specific projects (e.g., LSL, EC, etc.).

WSRLA Project Priority Ranking System

The WSRLA Project Priority Ranking System (Appendix D) follows federal and state requirements and provides the structure and methodology for scoring systems. Proposed projects are reviewed by Ohio EPA and placed on the Project Priority List. All projects on the Project Priority List have been scored using the system described in Appendix D. Projects are scored in one or more of the following categories:

1. Human health risk
2. Compliance with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act requirements
3. Regionalization

For PY 2026, the fundability of a project is determined by the availability of WSRLA funds, the project priority ranking, and readiness-to-proceed during this program year.

Project Priority List and Intended Projects List (PPL and IPL)

Appendix B contains both the PPL and IPL. The PPL/IPL present the projects anticipated to receive funding if they proceed on schedule and meet all other regulatory and program requirements. Additionally, separate lists are prepared for those projects eligible for principal forgiveness and/or discount interest rates.

Additionally, Ohio EPA will fund in this program year IPL projects originally scheduled in the most recent program year if the projects were ready to proceed but were not processed by Ohio EPA by the close of the program year.

The PPL and IPL contain information specific to each project including:

1. Name of Public Water System
2. Brief Description of the Proposed Project
3. Public Water System Identification Number
4. Population of System Service Area
5. Total Project Priority Points*
6. Potential Terms of Financial Assistance**
7. Expected Funding Schedule of Project

** Project Priority Points are displayed for those projects eligible to receive prinicpal forgiveness funds.*

***Potential terms of financial assistance are based on the best information available at the time of the development of this Program Management Plan. Terms listed in Appendix B may not reflect the actual*

terms of financial assistance to be offered to the public water system at the time the financial arrangements are finalized.

Funding Categories, Interest Rates and Loan Terms

Table 4 includes the funding category and loan options available through the WSRLA. Terms and interest rates are specific, but repayments for all loans must commence not later than 18 months after completion of the project.

TABLE 4 – FUNDING CATEGORIES, INTEREST RATES, AND LOAN TERMS

Funding Category or Type of Loan	Funding Category	Interest Rate and Term
Regionalization Loan	REG	Up to 50% of project awarded in principal forgiveness up to $4 million. The balance at a 0% interest rate loan up to 30 years.
Disadvantaged Community Loan Program	DIS	50% of project costs awarded as principal forgiveness up to $4 million. The balance at a 0% interest rate loan up to 40 years.
Lead Service Line Funding	LSL	Up to 53% of the LSL replacement costs awarded in principal forgiveness. The balance at a 0% interest rate loan up to 40 years. Borrowers not eligible for LSL PF will receive 0% interest rate loan for LSL replacement costs.
Emerging Contaminant Funding	EC	Up to $4 million in principal forgiveness. The balance, up to $10M, at a 0% interest rate. Principal forgiveness and 0% interest rate will be applied to the portion of the project directly attributable to addressing EC. Loan terms up to 30 years (40 years for disadvantaged communities) EC discount funding is available for Harmful algal bloom (HAB) projects.
Small System Long Term [Systems ≤10K population]	SML	Small System Long Term Rate for a term up to 30 years.
Standard Long Term [Systems >10K population]	STD	Standard Long Term Rate for a term up to 30 years.
Planning or Design	PLN/DES	A term up to five years with a 0% interest rate.
Supplemental Loan	Can be any of the above	The interest rate will be determined as appropriate rate in effect at the time of the Supplemental loan award.

Drinking Water Assistance Fund Administrative Account

The Drinking Water Assistance Fund Administrative Account (DWAFAA) will be used to ensure the long-term administration of the program by funding Ohio EPA personnel including management of the DWAF and district office coordinators. Administrative activities will also be paid by the administrative fees collected by Ohio EPA from WSRLA funding recipients. Ohio EPA will require a loan origination fee of 1 percent of the principal of each loan originated from the WSRLA. Subsidized portions of projects (as a result of principal forgiveness) will not be assessed the origination fee. The administrative fee collected by Ohio EPA will be deposited into the DWAFAA.

The OWDA will require a fee of 0.35 percent of the principal of the loan amount. The fee collected by OWDA will be deposited into the DWAFAA to be utilized by the OWDA for administrative costs related to the program. Both fees are due at the time of the loan award and are an eligible project cost.

Funds in the DWAFAA at the conclusion of the program year will remain in the account to address program administrative costs in subsequent program years. Set-aside balances greater than two years old will be transferred into the WSRLA and Ohio EPA will bank these transferred amounts for use in future year grants.

Small Systems Technical Assistance Account

The Small Systems Technical Assistance Account funds technical and managerial assistance for public water systems serving fewer than 10,000 in population. Assistance from this fund will also be provided to WSRLA applicants for completing the documentation necessary to obtain financial assistance, and documents necessary for the asset management program. This assistance will be provided through a combination of outsourcing to qualified organizations and Ohio EPA staff support.

Appendix H contains the work plan for the Small Systems Technical Assistance program. These funds will be used to:

1. Support a technical assistance team or qualified organization(s) to provide on-site technical assistance to help bring selected systems into compliance with applicable requirements of the SDWA and regulations promulgated under the Act; and/or
2. Support a technical assistance team or qualified organization(s) to help eligible public water systems prepare loan applications, develop supporting documentation for loans, develop capacity assurance documents and provide capability training.

Small Systems Technical Assistance Account funds not expended at the conclusion of the program year may remain in the account to address this type of assistance in subsequent program years. Set-aside balances greater than two years old will be transferred into the WSRLA and Ohio EPA will bank these transferred amounts for use in future year grants.

Public Water Supply Supervision Account

The Public Water Systems Supervision (PWSS) Account funds a variety of activities to help ensure Ohio's public water systems provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water and on-going implementation of Ohio's Source Water Protection and Asset Management Programs.

Appendix G contains the work plan for the Public Water System Supervision set-aside authorized under Section 1452(g)(2)(A) of the SDWA.

Local Assistance and Other State Programs Account

The Local Assistance and Other State Programs Account funds a variety of activities to help build capacity, implement the Source Water Assessment and Protection Program, administer individual grant programs and provide lead service line inventory services through state procured contractors.

Appendix I contains the work plan for the local assistance and other state programs set-aside authorized under Section 1452(k)(1)(B) of the SDWA. Ohio EPA will be using this for further development of the asset management program.

Table 5 – Banked set-asides from FFY25 capitalization grants

Capitalization Grant	Small System TA	PWSS	Total
Base	$493,380	$4,100	$497,480
Supplemental	$123,925	$4,122,500	$4,246,425
Lead Service Line	$5,020,400	$25,102,000	$30,122,400

DWAF MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

This section describes how Ohio EPA administers the DWAF program.

To manage available DWAF funds and carry out the purposes of Section 1452 of the SDWA, and ORC 6109.22, Ohio EPA may, without limitation:

1. Establish interest rates for WSRLA loans in accordance with the procedures described in Appendices C and E of this plan.
2. Make available at least 15 percent of the WSRLA funds outlined in each PMP to projects identified in the PMP as small systems serving fewer than 10,000 in population that are ranked on the PPL.
3. Award WSRLA program assistance for preparing project planning documents, detailed plans, and specifications. Ohio EPA may also set a limit on the amount of funds that are available for planning and design loans without additional public notice.
4. Establish, increase, or decrease the available DWAF funds and set-aside uses.
5. Develop and implement with public notice and involvement a plan for the financial and programmatic administration of the DWAF and the long-term financial health of the fund.
6. Establish bypass, amendment and emergency funding procedures for the WSRLA program.
7. Add eligible systems to the WSRLA PPL and IPL in accordance with the management practices described in the emergency project procedure sections of the PMP.
8. Solicit, add and delete projects from the current program year PPL and IPL and change the relative priority of a project in future years in accordance with the management plan in effect at that time.
9. Determine projects eligible for disadvantaged community program assistance.
10. Segment and fund a portion of a WSRLA project if the loan recipient agrees to complete subsequent segments according to an acceptable schedule regardless of additional financial assistance, if at least one of the following applies:
    a. The construction of the project will require more than the proportionate share of the funds identified in the annual PMP that includes the project as a fundable project; or
    b. The project will take three or more years to complete.

11. A segmented project must meet all program requirements. Additionally, the recipient must demonstrate it is financially capable of constructing, according to the approved schedule, subsequent segments without WSRLA funding assistance. Ohio EPA reserves the authority to negotiate the scope of the segmentation based on available WSRLA funds as well as engineering, financial, asset management, and environmental considerations.
12. Deposit at any time into the WSRLA funds available in other DWAF accounts or any portion thereof.
13. Establish definitions, terms, and conditions for WSRLA program assistance to disadvantaged communities in accordance with ORC 6109.22.
14. Establish definitions, terms, and conditions, for assistance from the small systems technical assistance account, including but not limited to, those related to agreements with third parties for the provision of that assistance.
15. Establish submission deadlines for DWAF application materials, WSRLA application materials, revisions to general plans, revisions to detailed plans and specifications, or portions thereof, either individually or collectively, or for the satisfaction of DWAF management plan criteria. Generally, individual project submission deadlines will be based on SDWA compliance schedules, federal or state court-ordered compliance schedules, or state review schedules.
16. Evaluate status of principal forgivess funds and the outstanding projects on the IPL/PPL with a strong emphasis on readiness-to-proceed. Ohio EPA staff will be working very closely with eligible projects throughout the year to give them every opportunity to develop a project that can be awarded. Ohio EPA may evaluate the status of available principal forgiveness funds and the outstanding projects listed on the priority list. The intent of this evaluation is to determine if the projects currently identified as receiving principal forgiveness actually are capable of applying for and entering into a loan agreement within the current program year. If, during this evaluation, a project is determined to be incapable of meeting the requirements of the program, then that project may be bypassed. Funds made available through bypassing may be awarded to other eligible projects on the IPL/PPL. In addition to readiness-to-proceed, a project may be bypassed due to an applicant's inability to meet all other program requirements, failure to develop an approvable, implementable project, or for other reasons applicable under state or federal law. Any projects bypassed during the program year may reapply and be considered for funding during the next program year.
17. Ensure projects meet the American Iron and Steel requirement contained in Public Law 113-76, as well as the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA) requirement (Public Law 117-58), if applicable.
18. Require the application of the Davis-Bacon Act for all assistance agreements for construction under the WSRLA for the entirety of the construction activities financed by the assistance agreement through completion of construction, no matter when construction commences.
19. Develop and maintain operating agreements with other divisions and state agencies to meet program goals.
20. The PMP may be amended at any time during the program year to add emergency projects.
21. The PMP may be amended at any time during the PY to add planning and design and lead service line projects.
22. Enter project data into USEPA's SRF database on a quarterly basis.
23. USEPA requires that states identify a project(s) that will be federally funded and will meet SRF equivalency requirements. These projects will be in an amount made directly available by the FFY 2025 Base and Supplemental capitalization grants ($80,894,000). The following projects are tentatively designated as equivalency project: City of Toledo Distribution System Improvements and Cuyahoga Falls WTP RO Softening Improvements with a combined estimated loan award of $92.5 million. Should this project(s) not close on a loan during the program year, it will be replaced with another project on the PPL that can meet federal equivalency requirements.

Project Responsibilities of DWAF Applicants and Recipients

Ohio EPA is responsible for managing the DWAF program. The loan recipient is responsible for meeting WSRLA program requirements, managing a project and complying with the terms of the loan agreement.

The SDWA and federal fiscal year cap grant appropriation legislation identify multiple requirements loan applicants must follow to receive WSRLA funding including, but not limited to, the following:

- Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates
- American Iron and Steel (AIS) and Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Debarment
- Violating Facilities
- Other requirements can be found under the Program Documents section of the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account website: https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/29/documents/ofa/Construction-Contract-Guidance.pdf

Asset Management

In accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act and federal/state rules and guidance, a system must be determined technically, managerially, and financially capable prior to loan award. This evaluation includes an asset management screening (formerly "capability screening") and a review of the asset management program. The asset management screening will evaluate compliance with Ohio Revised Code sections 6109.08 and 6109.24, Ohio Administrative Code section 3745-87, and potential areas of deficiency that must be addressed in asset management programs. A loan may be awarded to a water system with an inadequate asset management program contingent on a completion schedule approved by the director. In all cases, financial capability must be demonstrated prior to loan award.

General Plan

An Ohio EPA approved general plan is required for new, replaced, rehabilitated, upgraded or expanded water treatment plants and their components. The general plan submitted must ensure consistency with SDWA requirements and address the substance of the proposed project. General plan requirements are available on the WSRLA website: (WSRLA General Plan).

- Design project nominations must include an approvable general plan. An Ohio EPA approved general plan is required prior to loan award.
- Construction projects must have an approvable general plan submitted with the nomination and approved prior to loan award. **For PY 2026, approved general plans must be submitted with the project nomination.**

Planning loans are available for development of a general plan. Technical assistance is also available for small systems (less than 10,000) through our Small Systems Technical Assistance provider. Refer to Appendix H Small Systems Technical Assistance.

Essential Water Supply System Components

WSRLA funding is limited to drinking water improvements. Ohio EPA will only accept costs for facilities and components necessary to the proper function and/or capital costs directly resulting in improved

operation and maintenance of the water system. This determination will be made during the review of general and detailed plans and specifications.

WSRLA Eligible and Ineligible Costs

Ohio EPA will provide WSRLA funds as defined in ORC Section 6109.22 and the SDWA. Each project will undergo an eligibility review of the approved general plan or project planning documentation, a full set of detailed plans and specifications and contract documents prior to any commitment of funds. Detailed plan review is required for all projects including projects that do not require Ohio EPA detailed plan approval due to self-certification or unsubstantial change as described in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-91.

Certain costs are prohibited from WSRLA funding because of federal limitations, while others do not provide safe drinking water benefits. Ineligible WSRLA costs include, but are not necessarily limited to, those listed in Appendix F.

Disadvantaged Community PF Recipients

Disadvantaged community determinations are determined in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-88-01 and 3745-88-02 and are described in detail in Appendix E.

Systems that qualify for and receive funding are required to complete the following training within five years prior to loan award:

- A minimum of 50 percent of the presiding council members or governing board members for the water system must complete the following Rural Communities Assistance Program (RCAP) courses within the five years prior to loan award: 101 Utility Management for Local Officials and 201 Financial Management for Local Officials.

Both courses are offered free of charge and are available online or in a classroom setting.

Source Water Remediation Projects

In rare circumstances, source water contamination is fully attributed to a ground water plume from a site that is either identified on the National Priorities List (or has the potential to be listed on the National Priorities List) or from other contaminants considered at the discretion of the Director. For these situations, Ohio EPA may offer up to 100 percent principal forgiveness to correct, expand, or construct a new drinking water system. Depending on the site-specific conditions, a project to address source water contamination may qualify as an "emergency project."

Emergency Projects

Emergency projects may be submitted at any time during the program year and included on the PPL and IPL based upon the applicant's successful demonstration of an emergency situation. Emergency projects may be added to the PPL or IPL at any time and, if all applicable requirements have been met, may be funded at any time. Emergency projects will be scored using the procedures outlined in Appendix D.

Planning and Design Loans

Planning and design loans will be offered at 0 percent interest for a five-year term to incentivize project planning and design through the DWAF program. In addition to planning and design for standard capital improvement projects, the following activities are eligible:

a. Planning loans may be used for development of general plans, conducting corrosion control studies and mapping the location of lead service lines. Planning may also include sampling for emerging contaminants (i.e., PFAS). Planning and development of public notification systems is also eligible. This may include software and servers as needed for automated notification systems. Updates to asset management programs for existing systems or development of an asset management program for new systems are also eligible;
b. Planning and design loans for the treatment of unregulated contaminants for which USEPA has established health advisory levels.

Should the borrower of a planning/design loan obtain construction financing, either through the DWAF or from other sources, the borrower must repay in full the outstanding loan principal, and any accumulated interest, at the time the construction financing is established or with Ohio EPA's approval, continue to repay the loan in accordance with the provisions of the loan agreement.

APPENDIX A

PUBLIC NOTICE

PY 2026 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan

The following public notices were issued statewide:

Draft Program Year 2026 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is making available a Draft PY 2026 Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) Program Management Plan issued under authority of Ohio Revised Code 6109.22. The Draft Plan proposes how Ohio EPA will distribute funds, administer the DWAF, and prioritize projects during Program Year 2026. Ohio EPA will host two public hearings at 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on July 10, 2025. The meetings will be held online and in-person at Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 W. Town Street, Suite 700, Conference Room B (Summer), Columbus Ohio. To attend the hearings online, registration is required at https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3203386893223931485 or https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3128056053085914967.

The draft PY 2026 PMP is available on the Ohio EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance webpage: https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/environmental-financial-assistance/financial-assistance/wsrla Written comments may be submitted via email during the public notice period to defamail@epa.ohio.gov. All comments on the draft Plan must be received by Ohio EPA no later than 5:00 PM Thursday July 10, 2025.

Final Program Year 2026 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the availability of the Final Program Year 2025 Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) Program Management Plan issued under authority of Ohio Revised Code 6109.22. The Final Plan is available at https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/environmental-financial-assistance/financial-assistance/wsrla. This action may be appealed, in writing, within thirty (30) days of this notice, to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 30 East Broad Street, 4th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Notice of any appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days. This notice of appeal shall be sent to the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance at defamail@epa.ohio.gov.

APPENDIX B

Project Priority List/Intended Projects List

Projects Eligible for Disadavantaged Community and Regionalization Principal Forgiveness

Projects Eligible for Emerging Contaminant Funding

Projects Eligible for Lead Service Line Replacement Funding

Projects Eligible for Regionalization Discount Funding

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	SDWIS Population	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	District Office
Ada	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH3300012	5,334	Hardin	$7,165,000	Construction	Dec-25	DIS	NWDO
Adams County Reg.Water Dist.	Ductile Iron Water Line Replacement	OH0100012	21,810	Adams	$1,500,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	SEDO
Adams County Reg.Water Dist.	Winchester Industrial Park Water System Improvements	OH0100012	21,810	Adams	$2,423,500	Construction	Sep-25	STD	SEDO
Adams County Reg.Water Dist.	WTP Filter Rehab	OH0100012	21,810	Adams	$1,200,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	SEDO
Addyston	Distribution, LSL, and Transmission Main Replacement	OH3100012	900	Hamilton	$838,190	Design	Jun-26	DES	SWDO
Addyston	Distribution, LSL, and Transmission Main Replacement	OH3100012	900	Hamilton	$10,728,381	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SWDO
Addyston	Sekitan Avenue Watermain and LSL Replacement	OH3100012	900	Hamilton	$1,345,942	Construction	Jun-26	SML/LSL PF	SWDO
Adena	Blairmont Road Waterline	OH4100003	820	Jefferson	$94,530	Design	Jun-26	DES	SEDO
Adena	Blairmont Road Waterline	OH4100003	820	Jefferson	$814,200	Construction	Sep-25	DIS	SEDO
Akron	Backwash Pumps Rebuild and MCC Replacement	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$200,000	Design	Jun-26	DES	NEDO
Akron	Water Main Replacement Program 2027	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$253,375	Design	Feb-26	DES	NEDO
Akron	Water Plant Advanced Treatment Facility	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$692,099	Planning	Apr-26	PLN	NEDO
Akron	Advanced Metering Infrastructure Installation 2025	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$1,500,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	Brittain Road Reservoir Replacement Construction	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$43,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Akron	Emergency Connection to Cleveland Water	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$1,000,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	Force Main Rehabilitation	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$15,000,000	Construction	Feb-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	Hawkins Ave (S) Water Main Extension	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$258,200	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Akron	High Serv Pump Ball Valve & Limitorque Manual Valve Replace	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$3,091,800	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Akron	Kenmore Blvd - 28th Street Water Main Connection	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$520,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	NEDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2025	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$20,752,242	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2026	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$10,000,000	Construction	Apr-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Akron	Raw Water Intake Valve Replacement & Repair ph 1	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$385,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	US 224 Waterloo Rd Water Main Extension	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$2,314,863	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	Water Main Replacement Program 2025	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$3,040,500	Construction	Sep-25	STD	NEDO
Akron	Water Main Replacement Program 2026	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$3,000,000	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	Water Plant Water Main Upgrade	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$210,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Akron	Wheeling and Lake Erie RR Yard Water Main Repair	OH7700011	280,000	Summit	$405,500	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Albany	Water Tower Project	OH0500003	901	Athens	$969,862	Construction	Apr-26	SML	SEDO
Albany	Water Tower Project	OH0500003	901	Athens	$44,638	Design	Jun-26	DES	SEDO
Amesville	Water Distribution Improvements	OH0500112	255	Athens	$145,500	Design	Jun-26	DES	SEDO
Amesville	Water Distribution Improvements	OH0500112	255	Athens	$3,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Ansonia	Water Tower Rehab	OH1900012	1,174	Darke	$587,000	Construction	Sep-25	DIS	SWDO
Antwerp	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300012	1,741	Paulding	$8,004,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	NWDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Ashtabula Lead & GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH0400711	32,408	Ashtabula	$5,000,000	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Marion Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5100414	46,317	Marion	$5,000,000	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Struthers Lead and GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5001611	58,551	Mahoning	$5,000,000	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Tiffin Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH7400614	20,035	Seneca	$5,000,000	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Arcanum	Water Tower Replacement	OH1900112	2,100	Darke	$142,500	Design	Sep-25	DES	SWDO
Arcanum	Water Tower Replacement	OH1900112	2,100	Darke	$2,796,500	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SWDO
Ashtabula County	Austinburg to Harpersfield Interconnect	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$3,952,000	Construction	Feb-26	STD	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Austinburg to Harpersfield Interconnect	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$200,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Harpersfield Water Tower	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$3,500,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Jefferson Booster Station Replacement	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$1,240,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Lake Road Waterline Replacement	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$990,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Northeast Regional Waterline Extension	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$10,432,000	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG	NEDO
Ashtabula County	S River Road Waterline Extension Phase 2	OH0400803	13,972	Ashtabula	$2,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	DIS/REG	NEDO
Ashville	Water System Improvement New Water Treatment Plant	OH6500012	4,298	Pickaway	$13,750,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	CO
Attica	Regionalization Waterline with Northern Ohio Rural Water	OH7400011	1,148	Seneca	$176,554	Design	Aug-25	DES	NWDO

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Attica	Regionalization Waterline with Northern Ohio Rural Water	OH7400011	1,148	Seneca	$1,600,000	Construction	Feb-26	REG	NWDO
Aurora	South Water Tower Replacement	OH6789112	15,852	Portage	$6,460,000	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Bainbridge	Waterline Replacement Project	OH7100012	900	Ross	$4,975,000	Construction	Oct-25	DIS/LSL PF	SEDO
Baltimore	2025 Waterline Improvements	OH2300112	2,995	Fairfield	$675,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	CO
Baltimore	2025 Waterline Improvements	OH2300112	2,995	Fairfield	$5,497,000	Construction	Feb-26	SML	CO
Baltimore	Well Replacement Project	OH2300112	2,995	Fairfield	$450,000	Construction	Mar-26	SML	CO
Baltimore	Well Replacement Project	OH2300112	2,995	Fairfield	$124,700	Design	Dec-25	DES	CO
Barberton	Cleveland-Massillon Waterline Extension	OH7700411	31,298	Summit	$1,234,422	Construction	Dec-25	REG	NEDO
Barnesville	North Waterline Extension	OH0700011	6,500	Belmont	$568,845	Design	Jul-25	DES	SEDO
Barnesville	North Waterline Extension	OH0700011	6,500	Belmont	$3,761,147	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Barnesville	PFOA General Plan	OH0700011	6,500	Belmont	$70,000	Planning	Aug-25	PLN/EC	SEDO
Belle Center	W. Buckeye Street & Elizabeth Street Water Line Replacement	OH4600012	834	Logan	$26,500	Design	Aug-25	DES	SWDO
Belle Center	W. Buckeye Street & Elizabeth Street Water Line Replacement	OH4600012	834	Logan	$739,720	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SWDO
Belmont	Water Storage Tank Rehab	OH0700315	400	Belmont	$432,600	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SEDO
Belpre	Well #2 Rehabilitation	OH8400012	6,441	Washington	$38,000	Design	Dec-25	DES	SEDO
Belpre	Well #2 Rehabilitation	OH8400012	6,441	Washington	$465,750	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SEDO
Bethesda	Water Line Replacement	OH0700511	1,382	Belmont	$250,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Bethesda	Water Line Replacement	OH0700511	1,382	Belmont	$1,749,340	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
Beverly	PFAS Treatment	OH8400112	1,900	Washington	$1,543,200	Construction	Jan-26	DIS/EC	SEDO
Beverly	Water Storage Tank Replacement	OH8400112	1,900	Washington	$2,497,800	Construction	Oct-25	SML	SEDO
Blanchester	Reservoir 3 Improvements	OH1400111	4,243	Clinton	$751,280	Construction	Oct-25	SML	SWDO
Bloomingburg	Bloomingburg Water Treatment Plant Replacement	OH2400012	919	Fayette	$5,329,440	Construction	Dec-25	SML	CO
Bowerston	Distribution System and Meter Replacement	OH3400112	517	Harrison	$1,000,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML/LSL PF	SEDO
Bowerston	New Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Imp Project	OH3400112	517	Harrison	$6,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Bowling Green	Carter Park Water Tower & Western Water Tower Imp	OH8700311	31,578	Wood	$3,600,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NWDO
Bowling Green	Hillcrest - Parkwood - Ash & Coleman Waterline Imp	OH8700311	31,578	Wood	$1,750,000	Construction	Apr-26	STD	NWDO
Bowling Green	Nims Road Waterline Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	Wood	$1,400,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NWDO
Bowling Green	South College Drive Waterline Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	Wood	$1,700,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	NWDO
Bowling Green	Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	Wood	$2,100,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	NWDO
Bowling Green	Water Treatment Plant Membrane Expansion	OH8700311	31,578	Wood	$14,105,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD/HAB	NWDO
Bradford	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1900212	2,000	Miami	$800,000	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement	OH2300212	1,425	Fairfield	$889,900	Design	Dec-25	DES	CO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement	OH2300212	1,425	Fairfield	$12,995,600	Construction	Feb-26	DIS	CO
Bridgeport	Lombardy Heights Tank Rehabilitation	OH0700612	2,830	Belmont	$1,069,345	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SEDO
Brown County Rural Water Assoc.	Wahlsburg Tank	OH0802012	29,010	Brown	$8,500,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	SWDO
Buckeye Lake	First Street Water Line Improvements	OH4564712	2,746	Licking	$352,000	Construction	Sep-25	REG	CO
Burr Oak Regional Water District	Water Expansion - Morgan County Booster	OH0501311	1,994	Athens	$486,600	Construction	Apr-26	REG	SEDO
Cadiz	Charleston Waterline Replacement	OH3400214	3,353	Harrison	$292,840	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SEDO
Cambridge	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 2	OH3000111	10,520	Guernsey	$499,960	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	SEDO
Cambridge	Raw Water System Improvements	OH3000111	10,520	Guernsey	$10,000,000	Construction	Feb-26	STD	SEDO
Canal Winchester	2025 Waterline Improvements	OH2500312	9,286	Franklin	$938,000	Construction	May-26	SML	CO
Canfield	C.H. Campbell Elementary Water Service Improvements	OH5000503	7,767	Mahoning	$410,434	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Canfield	C.H. Campbell Elementary Water Service Improvements	OH5000503	7,767	Mahoning	$33,824	Design	Dec-25	DES	NEDO
Canton	Cromer Water Storage Reservoir Demolition and Replacement	OH7608112	107,113	Stark	$17,734,261	Construction	Jul-25	STD	NEDO
Canton	Middlebranch/Mount Pleasant Waterline Extension	OH7608112	107,113	Stark	$868,083	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Cardington	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5900112	2,079	Morrow	$5,145,807	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
Carroll	Cemetery Rd Water Line Extension	OH2300312	524	Fairfield	$93,800	Design	May-26	DES	CO
Carroll	Cemetery Rd Water Line Extension	OH2300312	524	Fairfield	$1,390,650	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO

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Catawba	Standpipe Storage Tank Repair	OH1200312	241	Clark	$46,600	Construction	Oct-25	DIS	SWDO
Catawba	Water Treatment Plant Aeration and Filtration	OH1200312	241	Clark	$845,733	Construction	Jun-26	DIS	SWDO
Catawba	Water Treatment Plant Aeration and Filtration	OH1200312	241	Clark	$64,763	Design	Sep-25	DES	SWDO
Chagrin Falls	Center Street Watermain Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	Cuyahoga	$1,250,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Church Street Watermain Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	Cuyahoga	$1,250,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Maple Street Waterline Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	Cuyahoga	$1,600,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Walnut Street Water Line Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	Cuyahoga	$1,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Chauncey	Waterline Replacement Project	OH0500512	1,428	Athens	$104,610	Design	Mar-26	DES	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements	OH5800112	823	Morgan	$935,200	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements	OH5800112	823	Morgan	$157,900	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	823	Morgan	$2,413,600	Construction	Jan-26	SML/EC	SEDO
Chillicothe	Main Street Pump Station Replacement	OH7100112	21,725	Ross	$1,100,000	Construction	May-26	STD	SEDO
Cincinnati	Baker Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$1,524,764	Construction	Feb-26	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Bayard/Victoria Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$3,366,043	Construction	Oct-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Branch Only - Fairmount LSL	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$600,000	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Branch Only- Jonathan, Ruth, Woodburn LSL	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$1,100,000	Construction	Oct-25	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Budd St Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$5,997,792	Construction	Apr-26	STD	SWDO
Cincinnati	Fire Flow 23 Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$3,557,872	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Harrison Cora - Fairmount LSL	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$570,000	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Kling Ave LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$595,000	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Lower & East Price Hill Private LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$2,710,000	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Lyon - Wheeler Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$3,101,870	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	McHenry - Wooster Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$5,200,676	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Monastery - Mt. Adams Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$4,999,139	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Mt Hope/Warsaw Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$4,140,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Plum/Court Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$4,761,000	Construction	Feb-26	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Southern Hawthorne Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	Hamilton	$2,253,355	Construction	Sep-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Circleville	Utility Improvements for South Court Street	OH6500412	13,965	Pickaway	$1,766,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD	CO
Circleville	Utility Improvements for Walnut Street	OH6500412	13,965	Pickaway	$1,701,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD/LSL PF	CO
Clark County	Donnelsville Water System	OH1201112	4,221	Clark	$8,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG	SWDO
Clarksville	Water Meter Replacement	OH1400203	562	Clinton	$21,900	Design	Oct-25	DES	SWDO
Clarksville	Water Meter Replacement	OH1400203	562	Clinton	$239,531	Construction	May-26	SML	SWDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-1	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,941,462	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-2	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,941,462	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-3	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,941,462	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-4	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,941,462	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-5	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,596,114	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-6	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,596,114	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-7	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,596,114	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-8	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,596,114	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-1	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-10	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-11	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-12	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-13 Tree Lawn / Small Work	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,092,160	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-14 Tree Lawn / Small Work	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,092,160	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-15 Tree Lawn / Small Work	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,092,160	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-16 CA Reimbursement	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$3,805,200	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO

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Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-17 Filters 1	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$280,000	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-18 Filters 2	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$280,000	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-19 Curb Boxes / Bases	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$1,929,009	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-2	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-20 Copper & Brass	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$2,780,227	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-21 Curb Boxes & Bases (Group B)	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$67,200	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-22 Copper & Brass (Group B)	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$112,000	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-3	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-4	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-5	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-6	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-7	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-8	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-9	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	Kirtland Crib Rehabilitation Phase 1	OH1801212	1,308,955	Cuyahoga	$15,000,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Cleves	Addyston Waterline Extension	OH3100512	6,000	Hamilton	$797,309	Construction	Oct-25	DIS/REG/EC	SWDO
Cleves	Addyston Waterline Extension	OH3100512	6,000	Hamilton	$67,584	Design	Sep-25	DES/EC	SWDO
Coal Grove	Waterline Interconnect	OH4400012	2,167	Lawrence	$144,410	Construction	Jul-25	SML	SEDO
Columbus	4th Water Plant Construction CIP 690600-100000	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$1,600,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	CO
Columbus	4th Water Plant Transmission Main River Crossing	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$5,000,000	Design	Apr-26	DES	CO
Columbus	4th WTP - Engineering Services-Constr. 690600-100000	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$24,000,000	Design	Apr-26	DES	CO
Columbus	5th Av by Northwest-Edgehill Meadow WL Imp CIP 690236-100159	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$1,300,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	CO
Columbus	Ann Street Area Water Line Imp CIP 690236-100164	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,500,000	Construction	May-26	STD	CO
Columbus	Aragon Ave Area Water Line Imps, CIP 690236-100102	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$5,500,000	Construction	Aug-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Athens Ave and Rumsey Rd Area WL Imprs CIP# 690236-100136	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$5,500,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Atlanta Dr. Area WL Imprs, CIP 690236-100131	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,900,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Bluefield Drive Area WL Imprs, CIP 690236-100129	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,500,000	Construction	Aug-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Chesapeake Ave Area Water Line Imp CIP 690236-100154	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	CO
Columbus	Chittenden Ave Area Water Line Imp CIP 690236-100162	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	CO
Columbus	CIP 690502-100003 Hudson St-Arcadia Ave Transmission Main	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$600,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	CO
Columbus	DRWP Tunnel Repair CIP 691100-100001	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$2,600,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	HCWP Drain & Water System Imps CIP #690552-100000	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$7,750,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	CO
Columbus	HCWP Screening & Sludge Removal Imps	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$1,500,000	Planning	Dec-25	PLN	CO
Columbus	Heyl Ave Area Water Line Imps CIP# 690236-100135	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Jermain Drive Area Water Line Imprs CIP# 690236-100134	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$5,700,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Kent-Fairwood Area WL Imprs CIP 690236-100144	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$1,500,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Kenwick Rd Area Water Line Imp CIP# 690236-100137	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$5,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 3, CIP 690236-110003	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$10,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements-Pt 2, CIP 690236-110001	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$10,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	LSL PF	CO
Columbus	Lexington Ave Area Water Line Imps CIP# 690236-100133	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$5,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Morse Rd. 48-Inch Trans. Main Lowering, CIP 690502-100005	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$2,100,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	CO
Columbus	N. Sixth St & E. 3rd Ave Area WL Imps CIP# 690236-100157	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$650,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	CO
Columbus	Newton-Bedford WL Imprs, CIP 690236-100120	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$650,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	CO
Columbus	Palmetto Westgate Area WL Imprs CIP #690236-10045	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$3,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	PAWP - Plant Drain & Water System Imps CIP# 690552-100001	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$750,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	PAWP Wellfield Dev (CW 112) Raw Water Line CIP 690580-100001	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$11,300,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	CO
Columbus	PAWP Wellfield Development CIP# 690580-100000	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$29,100,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	S High St & I270 Area WL Ph 1 CIP 690236-100180	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$1,500,000	Construction	Apr-26	STD	CO

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Columbus	Shamrock Dr Area Water Line Imp, CIP 690236-100156	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,500,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	CO
Columbus	SWWTP Substation Replacement CIP No. 690026-1	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$4,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Velma Ave Area Water Line Imps CIP# 690236-100138	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Water Distribution System SCADA Imp CIP 690522-100001	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$14,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Columbus	Yale Avenue Area Water Line Imp, CIP 690236-100163	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	CO
Columbus	Youngs Drive Area Water Line Imp CIP 690236-100155	OH2504412	1,288,850	Franklin	$6,100,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	CO
Conneaut	Buffalo Street Watermain Replacement	OH0400411	12,538	Ashtabula	$300,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Conneaut	Clark Street Water Tower Replacement	OH0400411	12,538	Ashtabula	$6,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	NEDO
Conneaut	Old Main Street Waterline & Lift Station Improvements	OH0400411	12,538	Ashtabula	$111,550	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Conneaut	Old Main Street Waterline & Lift Station Improvements	OH0400411	12,538	Ashtabula	$1,160,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Conneaut	Park & Day Streets Waterline Replacement	OH0400411	12,538	Ashtabula	$300,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Continental	Alley Waterline Replacement	OH6900212	1,153	Putnam	$23,500	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Continental	Alley Waterline Replacement	OH6900212	1,153	Putnam	$375,345	Construction	Feb-26	SML	NWDO
Coolville	Water System Improvements	OH0500603	859	Athens	$1,975,000	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SEDO
Cuyahoga Falls	Lead Line Service Replacement	OH7701012	51,114	Summit	$3,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	LSL	NEDO
Cuyahoga Falls	WTP RO Softening Improvements	OH7701012	51,114	Summit	$22,500,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD	NEDO
Dayton	Ottawa WTP Advanced PFAS Treatment	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$75,000	Design	Jun-26	DES	SWDO
Dayton	36" Raw Water Main within Miami Wellfield Phase 3	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$7,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	48" Interconnect between Miami WF & Ottowa Plant Phase 1	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$10,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Advanced PFAS Treatment @Ottawa WTP, CMAR Construction	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$250,000,000	Construction	Apr-26	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Design of Additional 6-8 Production Wells at Miami Wellfield	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$2,000,000	Design	Jan-26	DES/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Expansion of Miami Well Field Recharge Lagoon, Phase 2	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$47,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Miami Water Treatment Plant Basins - CMAR	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$25,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Water Quality Lab Expansion	OH5703512	141,407	Montgomery	$6,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD/EC	SWDO
Defiance	N66 Booster Station Replacement	OH2000111	16,494	Defiance	$1,200,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	NWDO
Defiance	Wayne Ave Waterline Replacement	OH2000111	16,494	Defiance	$2,500,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	NWDO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Cheshire Elevated Water Storage Tank No. 2	OH2101412	150,000	Delaware	$4,200,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Hartford Area Waterline Extension	OH2101412	150,000	Delaware	$7,000,000	Construction	May-26	REG	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Lackey Old State Water Transmission Line	OH2101412	150,000	Delaware	$8,087,900	Construction	Sep-25	STD	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Olentangy East Transmission Line	OH2101412	150,000	Delaware	$6,566,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Treatment of Emerging Contaminants at the Olentangy WTP	OH2101412	150,000	Delaware	$8,650,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD/EC	CO
Delphos	LSL Replacement 2026: Jackson, Harmon, Moening & Grant St.	OH0200412	7,101	Allen	$157,093	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Delphos	LSL Replacement 2026: Jackson, Harmon, Moening & Grant St.	OH0200412	7,101	Allen	$2,141,127	Construction	May-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Delphos	Pierce Street Waterline Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	Allen	$57,263	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Delphos	Pierce Street Waterline Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	Allen	$1,169,773	Construction	May-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
East Liverpool	SR 39 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1500811	12,586	Columbiana	$1,585,000	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	NEDO
East Liverpool	WTP General Plan	OH1500811	12,586	Columbiana	$400,000	Planning	Dec-25	PLN	NEDO
East Palestine	Water Treatment Plant Filtration Improvements	OH1500912	4,761	Columbiana	$6,352,636	Construction	Jun-26	SML	NEDO
Edgerton	WTP Improvements	OH8600312	1,881	Williams	$986,225	Construction	Sep-25	SML	NWDO
Elyria	Chlorine Room Modification and Upgrade	OH4700411	68,000	Lorain	$1,700,000	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Elyria	Furnace Street Water Tank	OH4700411	68,000	Lorain	$2,000,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Elyria	High Service Pump and VFDs	OH4700411	68,000	Lorain	$4,600,000	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Elyria	Washington Ave Watermain Replacement	OH4700411	68,000	Lorain	$1,800,000	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Fairport Harbor	Water Syste - Secondary Interconnection	OH4300411	3,180	Lake	$108,200	Design	Feb-26	DES	NEDO
Fairport Harbor	Water System Regionalization Phase 2	OH4300411	3,180	Lake	$1,053,800	Construction	Jun-26	REG	NEDO
Felicity	Water Storge Tank Rehab	OH1300612	3,700	Clermont	$750,000	Construction	Dec-25	DIS	SWDO
Forest	New Wells Construction	OH3300312	1,652	Hardin	$861,575	Construction	May-26	DIS	NWDO
Forest	New Wells Design	OH3300312	1,652	Hardin	$39,670	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO

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Fort Recovery	Water Treatment Plant Reconstruction Project	OH5400212	1,501	Mercer	$4,397,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NWDO
Franklin	12-inch Watermain Connection	OH8300412	17,175	Warren	$2,900,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	SWDO
Franklin	Water Meter Replacement Project	OH8300412	17,175	Warren	$4,638,286	Construction	Sep-25	STD	SWDO
Franklin County	WDS Infrastructure Reconstruction Project (GEMS)	OH2501003	8,575	Franklin	$719,398	Design	Oct-25	DES	CO
Franklin County	WDS Infrastructure Reconstruction Project (GEMS)	OH2501003	8,575	Franklin	$8,632,776	Construction	May-26	STD	CO
Frazeysburg	2024 Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6000612	1,340	Muskingum	$750,000	Construction	Sep-25	DIS	SEDO
Fredericksburg	Water System Improvements	OH8500812	420	Wayne	$1,569,000	Construction	Jan-26	SML	NEDO
Gallia County Rural Water Assoc.	Centenary Booster Station Replacement	OH2700012	20,995	Gallia	$550,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	SEDO
Gallia County Rural Water Assoc.	GAC for PFAS Removal[1]	OH2700012	20,995	Gallia	$227,500	Design	Oct-25	DES/EC	SEDO
Gallipolis	Lime Slaker Replacement	OH2700112	7,134	Gallia	$275,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	7,134	Gallia	$448,600	Design	Dec-25	DES/EC	SEDO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	7,134	Gallia	$4,809,500	Construction	Feb-26	DIS/EC	SEDO
Gallipolis	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH2700112	7,134	Gallia	$8,005,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Geneva	SR 84 Waterline Replacement	OH0401712	5,924	Ashtabula	$510,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Genoa	2025 Waterline Improvements	OH6201003	2,800	Ottawa	$400,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NWDO
Genoa	Water Tank Rehabilitation	OH6201003	2,800	Ottawa	$980,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NWDO
Germantown	Kemp Street Water Main Improvements	OH5701012	5,796	Montgomery	$575,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SWDO
Gnadenhutten	S. Walnut Street Waterline Replacement	OH7900512	1,240	Tuscarawas	$700,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	SEDO
Granger Lake	Water Plant Upgrades	OH5202112	131	Medina	$238,405	Construction	Jan-26	SML	NEDO
Granville	Burg Street Water Line Improvements	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$4,712,000	Construction	May-26	SML	CO
Granville	Granville JEDD	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$1,100,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	CO
Granville	Granville JEDD	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$9,500,000	Construction	May-26	SML	CO
Granville	River Road Water Line Extension - Phases 2 and 3	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$60,000	Design	Feb-26	DES	CO
Granville	River Road Water Line Extension - Phases 2 and 3	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$400,000	Construction	May-26	SML	CO
Granville	WTP Filter Rehabilitation	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$445,000	Construction	Mar-26	SML	CO
Granville	WTP Lime Sludge Holding Improvements	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$950,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	CO
Granville	WTP Sanitary Improvements	OH4500612	5,946	Licking	$750,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	CO
Greenville	New Water Tower - East	OH1900714	13,227	Darke	$8,405,292	Construction	Jul-25	STD	SWDO
Greenwich	Greenwich Water Treatment Plant	OH3900312	1,476	Huron	$400,000	Design	Jan-26	DES	NWDO
Greenwich	Greenwich Water Treatment Plant	OH3900312	1,476	Huron	$3,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	SML	NWDO
Hamler	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH3500312	580	Henry	$2,628,973	Construction	Dec-25	DIS	NWDO
Heath	Dorsey Mill Water Main Replacement	OH4500912	10,310	Licking	$3,420,300	Construction	Jun-26	STD	CO
Hebron	Port Authority Water Line Extension	OH4501012	2,368	Licking	$59,550	Design	Sep-25	DES	CO
Hebron	Port Authority Water Line Extension	OH4501012	2,368	Licking	$611,260	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
Hebron	South High Street Water Line Replacement	OH4501012	2,368	Licking	$928,000	Construction	Mar-26	SML	CO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	34,942	Lawrence	$40,000	Planning	Dec-25	PLN	SEDO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	34,942	Lawrence	$515,000	Design	Jun-26	DES	SEDO
Highland County Water Co.	Southeast Water System Fortification, Phase 1 Marshall Area	OH3600514	28,421	Highland	$5,200,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	SWDO
Highland County Water Co.	Southeast Water System Fortification, Phase 2 Fairfax Area	OH3600514	28,421	Highland	$15,750,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	SWDO
Hillsboro	Westover Drive Waterline	OH3600614	6,650	Highland	$77,520	Design	Oct-25	DES	SWDO
Hillsboro	Westover Drive Waterline	OH3600614	6,650	Highland	$1,230,630	Construction	May-26	SML	SWDO
Hiram	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6701612	1,406	Portage	$1,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Holgate	Regionalization Project	OH3500512	1,150	Henry	$14,400,000	Construction	Oct-25	DIS/REG	NWDO
Huron	Back-up Raw Water Intake, Pump Station and Force Main	OH2201011	6,893	Erie	$272,560	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Huron	Back-up Raw Water Intake, Pump Station and Force Main	OH2201011	6,893	Erie	$3,666,793	Construction	Oct-25	SML/HAB	NWDO
Huron	New Elevated Water Storage Tank	OH2201011	6,893	Erie	$5,157,800	Construction	Aug-25	SML/HAB	NWDO
Indian Hill	WTP PFAS Study	OH3101112	15,000	Hamilton	$405,550	Planning	Jul-25	PLN/EC	SWDO

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Ironton	10th Street Waterline Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$806,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Ironton	10th Street Waterline Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$7,925,000	Construction	Feb-26	STD	SEDO
Ironton	PFAS General Plan	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$149,000	Planning	Oct-25	PLN/EC	SEDO
Ironton	Rice Property Site Waterline	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$153,500	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Ironton	Rice Property Site Waterline	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$544,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	SEDO
Ironton	Washington St Waterline Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$782,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Ironton	Washington St Waterline Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$7,679,700	Construction	Feb-26	STD	SEDO
Ironton	WTP Emergency Generator	OH4400711	11,129	Lawrence	$1,324,500	Construction	Dec-25	STD	SEDO
Jamestown	Water System Improvements	OH2901712	1,997	Greene	$12,550,400	Construction	Mar-26	SML	SWDO
Jamestown	Water System Improvements	OH2901712	1,997	Greene	$2,353,094	Design	Jul-25	DES	SWDO
Jefferson County	Amsterdam	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$7,500,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD/LSL PF	SEDO
Jefferson County	Bergholz Water System Improvements	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$860,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Jefferson County	Bergholz Water System Improvements	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$7,500,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD/LSL PF	SEDO
Jefferson County	Hammondsville Water Storage Tank Rehab	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$175,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Jefferson County	Hammondsville Water Storage Tank Rehab	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$1,400,000	Construction	May-26	STD	SEDO
Jefferson County	Pleasant Hill Tank Water Supply Re-routing Bypass of Rt 213	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$500,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	SEDO
Jefferson County	Pleasant Hill Tank Water Supply Re-routing Bypass of Rt 213	OH4101103	13,983	Jefferson	$50,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Jefferson Reg Water Authority	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5703012	4,750	Montgomery	$3,235,220	Construction	Apr-26	SML	SWDO
Jefferson Reg Water Authority	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5703012	4,750	Montgomery	$234,970	Design	Dec-25	DES	SWDO
Jeffersonville	New Potable Water Well	OH2400612	1,356	Fayette	$209,210	Construction	Jun-26	SML	CO
Johnstown	Water Treatment Plant Expansion	OH4501512	5,200	Licking	$36,000,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	CO
Kenton	Wayne Street Water Main Replacement	OH3300612	8,360	Hardin	$72,364	Design	Mar-26	DES	NWDO
Kenton	Detroit Street Waterline and LSL Phase 3	OH3300612	8,360	Hardin	$1,453,797	Construction	Feb-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Kenton	Downtown Waterline Replacement Phase 2B	OH3300612	8,360	Hardin	$4,839,599	Construction	Jan-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Kenton	WTP Design Build Rehab and Repairs	OH3300612	8,360	Hardin	$6,160,000	Construction	Dec-25	DIS	NWDO
Killbuck	Waterline Upgrades	OH3800712	950	Holmes	$500,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	NEDO
Lagrange	Water Meter Replacement	OH4700603	2,400	Lorain	$100,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Lagrange	Water Meter Replacement	OH4700603	2,400	Lorain	$750,000	Construction	Jan-26	SML	NEDO
Lagrange	Water Supply Pump Station Standby Generator	OH4700603	2,400	Lorain	$202,232	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Lakeview	Emergency Water Connection	OH4601512	1,083	Logan	$43,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SWDO
Lakeview	Emergency Water Connection	OH4601512	1,083	Logan	$764,925	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SWDO
Lakeview	Water Meter Upgrades	OH4601512	1,083	Logan	$200,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SWDO
Lakewood	2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Program Phase 1	OH1801003	50,942	Cuyahoga	$3,293,695	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Lakewood	2025 Watermain & Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1801003	50,942	Cuyahoga	$675,542	Construction	Aug-25	STD/LSL PF	NEDO
Leipsic	Poplar St Waterline Replacement	OH6900612	2,348	Putnam	$29,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Leipsic	Poplar St Waterline Replacement	OH6900612	2,348	Putnam	$607,840	Construction	Feb-26	SML	NWDO
Leipsic	Water Treatment Plant	OH6900612	2,348	Putnam	$14,000,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	NWDO
Lewisburg	Well Field Improvements	OH6800812	1,800	Preble	$607,000	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SWDO
Lewisburg	Well Field Improvements	OH6800812	1,800	Preble	$40,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SWDO
Licking County	Edgewater Beach Water Line Extension	OH4500812	3,005	Licking	$4,875,900	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO
Licking County	Hanover Marne Phase 2 Water Line Extension	OH4500812	3,005	Licking	$1,162,573	Design	Sep-25	DES	CO
Licking County	Hanover Marne Phase 2 Water Line Extension	OH4500812	3,005	Licking	$15,016,181	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO
Licking County	Jacksontown Water Line Extension	OH4500812	3,005	Licking	$2,214,000	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO
Licking Regional Water District	Summit Road and Morse Road Water Line Extension	OH4505412	17,818	Licking	$3,421,800	Construction	Oct-25	REG	CO
Lima	East Regional Waterline Loop	OH0200811	65,619	Allen	$650,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NWDO
Lima	East Regional Waterline Loop	OH0200811	65,619	Allen	$6,500,000	Construction	Feb-26	REG	NWDO
Lima	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 3	OH0200811	65,619	Allen	$2,374,389	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Lisbon	North End & SR 45 Waterline Extensions	OH1501512	2,821	Columbiana	$480,848	Construction	Apr-26	DIS/REG	NEDO

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Lithopolis	Jackson Lake Park Water System Interface	OH2301112	1,573	Fairfield	$408,368	Construction	Oct-25	REG	CO
Lithopolis	Water Treatment Plant Filter Addition	OH2301112	1,573	Fairfield	$1,263,700	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
Little Hocking W&S Assoc.	SR339 Transmission and Barlow Tank and Booster	OH8400212	9,892	Washington	$1,479,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Little Hocking W&S Assoc.	SR339 Transmission and Barlow Tank and Booster	OH8400212	9,892	Washington	$14,009,500	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Little Hocking W&S Assoc.	Waterline Extension	OH8400212	9,892	Washington	$1,298,500	Design	Sep-25	DES/EC	SEDO
Little Hocking W&S Assoc.	Waterline Extension	OH8400212	9,892	Washington	$12,603,800	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Lockland	Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 2	OH3101212	3,486	Hamilton	$1,854,500	Construction	Oct-25	SML/LSL PF	SWDO
Logan	RO Membrane Skid for WTP	OH3700612	6,704	Hocking	$3,565,000	Construction	May-26	SML	SEDO
Logan	RO Membrane Skid for WTP	OH3700612	6,704	Hocking	$285,200	Design	Mar-26	DES	SEDO
Lordstown	Hallock-Young RD Connector Waterline	OH7804403	3,515	Trumbull	$2,226,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NEDO
Lordstown	Lordstown Water Extension Phase 2	OH7804403	3,515	Trumbull	$1,706,431	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Lordstown	Lordstown Water Extension Phase 2	OH7804403	3,515	Trumbull	$11,543,499	Construction	Apr-26	SML	NEDO
Loveland	PFAS Treatment	OH1300812	12,800	Hamilton	$1,337,640	Design	Jul-25	DES/EC	SWDO
Lowell	Water Tank and Watermain Replacement	OH8400312	603	Washington	$1,066,995	Construction	Jun-26	DIS	SEDO
Lynchburg	Water System Improvements Phase 1	OH3600915	1,515	Highland	$2,720,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	SWDO
Lyons	Water Tower Replacement	OH2600603	562	Fulton	$2,116,800	Construction	Dec-25	DIS	NWDO
Madison Water District	Distribution, Storage and WTP Improvements	OH7006712	2,050	Richland	$5,570,175	Construction	Oct-25	REG	NWDO
Mahoning Valley Sanitary Dist	MVSD Ph V - Youngstown Reservoir and Gate House Imp	OH7801811	48	Trumbull	$6,947,046	Construction	May-26	STD	NEDO
Malta	Water Meter Replacement Project	OH5800412	671	Morgan	$60,700	Design	Dec-25	DES	SEDO
Malta	Water Meter Replacement Project	OH5800412	671	Morgan	$1,110,400	Construction	Apr-26	SML	SEDO
Malta	Water Treatment Plant Project[1]	OH5800412	671	Morgan	$1,300,000	Design	Dec-25	DES	SEDO
Malvern	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH1000112	1,200	Carroll	$6,643,500	Construction	Mar-26	SML	NEDO
Manchester	Waterline Replacement Phase 3	OH0100112	2,043	Adams	$378,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Manchester	Waterline Replacement Phase 3	OH0100112	2,043	Adams	$3,788,025	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SEDO
Marblehead	Johnson's Island Waterline Extension	OH6202411	865	Ottawa	$8,707,700	Construction	Oct-25	REG	NWDO
Martins Ferry	Hospital and Business District Water Main Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	Belmont	$1,046,060	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SEDO
Martins Ferry	Jefferson Street Waterline Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	Belmont	$624,800	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SEDO
Matamoras	New Water Treatment Plant	OH8400512	896	Washington	$522,200	Design	Oct-25	DES/EC	SEDO
Matamoras	New Water Treatment Plant	OH8400512	896	Washington	$5,630,000	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Matamoras	Water Distribution Systems Improvements	OH8400512	896	Washington	$402,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	SEDO
McArthur	Water System Improvements	OH8200212	2,400	Vinton	$123,540	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Mechanicsburg	Water System Improvements - Phase 3	OH1100712	1,644	Champaign	$2,221,978	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SWDO
Mechanicsburg	Water System Improvements - Phase 3	OH1100712	1,644	Champaign	$49,735	Design	Oct-25	DES	SWDO
Medina County	Westfield Center WTP Upgrades	OH5260712	4,516	Medina	$700,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	NEDO
Medina County	Westfield Center WTP Upgrades	OH5260712	4,516	Medina	$15,000,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	NEDO
Miamisburg	King Richard Transmission Main	OH5701212	19,790	Montgomery	$9,300,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	SWDO
Miamisburg	WTF Softening Improvements Well #14 and #15	OH5701212	19,790	Montgomery	$8,400,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	SWDO
Middlefield	Water Well #5 Connection	OH2802012	2,748	Geauga	$2,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NEDO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	Lafayette Waterline Extension	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$3,228,792	Construction	Oct-25	REG	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	London West WTP - Chlorine Gas to Hypochlorite Conversion	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$2,093,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	Plain City North Waterline Extension	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$680,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	SR 161 Waterline Extension	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$719,078	Design	Jul-25	DES	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	SR 161 Waterline Extension	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$13,317,190	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	SR 56/US 40 & Summerford Waterline Extension	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$7,598,200	Construction	Dec-25	REG	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer Dist	SR 56/US 40 & Summerford Waterline Extension Design	OH4901012	5,176	Madison	$670,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	CO
Milan	Water Tower Improvements	OH2201212	2,223	Erie	$533,107	Construction	Jan-26	SML	NWDO
Mingo Junction	Farmers Lane Extension	OH4101612	3,350	Jefferson	$76,609	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SEDO

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Montpelier	Main Street Waterline LSL	OH8600912	4,280	Williams	$2,561,200	Construction	Dec-25	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Mount Gilead	Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase I	OH5900712	3,503	Morrow	$6,384,316	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
Munroe Falls	Water Main River Crossing	OH7702703	5,042	Summit	$234,628	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NEDO
Muskingum County	Dozer Ridge Water Main Extension	OH6000412	21,540	Muskingum	$566,300	Construction	Dec-25	DIS/REG	SEDO
Muskingum County	SR 555 Waterline Extension - Phase 2	OH6000412	21,540	Muskingum	$469,355	Construction	Jan-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Muskingum County	Sunflower Rd and Getz Rd Water Main Extension	OH6000412	21,540	Muskingum	$548,200	Construction	Jan-26	REG	SEDO
Muskingum County	Water Treatment Plant and Well Field Expansion - Maysville	OH6000412	21,540	Muskingum	$6,479,000	Construction	Jun-26	REG	SEDO
Napoleon	Maumee River Waterline Crossing	OH3500811	8,858	Henry	$400,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NWDO
Nashville	New Water Storage Tank and Supply	OH3801012	197	Holmes	$250,000	Construction	Oct-25	DIS	NEDO
Nelsonville	Water System Improvements Phase 4	OH0501214	6,656	Athens	$289,400	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Nelsonville	Water System Improvements Phase 4	OH0501214	6,656	Athens	$4,841,900	Construction	May-26	DIS	SEDO
New Concord	WTP Clarifier #2 Rehabilitation	OH6001711	2,491	Muskingum	$520,845	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
New Holland	Water System Improvements	OH6501612	857	Pickaway	$251,269	Design	Dec-25	DES	CO
New Lexington	Elevated Tank and Water Line Replacement	OH6400411	5,161	Perry	$225,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
New Lexington	Elevated Tank and Water Line Replacement	OH6400411	5,161	Perry	$3,019,750	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
New Richmond	New Richmond Water System Improvements	OH1301212	2,698	Clermont	$147,500	Design	Dec-25	DES	SWDO
New Richmond	New Richmond Water System Improvements	OH1301212	2,698	Clermont	$1,223,500	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SWDO
New Vienna	Church Street Water Line Replacement	OH1400815	1,240	Clinton	$195,225	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SWDO
Newark	Lead Service Line Replacement Project #8	OH4502314	49,934	Licking	$3,700,000	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	CO
Newark	Lead Service Line Replacement Project #9	OH4502314	49,934	Licking	$3,800,000	Construction	Jun-26	LSL PF	CO
Newcomerstown	CR 9 Waterline and Sewer Line Extension	OH7900912	3,882	Tuscarawas	$300,000	Design	Dec-25	DES	SEDO
Newcomerstown	CR 9 Waterline and Sewer Line Extension	OH7900912	3,882	Tuscarawas	$1,000,000	Construction	Apr-26	SML	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer Dist	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1,582	Washington	$429,500	Design	Dec-25	DES	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer Dist	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1,582	Washington	$6,300,000	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer Dist	Connect to Village of Matamoras	OH8400612	1,582	Washington	$3,230,500	Construction	Dec-25	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Niles	Lead Service Line Identification	OH7802403	18,301	Trumbull	$431,305	Planning	Mar-26	PLN	NEDO
Niles	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH7802403	18,301	Trumbull	$10,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	LSL PF	NEDO
North Baltimore	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH8701611	3,432	Wood	$264,000	Construction	Feb-26	LSL	NWDO
North Lewisburg	Water Line System Improvements	OH1100812	1,850	Champaign	$6,196,100	Construction	May-26	SML	SWDO
North Lewisburg	Water Line System Improvements	OH1100812	1,850	Champaign	$150,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SWDO
North Lewisburg	WTP Improvements	OH1100812	1,850	Champaign	$209,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SWDO
Northwest Regional Water Dist.	SR 73 Waterline Replacement	OH7300003	11,059	Scioto	$366,660	Construction	Sep-25	STD	SEDO
Northwestern W&S Dist.	Belmont Area Waterline Replacements	OH8752812	19,758	Wood	$2,200,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	NWDO
Northwestern W&S Dist.	Miltonville Waterline Replacement	OH8752212	3,408	Wood	$5,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	NWDO
Northwestern W&S Dist.	Walbridge Waterline Phase 1	OH8752812	19,758	Wood	$2,500,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	NWDO
Northwestern W&S Dist.	Waterline #100 Valve Fitting and Vault Repair	OH8752812	19,758	Wood	$2,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD	NWDO
Northwestern W&S Dist.	Woodville Road Water Main Replacement	OH8704203	9,629	Wood	$2,178,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NWDO
Norwood	South Jefferson Lead Service Line Replacement	OH3101703	19,870	Hamilton	$550,000	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Oak Hill	Water System Improvements	OH4000411	3,067	Jackson	$332,105	Design	May-26	DES	SEDO
Oak Hill	Water System Improvements	OH4000411	3,067	Jackson	$4,916,576	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Ohio & Lee Water & Sewer Auth.	Ohio & Lee Water Meter Upgrades	OH5600412	1,301	Monroe	$241,051	Construction	Aug-25	SML	SEDO
Old Straitsville Water Assoc.	Rock Run Booster Station Upgrades	OH6401403	2,950	Perry	$183,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	SEDO
Oregon	Waterline Replacement - Starr Avenue Addition	OH4800911	19,950	Lucas	$2,239,070	Construction	Jun-26	STD	NWDO
Ottawa County	Ottawa County Regional & Village of Marblehead Regional	OH6205011	19,556	Ottawa	$97,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Ottawa County	Ottawa County Regional & Village of Marblehead Regional	OH6205011	19,556	Ottawa	$3,379,000	Construction	Jan-26	REG	NWDO
Oxford	New Water Production Well #9	OH0902312	24,000	Butler	$100,000	Design	Jan-26	DES	SWDO
Oxford	New Water Production Well #9	OH0902312	24,000	Butler	$900,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	SWDO
Oxford	Water Treatment Plant Membrane Softening Improvements	OH0902312	24,000	Butler	$20,488,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD/EC	SWDO

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Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1,594	Paulding	$227,250	Design	Dec-25	DES	NWDO
Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1,594	Paulding	$1,984,000	Construction	May-26	DIS	NWDO
Pemberville	Downtown Business Alley Waterline Replacement	OH8701712	1,360	Wood	$229,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NWDO
Perry County	Phase 6 Water Line Extension	OH6402703	1,476	Perry	$5,413,000	Construction	Mar-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Perry County	Phase 6 Water Line Extension	OH6402703	1,476	Perry	$555,900	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Perrysburg	Watermain Replacement Contract 11	OH8701803	25,041	Wood	$3,500,000	Construction	May-26	STD	NWDO
Phillipsburg	PFAS Remediation Project	OH5702112	490	Montgomery	$9,700,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML/EC	SWDO
Philo	Market St WL Replacement / 2nd St WL Ext	OH6001912	974	Muskingum	$14,510	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO
Philo	Market St WL Replacement / 2nd St WL Ext	OH6001912	974	Muskingum	$330,860	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Pickerington	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH2301512	19,141	Fairfield	$900,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	CO
Pike Water Inc	Pike Water System - Generator	OH6602412	15,487	Pike	$410,060	Construction	Apr-26	STD	SEDO
Pomeroy	Breezy Heights Tank/ New Wells / Water Line Replacement	OH5300212	1,800	Meigs	$3,219,700	Construction	Oct-25	DIS/LSL PF	SEDO
Port Clinton	Harrison West Perry & Monroe Street Waterline Improvements	OH6203211	6,056	Ottawa	$53,648	Design	Feb-26	DES	NWDO
Port Clinton	Automated Meter Reads	OH6203211	6,056	Ottawa	$3,023,950	Construction	Jun-26	SML	NWDO
Port Clinton	Laurel Street Reconstruction	OH6203211	6,056	Ottawa	$325,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Port Clinton	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH6203211	6,056	Ottawa	$200,000	Planning	Oct-25	PLN	NWDO
Port Clinton	Perry & Harrison Waterline Improvements	OH6203211	6,056	Ottawa	$716,650	Construction	May-26	SML	NWDO
Port Clinton	Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	OH6203211	6,056	Ottawa	$5,982,189	Construction	Oct-25	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Portage County	Village of Mantua Distribution Replacement Ph 2	OH6702212	1,207	Portage	$3,500,000	Construction	Mar-26	SML/LSL PF	NEDO
Put-in-Bay	Ground Storage Tank Construction	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$1,574,000	Construction	Jan-26	DIS/HAB	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	Loraine Valve Replacement	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$63,150	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Pump Riser and Piping	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$75,000	Construction	Oct-25	DIS	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Rehabilitation	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$448,350	Construction	Jan-26	DIS	NWDO
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Bypass Mitigation	OH8400712	2,744	Washington	$350,000	Construction	Sep-25	DIS/EC	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Well Mitigation	OH8400712	2,744	Washington	$1,086,030	Construction	Sep-25	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Quaker City	Water Distribution Improvements	OH3001011	750	Guernsey	$135,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Roaming Shores	Water Tower Replacement	OH0400611	1,764	Ashtabula	$2,000,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Roaming Shores	Water Tower Replacement	OH0400611	1,764	Ashtabula	$2,500,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	NEDO
Roseville	Storage Tank Replacement	OH6002112	1,852	Perry	$1,500,000	Construction	Oct-25	DIS	SEDO
Rural Lorain County Water Auth	Regionalization - Lagrange Tank & Pheasant Run	OH4701803	73,125	Lorain	$100,000	Planning	Jan-26	PLN	NEDO
Rural Lorain County Water Auth	Regionalization - Lagrange Tank & Pheasant Run	OH4701803	73,125	Lorain	$1,000,000	Design	Jan-26	DES	NEDO
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	2,493	Clinton	$7,036,000	Construction	Jun-26	DIS/REG	SWDO
Sabina	Water System Improvements[1]	OH1400912	2,493	Clinton	$722,000	Design	Sep-25	DES	SWDO
Saint Clairsville	Water Distribution System Improvements - Phase 2	OH0701516	5,097	Belmont	$7,163,190	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
Saint Henry	1.5MG Water Tower- Design	OH5401312	2,596	Mercer	$180,000	Design	Feb-26	DES	NWDO
Saint Henry	Raw Water Line Construction	OH5401312	2,596	Mercer	$1,400,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NWDO
Saint Henry	WTP Replacement - Design	OH5401312	2,596	Mercer	$460,000	Design	Feb-26	DES	NWDO
Salem	Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Phase II	OH1502011	16,850	Columbiana	$7,895,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD	NEDO
Scio	2024 Water Line and LSL Replacement	OH3401312	763	Harrison	$1,550,000	Construction	Jan-26	SML/LSL PF	SEDO
Sebring	Residential Water Meter Replacement	OH5001911	6,058	Mahoning	$940,000	Construction	Sep-25	SML	NEDO
Shadyside	Comprehensive PFAS Contamination Reduction Study	OH0701612	3,689	Belmont	$728,440	Planning	Oct-25	PLN/EC	SEDO
Shadyside	Comprehensive Water System Mapping, Modeling, and Planning	OH0701612	3,689	Belmont	$168,540	Planning	Oct-25	PLN	SEDO
Shreve	Waterline Replacement Phase 1	OH8503412	1,514	Wayne	$1,454,601	Construction	Jun-26	SML	NEDO
Silver Lake	Silver Lake Blvd Water Main	OH7704303	2,519	Summit	$403,778	Design	Dec-25	DES	NEDO
Silver Lake	Silver Lake Blvd Sewers and Water Main	OH7704303	2,519	Summit	$406,400	Design	Jul-25	DES	NEDO
Somerset	Water Meter Replacement	OH6401111	1,490	Perry	$849,500	Construction	Oct-25	SML/LSL PF	SEDO
Somerset	Waterline Replacement Phase 1	OH6401111	1,490	Perry	$991,525	Construction	Jan-26	SML	SEDO

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Somerset	Waterline Replacement Phase 2	OH6401111	1,490	Perry	$509,575	Construction	Jan-26	SML	SEDO
Somerset	Waterline Replacement Phase 3	OH6401111	1,490	Perry	$576,100	Construction	Jan-26	SML	SEDO
Somerset	Waterline Replacement Phase 4	OH6401111	1,490	Perry	$517,617	Construction	Jan-26	SML	SEDO
Somerset	Waterline Replacement Phase 5	OH6401111	1,490	Perry	$465,708	Construction	Jan-26	SML	SEDO
South Charleston	Water Treatment Systems Upgrades	OH1204212	1,660	Clark	$1,577,140	Construction	Jan-26	SML	SWDO
South Lebanon	Water Treatment Rehab	OH8301312	6,541	Warren	$500,000	Construction	May-26	SML	SWDO
South Point	PFAS General Plan	OH4401212	4,133	Lawrence	$70,000	Planning	Sep-25	PLN/EC	SEDO
South Vienna	WTP Design and Construction Services	OH1204312	393	Clark	$1,889,913	Construction	Feb-26	SML	SWDO
Southern Perry Co. Water Dist	Oakfield Area Water Line Improvements	OH6401603	4,029	Perry	$417,881	Construction	Sep-25	SML	SEDO
Springfield	Lagonda & Columbus Water Services - Lead Service Lines	OH1204412	60,680	Clark	$1,911,750	Construction	Apr-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Springfield	West High Street Water Services - Lead Service Lines	OH1204412	60,680	Clark	$428,769	Construction	Apr-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Springfield	East High St Water Services	OH1204412	60,680	Clark	$986,253	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	SWDO
Steubenville	Tank Rehabilitation	OH4102411	17,000	Jefferson	$1,540,000	Construction	Jan-26	STD	SEDO
Steubenville	Water Filtration Plant, Phase 2 Plant Improvements	OH4102411	17,000	Jefferson	$19,800,000	Construction	Feb-26	STD	SEDO
Stockport	Emerging Contaminants Mitigation Project	OH5800912	503	Morgan	$50,000	Planning	Aug-25	PLN	SEDO
Swanton	Crestwood Drive Water Main Improvements	OH2601011	3,855	Fulton	$41,795	Design	Sep-25	DES	NWDO
Swanton	Crestwood Drive Water Main Improvements	OH2601011	3,855	Fulton	$742,500	Construction	Dec-25	SML	NWDO
Switzerland Of Ohio Water	Grizzle Ridge Extension and Monroe Water Interconnection	OH5600503	2,500	Monroe	$148,000	Design	Aug-25	DES	SEDO
Switzerland Of Ohio Water	Grizzle Ridge Extension and Monroe Water Interconnection	OH5600503	2,500	Monroe	$2,014,000	Construction	May-26	REG	SEDO
Syracuse	Distribution System Improvements and Waterline Replacement	OH5300512	826	Meigs	$958,300	Construction	May-26	SML	SEDO
Syracuse	Distribution System Improvements and Waterline Replacement	OH5300512	826	Meigs	$146,700	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Thurston	Maple & Oak Street Waterline Improvements	OH2302903	604	Fairfield	$590,028	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
Tiltonsville	Water System Improvement and Regionalization	OH4102712	1,372	Jefferson	$3,404,646	Construction	May-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Toledo	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4801411	360,000	Lucas	$2,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Toledo	Distribution System Improvements	OH4801411	360,000	Lucas	$70,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NWDO
Toronto	Walton Acres Phase 2 Waterline and Streetscape Improvements	OH4102811	5,676	Jefferson	$1,600,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
Trenton	Water System - 1.5 MG Elevated Storage	OH0903012	13,012	Butler	$10,151,875	Construction	Jul-25	STD	SWDO
Tri-County Rural W&S Dist	PFAS Treatment	OH8403112	3,000	Washington	$2,606,800	Construction	Jan-26	DIS/EC	SEDO
Tri-County Rural W&S Dist	Phase 7 Waterline	OH8403112	3,000	Washington	$4,115,000	Construction	Mar-26	DIS/REG	SEDO
Tri-County Rural W&S Dist	Phase 7 Waterline Extensions	OH8403112	3,000	Washington	$375,800	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Trumbull County	Blueprint Phase 2 Water Regionalization	OH7806503	835	Trumbull	$8,468,625	Construction	Oct-25	DIS/REG	NEDO
Trumbull County	Champion/Bazetta Water Booster Pump Station	OH7806503	835	Trumbull	$2,860,000	Construction	Oct-25	STD	NEDO
Trumbull County	Stillwagon Road Water Improvements	OH7806503	835	Trumbull	$576,000	Construction	Oct-25	REG	NEDO
Tuppers Plains/Chester Water Dist	State Rt. 248 and Bashan Road Waterline Improvements	OH5300612	16,087	Meigs	$2,510,925	Construction	Oct-25	STD	SEDO
Twin City W&S District	Moravian Trail	OH7901711	9,224	Tuscarawas	$100,000	Planning	Sep-25	PLN	SEDO
Twin City W&S District	Moravian Trail	OH7901711	9,224	Tuscarawas	$821,560	Design	Sep-25	DES	SEDO
Twin City W&S District	Moravian Trail	OH7901711	9,224	Tuscarawas	$4,107,810	Construction	Feb-26	DIS	SEDO
Upper Sandusky	Crawford Waterline Extension	OH8800511	6,698	Wyandot	$2,900,000	Construction	Oct-25	REG	NWDO
Wadsworth	Lead Service Verification Phase 1	OH5201712	24,356	Medina	$390,178	Planning	Mar-26	PLN	NWDO
Wadsworth	Good Avenue & High Street Waterline Replacement	OH5201712	24,356	Medina	$405,743	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Wadsworth	Water System Looping Improvements	OH5201712	24,356	Medina	$140,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Wakeman	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH3901411	1,047	Huron	$98,662	Design	Aug-25	DES	NWDO
Wakeman	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH3901411	1,047	Huron	$315,000	Construction	Feb-26	LSL	NWDO
Wapakoneta	Industrial Park Water Distribution System Impro Phase 2	OH0600712	11,000	Auglaize	$11,680,000	Construction	Jan-26	SML	NWDO
Warren	2022 Waterline Replacement Program (Area C)	OH7803811	49,130	Trumbull	$826,090	Construction	Oct-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Warren Community W&S Dist	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	7,215	Washington	$151,000	Planning	Sep-25	PLN	SEDO
Warren Community W&S Dist	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design[1]	OH8402703	7,215	Washington	$412,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	SEDO

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Washingtonville	Elevated Tank Replacement	OH1502812	801	Columbiana	$1,474,420	Construction	Feb-26	DIS	NEDO
Waynoka Regional W&S District	Lake Waynoka: Water Tower	OH0800811	2,428	Brown	$70,272	Design	Oct-25	DES	SWDO
Waynoka Regional W&S District	Lake Waynoka: Water Tower	OH0800811	2,428	Brown	$1,866,112	Construction	May-26	STD	SWDO
Wellington	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4701511	4,802	Lorain	$408,288	Construction	Jul-25	SML	NEDO
Wellington	Village-wide LSL Replacement	OH4701511	4,802	Lorain	$1,085,500	Construction	Jan-26	LSL	NEDO
Wellington	Waterline Loop to Watermain	OH4701511	4,802	Lorain	$225,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NEDO
Wellington	WTP Fire Restoration	OH4701511	4,802	Lorain	$70,000	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Wellington	WTP Fire Restoration	OH4701511	4,802	Lorain	$1,180,000	Construction	Oct-25	SML	NEDO
Wellston	Pennsylvania Ave Watermain Replacement	OH4001912	7,000	Jackson	$3,198,605	Construction	Apr-26	SML	SEDO
Wellston	Pennsylvania Ave Watermain Replacement	OH4001912	7,000	Jackson	$246,047	Design	Mar-26	DES	SEDO
Wellston	Water Treatment Plant Phase 2	OH4001912	7,000	Jackson	$9,362,000	Construction	Jan-26	DIS	SEDO
West Carrollton	WTP Improvements	OH5702812	12,910	Montgomery	$8,510,000	Construction	Sep-25	STD	SWDO
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	908	Trumbull	$309,700	Design	Dec-25	DES	NEDO
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	908	Trumbull	$1,690,700	Construction	Mar-26	DIS	NEDO
West Jefferson	National Pike and Old SR 29 Water Main Loop	OH4902012	4,222	Madison	$515,500	Construction	Oct-25	SML	CO
West Union	SR 41 Water Main Replacement	OH0100503	3,241	Adams	$720,000	Construction	Dec-25	SML	SEDO
Western Water Company	PFAS Treatment Process Removal	OH8300512	39,508	Warren	$4,000,000	Construction	May-26	STD/EC	SWDO
Willard	Waterline Replacement Project	OH3901511	7,099	Huron	$2,100,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Williamsport	Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution Improvements	OH6503012	1,038	Pickaway	$344,781	Design	Oct-25	DES	CO
Windham	Water Line Extension	OH6704812	1,777	Portage	$205,500	Design	Oct-25	DES	NEDO
Windham	Water Line Extension	OH6704812	1,777	Portage	$2,274,350	Construction	Mar-26	DIS/REG	NEDO
Wintersville	Wintersville Steubenville Connection	OH4103003	3,924	Jefferson	$866,025	Construction	Oct-25	SML	SEDO
Woodsfield	Lower Reservoir Expansion	OH5600711	2,598	Monroe	$110,000	Planning	Oct-25	PLN	SEDO
Woodsfield	Lower Reservoir Expansion	OH5600711	2,598	Monroe	$575,000	Design	Jan-26	DES	SEDO
Woodsfield	Lower Reservoir Expansion	OH5600711	2,598	Monroe	$16,115,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	SEDO
Woodville	Elevated Water Storage Tank	OH7200912	2,006	Sandusky	$990,387	Construction	Sep-25	SML	NWDO
Woodville	Pine Street Waterline Replacement	OH7200912	2,006	Sandusky	$20,000	Design	Jun-26	DES	NWDO
Woodville	Pine Street Waterline Replacement	OH7200912	2,006	Sandusky	$222,000	Construction	Jun-26	SML	NWDO
Woodville	Water Street and WWTP Service Loop	OH7200912	2,006	Sandusky	$4,000,000	Construction	Mar-26	SML	NWDO
Wooster	Well S-4	OH8504512	26,618	Wayne	$1,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	STD/EC	NEDO
Youngstown	Crandall Park Area Water Main & Lead Service Line Replace	OH5002303	130,530	Mahoning	$9,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	STD/LSL PF	NEDO
Youngstown	E. Webb Rd Booster Station Improvements	OH5002303	130,530	Mahoning	$8,991,465	Construction	Feb-26	STD	NEDO
Zanesville	Blandy Waterline Relocation - Low Pressure System	OH6002712	29,381	Muskingum	$5,249,520	Construction	Dec-25	STD	SEDO
Zanesville	Meter Replacement	OH6002712	29,381	Muskingum	$12,182,759	Construction	Dec-25	STD	SEDO

Total Funding Requests: $3,734,130,742

Ohio EPA anticipates sufficient funding for all projects ready to proceed during PY2026

[1] requires formal General Plan submission and approval prior to loan application for design

SDWIS = Safe Drinking Water Information System

PLN/DES = Planning and Design *DIS = Disadvantaged*

STD = Standard *REG = Regionalization*

SML = Small Community *LSL = Lead Service Line*

EC = Emerging Contaminants

Listed below are projects that currently do not meet programmatic requirements related to General Plan submission and/or approval. These projects are unlikely to be funded PY26:

Granger Lake	Water Plant Upgrades	OH5202112	Medina	Construction
Greenwich	Greenwich Water Treatment Plant	OH3900312	Huron	Construction
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	Clinton	Construction
Saint Henry	WTP Replacement	OH5401312	Mercer	Construction
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	Trumbull	Construction

Projects Eligible for Disadvantaged Community and Regionalization Principal Forgiveness in PY 2026

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Williamsport	Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution Imp	OH6503012	1038	Pickaway	$344,781	$344,781	Design	Oct-25	14	1	DES	CO
Tiltonsville	Water System Improvement and Regionalization	OH4102712	1372	Jefferson	$3,404,646	$1,702,323	Construction	May-26	13	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
Hamler	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH3500312	580	Henry	$2,628,973	$1,314,487	Construction	Dec-25	11	4	DIS	NWDO
Wellston	Water Treatment Plant Phase 2	OH4001912	7000	Jackson	$9,362,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Jan-26	10	5	DIS	SEDO
Holgate	Regionalization Project	OH3500512	1150	Henry	$14,400,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	10	4	DIS/REG	NWDO
Clark County	Donnelsville Water System	OH1201112	4221	Clark	$8,000,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	10	3	DIS/REG	SWDO
Ada	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH3300012	5334	Hardin	$4,819,723	$2,640,790	Construction	Oct-25	5	4	DIS	NWDO
Pomeroy	Breezy Heights Tank/ New Wells / Water Line Rplmt	OH5300212	1800	Meigs	$3,219,700	$1,359,350	Construction	Aug-25	9	3	DIS/LSL	SEDO
Lowell	Water Tank and Watermain Replacement	OH8400312	603	Washington	$1,066,995	$533,498	Construction	Jun-26	8	5	DIS	SEDO
Kenton	WTP Design Build Rehab and Repairs	OH3300612	8360	Hardin	$6,160,000	$3,080,000	Construction	Jul-25	8	4	DIS	NWDO
Ashtabula County	S River Road Waterline Extension Phase 2	OH0400803	13972	Ashtabula	$2,000,000	$1,000,000	Construction	Aug-25	7	5	DIS/REG	NEDO
Washingtonville	Elevated Tank Replacement	OH1502812	801	Columbiana	$1,474,420	$737,210	Construction	Feb-26	7	3	DIS	NEDO
Nashville	New Water Storage Tank and Supply	OH3801012	197	Holmes	$250,000	Bypass1	Construction	Oct-25	7	2	DIS	NEDO
Windham	Water Line Extension	OH6704812	1777	Portage	$205,500	Bypass1	Design	Jul-25	7	2	DES	NEDO
Windham	Water Line Extension	OH6704812	1777	Portage	$2,274,350	Bypass1	Construction	Mar-26	7	2	DIS/REG	NEDO
Lisbon	North End & SR 45 Waterline Extensions	OH1501512	2821	Columbiana	$480,848	$240,424	Construction	Apr-26	6	5	DIS/REG	NEDO
Trumbull County	Blueprint Phase 2 Water Regionalization	OH7806503	835	Trumbull	$8,468,625	$4,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	6	5	DIS/REG	NEDO
Bainbridge	Waterline Replacement Project	OH7100012	900	Ross	$4,975,000	$2,940,074	Construction	Dec-25	6	3	DIS/LSL	SEDO
Adena	Blairmont Road Waterline	OH4100003	820	Jefferson	$814,200	Bypass4	Construction	Sep-25	4	3	DIS	SEDO
Frazeysburg	2024 Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6000612	1340	Muskingum	$750,000	$375,000	Construction	Aug-25	6	3	DIS	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer Dist	Phase 7 Waterline Extensions	OH8403112	3000	Washington	$375,800	Bypass3	Design	Jul-25	6	3	DES	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer Dist	Phase 7 Waterline	OH8403112	3000	Washington	$4,115,000	Bypass3	Construction	Mar-26	6	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
Perry County	Phase 6 Water Line Extension	OH6402703	1476	Perry	$555,900	Bypass3	Design	Aug-25	6	3	DES	SEDO
Perry County	Phase 6 Water Line Extension	OH6402703	1476	Perry	$5,413,000	Bypass3	Construction	Mar-26	6	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer District	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1582	Washington	$429,500	Bypass3	Design	Sep-25	6	3	DES	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer District	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1582	Washington	$6,300,000	Bypass3	Construction	Jun-26	6	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
Ashtabula County	Northeast Regional Waterline Extension	OH0400803	13972	Ashtabula	$10,432,000	Bypass2	Construction	Jun-26	6	3	DIS/REG	NEDO
Muskingum County	SR 555 Waterline Extension - Phase 2	OH6000412	21540	Muskingum	$469,355	$234,678	Construction	Jan-26	6	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
Muskingum County	Dozer Ridge Water Main Extension	OH6000412	21540	Muskingum	$566,300	Bypass1	Construction	Dec-25	6	2	DIS/REG	SEDO
Twin City Water and Sewer District	Moravian Trail	OH7901711	9224	Tuscarawas	$100,000	$0	Planning	Jul-25	6	2	PLN	SEDO
Twin City Water and Sewer District	Moravian Trail	OH7901711	9224	Tuscarawas	$821,560	$0	Design	Sep-25	6	2	DES	SEDO
Twin City Water and Sewer District	Moravian Trail	OH7901711	9224	Tuscarawas	$4,107,810	Bypass1	Construction	Feb-26	6	2	DIS	SEDO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	34942	Lawrence	$40,000	$0	Planning	Dec-25	6	1	PLN	SEDO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	34942	Lawrence	$515,000	$0	Design	Jun-26	6	1	DES	SEDO
Catawba	Water Treatment Plant Aeration and Filtration	OH1200312	241	Clark	$64,763	$0	Design	Sep-25	6	1	DES	SWDO
Catawba	Water Treatment Plant Aeration and Filtration	OH1200312	241	Clark	$845,733	Bypass1	Construction	Jun-26	6	1	DIS	SWDO
Malta	Water Treatment Plant Project	OH5800412	671	Morgan	$1,300,000	$0	Design	Aug-25	6	1	DES	SEDO
Barnesville	North Waterline Extension	OH0700011	6500	Belmont	$3,761,147	Bypass4	Construction	Jun-26	6	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	908	Trumbull	$309,700	Bypass3	Design	Aug-25	5	3	DES	NEDO
Nelsonville	Water System Improvements Phase 4	OH0501214	6656	Athens	$289,400	Bypass3	Design	Aug-25	5	3	DES	SEDO
Nelsonville	Water System Improvements Phase 4	OH0501214	6656	Athens	$4,841,900	Bypass3	Construction	May-26	5	3	DIS	SEDO
Roseville	Storage Tank Replacement	OH6002112	1852	Perry	$1,500,000	$750,000	Construction	Aug-25	5	3	DIS	SEDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Pump Riser and Piping	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$75,000	Bypass1	Construction	Jul-25	5	2	DIS	NWDO
Forest	New Wells Design	OH3300312	1652	Hardin	$39,670	$0	Design	Jul-25	5	1	DES	NWDO
Forest	New Wells Construction	OH3300312	1652	Hardin	$861,575	Bypass1	Construction	May-26	5	1	DIS	NWDO
Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1594	Paulding	$227,250	$0	Design	Aug-25	5	1	DES	NWDO
Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1594	Paulding	$1,984,000	Bypass1	Construction	May-26	5	1	DIS	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	Ground Storage Tank Construction	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$1,574,000	Bypass1	Construction	Jan-26	5	1	DIS/HAB	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Rehabilitation	OH6203311	700	Ottawa	$448,350	Bypass1	Construction	Dec-25	5	0	DIS	NWDO
Catawba	Standpipe Storage Tank Repair	OH1200312	241	Clark	$46,600	$23,300	Construction	Oct-25	4	5	DIS	SWDO
Ansonia	Water Tower Rehab	OH1900012	1174	Darke	$587,000	$293,500	Construction	Aug-25	4	4	DIS	SWDO

Projects Eligible for Disadvantaged Community and Regionalization Principal Forgiveness in PY 2026

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	Population	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Estimated Principal Forgiveness	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Project Score	Readiness to Proceed	Rate	District Office
Felicity	Water Storge Tank Rehab	OH1300612	3700	Clermont	$750,000	$375,000	Construction	Dec-25	4	4	DIS	SWDO
Bowerston	New WTP and Raw Water Imp Project	OH3400112	517	Harrison	$6,000,000	Bypass4	Construction	Mar-26	9	3	DIS/REG	SEDO
Lyons	Water Tower Replacement	OH2600603	562	Fulton	$2,116,800	$1,058,400	Construction	Dec-25	4	3	DIS	NWDO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement	OH2300212	1425	Fairfield	$889,900	Bypass3	Design	Sep-25	4	3	DES	CO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement	OH2300212	1425	Fairfield	$12,995,600	Bypass3	Construction	Dec-25	4	3	DIS	CO
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	2493	Clinton	$722,000	$0	Design	Sep-25	4	1	DES	SWDO
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	2493	Clinton	$7,036,000	Bypass1	Construction	Jun-26	4	1	DIS/REG	SWDO
Attica[1]	REG Waterline with Northern Ohio Rural Water	OH7400011	1148	Seneca	$1,600,000	$800,000	Construction	Feb-26	3	1	REG	NWDO

Projects are ranked by Project Score, Readiness-to-Proceed, Regionalization, Est Loan Amount (lowest to highest)

Total $160,207,374 $35,802,814

STD = Standard PLN/DES = Planning or Design
DIS = Disadvantaged REG = Regionalization
LSL = Lead Service Line HAB = Harmful Algal Bloom
EC = Emerging Contaminant

[1] project does not meet Disadvantaged Criteria and will receive unrestricted PF

BYPASS 1 - Project was bypassed due to low Readiness-to-Proceed ranking
BYPASS 2 - Project was bypassed as only one principal forgiveness award will be allocated per entity each program year
BYPASS 3 - Design or Construction Project was bypassed due to low Project Score
BYPASS 4 - Project bypassed as it will not meet program requirements within the program year

NOTES

1. Disadvantaged and Regionalization projects are eligible for 0.00% interest rate
2. PF was allocated to construction projects with the highest project score and readiness-to-proceed score
3. Planning and design projects with a project score above 10 were considered for PF. A total of $344,781 was allocated for design
4. Readiness-to-Proceed is based on status of planning, design, plan approval and public participation

Projects Eligible for Emerging Contaminant Principal Forgiveness and Discount in PY2026

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Estimated EC Related Costs	Est. EC Principal Forgiveness	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Project Score	Readiness To Proceed	Rate	District Office
Cleves	Addyston Waterline Extension	OH3100512	Hamilton	$67,584	$0	$0	Design	Sep-25	13	3	DES/EC	SWDO
Cleves	Addyston Waterline Extension	OH3100512	Hamilton	$904,216	$904,216	$904,216	Construction	Oct-25	13	3	DIS/REG/EC	SWDO
Wooster	Well S-4	OH8504512	Wayne	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	$1,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	12	3	STD/EC	NEDO
Beverly	PFAS Treatment	OH8400112	Washington	$1,543,200	$1,543,200	Bypass2	Construction	Jan-26	11	3	DIS/EC	SEDO
Dayton	36" Raw Water Main within Miami Wellfield Phase 3	OH5703512	Montgomery	$7,000,000	$7,000,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	11	3	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Expansion of Miami Well Field Recharge Lagoon, Phase 2	OH5703512	Montgomery	$47,000,000	$47,000,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Jan-26	11	3	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Design of Additional 6-8 Production Wells at Miami Wellfield	OH5703512	Montgomery	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	*	Design	Jan-26	11	2	DES/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Water Quality Lab Expansion	OH5703512	Montgomery	$6,000,000	$6,000,000	Bypass1	Construction	Jan-26	11	1	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	48" Interconnect between Miami Wellfield & Ottowa Plant Ps 1	OH5703512	Montgomery	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	Bypass1	Construction	Oct-25	11	1	STD/EC	SWDO
Dayton	Advanced PFAS Treatment @Ottawa WTP, CMAR Construction	OH5703512	Montgomery	$250,000,000	$250,000,000	Bypass1	Construction	Apr-26	11	1	STD/EC	SWDO
Indian Hill	WTP PFAS Study	OH3101112	Hamilton	$405,550	$405,550	*	Planning	Jul-25	11	0	PLN/EC	SWDO
Phillipsburg	PFAS Remediation Project	OH5702112	Montgomery	$9,700,000	$9,700,000	Bypass3	Construction	Oct-25	9	4	SML/EC	SWDO
Newport Water and Sewer District	Connect to Village of Matamoras	OH8400612	Washington	$3,230,500	$3,230,500	$2,000,000	Construction	Oct-25	9	3	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Ironton	PFAS General Plan	OH4400711	Lawrence	$149,000	$149,000	*	Planning	Jul-25	9	0	PLN/EC	SEDO
Shadyside	Comprehensive PFAS Contamination Reduction Study	OH0701612	Belmont	$728,440	$728,440	*	Planning	Jul-25	9	0	PLN/EC	SEDO
Dayton	Miami Water Treatment Plant Basins - CMAR	OH5703512	Montgomery	$25,000,000	$25,000,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Dec-25	8	3	STD/EC	SWDO
South Point	PFAS General Plan	OH4401212	Lawrence	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	Planning	Sep-25	8	0	PLN/EC	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Well Mitigation	OH8400712	Washington	$1,086,030	$1,086,030	*	Construction	Sep-25	7	5	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Matamoras	New Water Treatment Plant	OH8400512	Washington	$557,280	$557,280	$557,280	Design	Aug-25	7	1	DES/EC	SEDO
Matamoras	New Water Treatment Plant	OH8400512	Washington	$5,630,000	$5,630,000	$0	Construction	Jun-26	7	1	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Gallia County Rural Water Assoc.	GAC for PFAS Removal	OH2700012	Gallia	$227,500	$227,500	$227,500	Design	Oct-25	7	0	DES/EC	SEDO
Loveland	PFAS Treatment	OH1300812	Hamilton	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	$2,000,000	Design	Jul-25	7	0	DES/EC	SWDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	Morgan	$2,413,600	$2,413,600	Bypass2	Construction	Jan-26	6	3	SML/EC	SEDO
Little Hocking Water & Sewer Assoc.	Waterline Extension	OH8400212	Washington	$12,603,800	$12,306,800	*	Construction	Jun-26	6	3	DIS/REG/EC	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer Dist	PFAS Treatment	OH8403112	Washington	$2,606,800	$2,606,800	Bypass2	Construction	Jan-26	6	3	DIS/EC	SEDO
Little Hocking Water & Sewer Assoc.	Waterline Extension	OH8400212	Washington	$1,298,500	$0	$0	Design	Aug-25	6	2	DES/EC	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Bypass Mitigation	OH8400712	Washington	$369,500	$369,500	*	Construction	Sep-25	5	4	DIS/EC	SEDO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Treatment of Emerging Contaminants at the Olentangy WTP	OH2101412	Delaware	$8,650,000	$8,650,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Sep-25	5	3	STD/EC	CO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	Gallia	$448,600	$448,600	*	Design	Jul-25	5	1	DES/EC	SEDO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	Gallia	$4,809,500	$4,809,500	$0	Construction	Feb-26	5	1	DIS/EC	SEDO
Warren Community W&S Dist	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	Washington	$151,000	$151,000	*	Planning	Jul-25	5	1	PLN	SEDO
Barnesville	PFOA General Plan	OH0700011	Belmont	$70,000	$70,000	$70,000	Planning	Aug-25	5	0	PLN/EC	SEDO
Stockport	Emerging Contaminants Mitigation Project	OH5800912	Morgan	$50,000	$50,000	$50,000	Planning	Aug-25	5	0	PLN	SEDO
Warren Community W&S Dist	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	Washington	$412,000	$412,000	$0	Design	Oct-25	5	0	DES	SEDO
Western Water Company	PFAS Treatment Process Removal	OH8300512	Warren	$4,000,000	$4,000,000	Bypass1	Construction	May-26	5	0	STD/EC	SWDO
Oxford	Water Treatment Plant Membrane Softening Improvements	OH0902312	Butler	$20,488,000	$20,488,000	$4,000,000	Construction	Jul-25	3	3	STD/EC	SWDO

Projects are ranked by Project Score, Readiness-to-Proceed, Disadvantaged, Est Loan Amount (lowest to highest)

Total EC Funding Requests: $431,007,516

STD = Standard PLN/DES = Planning or Design
DIS = Disadvantaged REG = Regionalization
EC = Emerging Contaminant SML = Small Community

BYPASS 1 - Project was bypassed due to low Readiness-to-Proceed ranking
BYPASS 2 - Project to receive funding from other sources
BYPASS 3 - Project bypassed as it will not meet program requirements within the program year
*To be funded by EC-SDC grant

NOTES:
1. Only the EC related portion of each project is eligible for principal forgiveness funding.
2. Ohio EPA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law drinking water EC capitalization grant totals $17,253,000
3. Funding for projects noted as 'Bypass 2' will be issued from other Ohio EPA funding sources

Final EC-SDC grant award to be determined based on the EC portion of each project

Entity	Project	PWS ID	County	SDC-EC Grant*	Project Type	Est. Award Date
Dayton	Design of Additional 6-8 Production Wells at Miami Wellfield	OH5703512	Montgomery	$2,000,000	Design	Jan-26
Little Hocking W&S Assoc.	Waterline Extension	OH8400212	Washington	$4,000,000	Construction	Jun-26
Indian Hill	WTP PFAS Study	OH3101112	Hamilton	$405,550	Planning	Jul-25
Ironton	PFAS General Plan	OH4400711	Lawrence	$149,000	Planning	Jul-25
Shadyside	Comprehensive PFAS Contamination Reduction Study	OH0701612	Belmont	$728,440	Planning	Jul-25
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	Gallia	$448,600	Design	Jul-25
Warren Community W&S Dist	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	Washington	$151,000	Planning	Jul-25
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Bypass Mitigation	OH8400712	Washington	$369,500	Construction	Oct-25
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Well Mitigation	OH8400712	Washington	$1,086,030	Construction	Aug-26

Projects Eligible for Lead Service Line (LSL) Funding PY2026

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Est. LSL Related Costs	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	District Office
Addyston	Sekitan Avenue Watermain and LSL Replacement	OH3100012	Hamilton	$1,345,942	$ 281,250.00	Construction	Jun-26	SML/LSL PF	SWDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2025	OH7700011	Summit	$24,000,000	$ 24,000,000.00	Construction	Jul-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2026	OH7700011	Summit	$10,000,000	$ 10,000,000.00	Construction	Apr-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Ashtabula Lead & GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH0400711	Ashtabula	$5,000,000	$ 5,000,000.00	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Marion Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5100414	Marion	$5,000,000	$ 5,000,000.00	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Struthers Lead and GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5001611	Mahoning	$5,000,000	$ 5,000,000.00	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Tiffin Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH7400614	Seneca	$5,000,000	$ 5,000,000.00	Construction	May-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Bainbridge	Waterline Replacement Project	OH7100012	Ross	$4,975,000	$ 966,725.00	Construction	Dec-25	DIS/LSL PF	SEDO
Bowerston	Distribution System and Meter Replacement	OH3400112	Harrison	$1,000,000	$ 329,388.00	Construction	Jul-25	SML/LSL PF	SEDO
Bradford	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1900212	Miami	$800,000	$ 800,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cambridge	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 2	OH3000111	Guernsey	$499,960	$ 499,960.00	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	SEDO
Cincinnati	Baker Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$1,524,764	$ 135,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Bayard/Victoria Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$3,366,043	$ 442,062.00	Construction	Oct-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Branch Only - Fairmount LSL	OH3102612	Hamilton	$600,000	$ 600,000.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Branch Only- Jonathan, Ruth, Woodburn LSL	OH3102612	Hamilton	$1,100,000	$ 1,100,000.00	Construction	Oct-25	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Fire Flow 23 Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$3,557,872	$ 935,000.00	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Harrison Cora - Fairmount LSL	OH3102612	Hamilton	$570,000	$ 570,000.00	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Kling Ave LSL Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$595,000	$ 595,000.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Lower & East Price Hill Private LSL Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$2,710,000	$ 2,710,000.00	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Lyon - Wheeler Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$3,101,870	$ 1,155,000.00	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	McHenry - Wooster Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$5,200,676	$ 535,000.00	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Monastery - Mt. Adams Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$4,999,139	$ 1,070,000.00	Construction	Dec-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Mt Hope/Warsaw Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$4,140,000	$ 1,152,062.00	Construction	Jan-26	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Plum/Court Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$4,761,000	$ 303,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Cincinnati	Southern Hawthorne Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	Hamilton	$2,253,355	$ 70,000.00	Construction	Oct-25	STD/LSL PF	SWDO
Circleville	Utility Improvements for Walnut Street	OH6500412	Pickaway	$1,701,000	$ 464,000.00	Construction	Sep-25	STD/LSL PF	CO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-1	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-2	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-3	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-4	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-5	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-6	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-7	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR Year 3-8	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-1	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-10	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-11	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-12	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-13 Tree Lawn / Small Work	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$2,092,160	$ 2,092,160.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-14 Tree Lawn / Small Work	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$2,092,160	$ 2,092,160.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-15 Tree Lawn / Small Work	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$2,092,160	$ 2,092,160.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Est. LSL Related Costs	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	District Office
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-16 CA Reimbursement	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$3,805,200	$ 3,805,200.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-17 Filters 1	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$280,000	$ 280,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-18 Filters 2	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$280,000	$ 280,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-19 Curb Boxes / Bases	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$1,929,009	$ 1,929,009.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-2	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-20 Copper & Brass	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$2,780,227	$ 2,780,227.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-21 Curb Boxes & Bases (Group B)	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$67,200	$ 67,200.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-22 Copper & Brass (Group B)	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$112,000	$ 112,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-3	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-4	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-5	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-6	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-7	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-8	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 4-9	OH1801212	Cuyahoga	$7,165,200	$ 7,165,200.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 3, CIP 690236-110003	OH2504412	Franklin	$10,000,000	$ 10,000,000.00	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements-Pt 2, CIP 690236-110001	OH2504412	Franklin	$10,000,000	$ 10,000,000.00	Construction	Oct-25	LSL PF	CO
Cuyahoga Falls*	Lead Line Service Replacement	OH7701012	Summit	$3,000,000	$ 3,000,000.00	Construction	Jul-25	LSL	NEDO
Delphos	LSL Replacement 2026: Jackson, Harmon, Moening & Grant St.	OH0200412	Allen	$2,141,127	$ 958,400.00	Construction	May-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Delphos	Pierce Street Waterline Replacement	OH0200412	Allen	$1,169,773	$ 549,710.00	Construction	May-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
East Liverpool	SR 39 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1500811	Columbiana	$1,585,000	$ 1,585,000.00	Construction	Mar-26	LSL PF	NEDO
Jefferson County	Amsterdam	OH4101103	Jefferson	$7,500,000	$ 1,200,000.00	Construction	Oct-25	STD/LSL PF	SEDO
Jefferson County	Bergholz Water System Improvements	OH4101103	Jefferson	$7,500,000	$ 1,000,000.00	Construction	Jun-26	STD/LSL PF	SEDO
Kenton	Detroit Street Waterline and LSL Phase 3	OH3300612	Hardin	$1,453,797	$ 609,752.00	Construction	Feb-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Kenton	Downtown Waterline Replacement Phase 2B	OH3300612	Hardin	$4,839,599	$ 2,244,000.00	Construction	Jan-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Lakewood	2026 Lead Service Line Replacement Program Phase 1	OH1801003	Cuyahoga	$3,293,695	$3,293,695	Construction	May-26	STD/LSL PF	NEDO
Lakewood	2025 Watermain & Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1801003	Cuyahoga	$723,810	$ 723,810.00	Construction	Aug-25	STD/LSL PF	NEDO
Lima	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 3	OH0200811	Allen	$2,374,389	$ 2,374,389.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Lockland	Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 2	OH3101212	Hamilton	$1,854,500	$ 1,504,500.00	Construction	Oct-25	SML/LSL PF	SWDO
Montpelier	Main Street Waterline LSL	OH8600912	Williams	$2,561,200	$ 816,700.00	Construction	Dec-25	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Newark	Lead Service Line Replacement Project #8	OH4502314	Licking	$3,700,000	$ 3,700,000.00	Construction	Jan-26	LSL PF	CO
Newark	Lead Service Line Replacement Project #9	OH4502314	Licking	$3,800,000	$ 3,800,000.00	Construction	Jun-26	LSL PF	CO
Niles	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH7802403	Trumbull	$10,000,000	$10,000,000	Construction	Jun-26	LSL PF	NEDO
North Baltimore*	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH8701611	Wood	$264,000	$ 264,000.00	Construction	Feb-26	LSL	NWDO
Norwood	South Jefferson Lead Service Line Replacement	OH3101703	Hamilton	$550,000	$ 550,000.00	Construction	Aug-25	LSL PF	SWDO
Pomeroy	Breezy Heights Tank/ New Wells / Water Line Replacement	OH5300212	Meigs	$3,219,700	$ 250,500.00	Construction	Aug-25	DIS/LSL PF	SEDO
Port Clinton	Laurel Street Reconstruction	OH6203211	Ottawa	$325,000	$ 73,000.00	Construction	Jun-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Port Clinton	Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	OH6203211	Ottawa	$5,982,189	$ 750,000.00	Construction	Jul-25	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Portage County	Village of Mantua Distribution Replacement Ph 2	OH6702212	Portage	$3,500,000	$ 270,000.00	Construction	Mar-26	SML/LSL PF	NEDO
Scio	2024 Water Line and LSL Replacement	OH3401312	Harrison	$1,550,000	$ 220,800.00	Construction	Jan-26	SML/LSL PF	SEDO
Somerset	Water Meter Replacement	OH6401111	Perry	$849,500	$ 200,000.00	Construction	Oct-25	SML/LSL PF	SEDO

Projects Eligible for Lead Service Line (LSL) Funding PY2026

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Est. LSL Related Costs	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	District Office
Springfield	Lagonda & Columbus Water Services - Lead Service Lines	OH1204412	Clark	$1,911,750	$1,911,750	Construction	Apr-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Springfield	West High Street Water Services - Lead Service Lines	OH1204412	Clark	$428,769	$428,769	Construction	Apr-26	LSL PF	SWDO
Springfield	East High St Water Services	OH1204412	Clark	$986,253	$ 986,253.10	Construction	Sep-25	LSL PF	SWDO
Toledo	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4801411	Lucas	$2,000,000	$ 200,000.00	Construction	Jun-26	LSL PF	NWDO
Wakeman*	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH3901411	Huron	$315,000	$ 315,000.00	Construction	Aug-25	LSL	NWDO
Warren	2022 Waterline Replacement Program (Area C)	OH7803811	Trumbull	$826,090	$ 826,090.00	Construction	Oct-25	LSL PF	NEDO
Wellington*	Village-wide LSL Replacement	OH4701511	Lorain	$1,085,500	$1,085,500	Construction	Jan-26	LSL	NEDO
Willard	Waterline Replacement Project	OH3901511	Huron	$2,100,000	$ 492,075.00	Construction	Jun-26	SML/LSL PF	NWDO
Youngstown	Crandall Park Area Water Main & Lead Service Line Replace	OH5002303	Mahoning	$9,000,000	$ 5,500,000.00	Construction	Jun-26	STD/LSL PF	NEDO

*Community is eligible for 0% WSLRA interest rate loan for the LSL portions of the project

Total LSL Funding Requests: $ 299,231,256.10

NOTES:

1. Disadvantaged communities are eligible to receive up to 53% of LSL project costs as principal forgiveness and the remainder as a 0% loan.
2. Disadvantaged communities are identified with 'LSL PF' in the Rate column
3. Ohio EPA's IIJA LSL capitalization grant will be used to fund the LSL portion of the projects unless otherwise indicated.
4. LSL funding will be awarded as projects are ready to proceed during PY 2026. Projects that do not proceed may renominate for PY 2027

Projects Eligible for Regionalization Discount in PY2026

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	County	Estimated Loan Amount	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	District Office
Barberton	Cleveland-Massillon Waterline Extension	OH7700411	Summit	$1,234,422	Construction	Aug-25	REG	NEDO
Buckeye Lake	First Street Water Line Improvements	OH4564712	Licking	$352,000	Construction	Jul-25	REG	CO
Burr Oak Regional Water District	Water Expansion - Morgan County Booster	OH0501311	Athens	$486,600	Construction	Apr-26	REG	SEDO
Carroll	Cemetery Rd Water Line Extension	OH2300312	Fairfield	$1,390,650	Construction	Mar-26	REG	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Hartford Area Waterline Extension	OH2101412	Delaware	$7,000,000	Construction	May-26	REG	CO
Fairport Harbor	Water System Regionalization Phase 2	OH4300411	Lake	$1,053,800	Construction	Jun-26	REG	NEDO
Licking County	Edgewater Beach Water Line Extension	OH4500812	Licking	$4,875,900	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO
Licking County	Hanover Marne Phase 2 Water Line Extension	OH4500812	Licking	$15,016,181	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO
Licking County	Jacksontown Water Line Extension	OH4500812	Licking	$2,214,000	Construction	Jun-26	REG	CO
Licking Regional Water District	Summit Road and Morse Road Water Line Extension	OH4505412	Licking	$3,421,800	Construction	Oct-25	REG	CO
Lima	East Regional Waterline Loop	OH0200811	Allen	$6,500,000	Construction	Feb-26	REG	NWDO
Lithopolis	Jackson Lake Park Water System Interface	OH2301112	Fairfield	$408,368	Construction	Aug-25	REG	CO
Madison Water District	Distribution, Storage and WTP Improvements	OH7006712	Richland	$5,570,175	Construction	Aug-25	REG	NWDO
Marblehead	Johnson's Island Waterline Extension	OH6202411	Ottawa	$8,707,700	Construction	Sep-25	REG	NWDO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	Lafayette Waterline Extension	OH4901012	Madison	$3,228,792	Construction	Aug-25	REG	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	SR 56/US 40 & Summerford Waterline Extension	OH4901012	Madison	$7,598,200	Construction	Dec-25	REG	CO
Muskingum County	Sunflower Rd and Getz Rd Water Main Extension	OH6000412	Muskingum	$548,200	Construction	Jan-26	REG	SEDO
Muskingum County	Water Treatment Plant and Well Field Expansion - Maysvil	OH6000412	Muskingum	$6,479,000	Construction	Jun-26	REG	SEDO
Ottawa County	Ottawa County Regional & Village of Marblehead Regiona	OH6205011	Ottawa	$3,379,000	Construction	Jan-26	REG	NWDO
Trumbull County	Stillwagon Road Water Improvements	OH7806503	Trumbull	$576,000	Construction	Oct-25	REG	NEDO
Upper Sandusky	Crawford Waterline Extension	OH8800511	Wyandot	$2,900,000	Construction	Oct-25	REG	NWDO

Regionalization projects are eligible for 0.00% interest rate

Total Requested: $82,940,788

REG = Regionalization

APPENDIX C

Interest Rates, Terms and Discounts

Interest rates will be determined based on the term of the loan, population of the service area and the economic factors of the water system users. Interest rates and discounts are listed in Table 1. In addition to a system's prescribed interest rate, a particular project may qualify for one or more interest rate discounts. A system qualifying for more than one interest rate will receive the lowest interest rate for which it qualifies.

Ohio EPA reserves the right to adjust interest rate determinations at any time during a program year when system or project conditions change to the extent that Ohio EPA no longer considers the initial interest rate determination valid.

The design life of the proposed facilities must meet or exceed the term of the loan. Applicants that are interested in loans with terms exceeding 20 years should work with Ohio EPA staff in advance to determine which term might be appropriate based on the expected design life. The interest rate discount that would apply for 20-year rate financing would apply for the 30+ year term financing.

Table 1: Interest Rates and Discounts

Standard Rates	Calculated monthly and varies by term – see calculation below, up to 30-year term
Small System Rate	Standard Rate minus 0.50% (except when the standard rate is 1.0% or less)
Disadvantaged Community	0.0%, up to 40-year term
Planning	0%, 5-year term
Design	0%, 5-year term
Supplemental Loans	Current applicable rate at time of closing
Regionalization Discount	0%, up to 30-year term
Emerging Contaminant Discount (includes projects addressing harmful algal blooms)	0% up to $10 million per project, up to 30-year term (40-year term for a Disadvantaged Community)
Lead Service Line Discount	0%, up to 40-year term for a Disadvantaged Community
*Rate calculations are subject to change throughout the program year	

Standard Interest Rate (Amortization period of at least five years but not more than 30 years)

The standard interest rate will be established monthly on the Friday six weeks prior to each Ohio Water Development Authority board meeting. The standard interest rate will be based on an eight-week daily average of the applicable Municipal Market Data (MMD) Index. This index represents high grade municipal bonds that offer lower interest rates that, in turn, Ohio EPA transfers to our customers in the

form of below-market rate loans. A benchmark is established by taking the applicable MMD Index and adding 30 basis points. The standard interest rate will then be calculated by taking the MMD Benchmark and subtracting a discount as illustrated below. In no case, however, can the standard interest rate be less than 0.0%. If the standard interest rate calculcation yields a negative rate then the standard rate will be 0.00%

The standard interest rates are determined by the following formula:

$$Std._{FINAL} = (MMD_{INDEX} + 0.3\%) - D_{\%}$$

where,

- $Std._{FINAL}$ = Final standard interest rate
- MMD_{INDEX} = 20 or 30-year MMD Index of General Obligation bonds that are rated "AA"
    - 40-year financing will use the 30-year MMD Index plus 20 basis points
- $D_{\%}$ = Discount
    - 1.25% for 20-year loans
    - 1.30% for 30-year loans
    - 1.35% for 40-year financing
- The 20-year rate applies to all loans up to 20 years in term, the 30-year rate applies to all loans with a term of 21-30 years, and the 40-year rate applies to all loans with a term of 31-40 years.

Small System Interest Rate (Amortization period of at least five years but not more than 30 years)

The small system long term interest rate will be based upon the standard long term interest rate. Once the standard long term interest rate is established, the small system long term interest rate is determined by subtracting 50 basis points from that rate. When the standard interest rate is less than 1.0%, the small system rate will be equal to one-half of the standard interest rate. For example, if the standard interest rate is 0.8% the small system rate would be 0.4%. In no case, however, can the small system long term rate be less than 0.0%. If the standard rate is 0.0% then small system rate will also be 0.0%. For the purposes of this interest rate, a small system is defined as a public water system with a service population of 10,000 or fewer persons.

Disadvantaged Rate (Amortization period of at least 5 years but no more than 40 years)

Entities that meet the benchmarks for the Disadvantaged Community Loan Program (see Appendix E) are eligible for principal forgiveness and zero percent interest rate. These communities may also be eligible for loan terms up to 40 years. Appendix E details the criteria for systems to qualify as disadvantaged.

Planning and Design Rate (Amortization period of five years or less)

The interest rate for planning and design loans is zero percent for a term of five years or less.

Planning and design loans are also available for development of general plans and detailed design documents meeting DWAF program requirements.

Supplemental Loan Interest Rate (Amortization period of at least five years but not more than the term of the original loan)

If a loan recipient's project incurs cost overruns that are beyond the original loan, they may apply for a supplemental loan. The interest rate associated with the supplemental loan will be based on when that loan is issued and may not correspond to the original loan rate. A special exception is available under extremely limited circumstances: the additional costs are associated with environmental mitigation for clearly unforeseen conditions, conditions that significantly threaten public health or water quality or represent an imminent environmental hazard that is of regional or statewide concern, then the supplemental loan award may be awarded at a 0% interest rate.

APPENDIX D

Project Priority Ranking System

The purpose of the priority ranking system is to establish a list of eligible projects to be funded in a manner that prioritizes the most serious risks to public health and address agency priorities. The priority ranking system, along with readiness-to-proceed criteria, is primarily utilized to rank those projects eligible for prinicpal forgiveness (i.e. disadvantaged community, regionalization).

Projects will be evaluated with respect to the three categories listed below to determine their ranking and selection for funding:

1. Public health issues;
2. System Improvements;
3. Regionalization

The overall ranking of projects is based on the sum of all points received in each applicable category. Projects are evaluated in applicable categories depending on project scope and/or if the applicant meets the disadvantaged community program benchmarks (see Appendix E for criteria). For example, if a project addresses a public health issue and the applicant meets the disadvantaged community benchmarks then it is evaluated in all three categories.

For the regionalization category, each public water system to be regionalized will be evaulated based on available documentation (i.e., signed commitment, ordinance, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)). For example, a project regionalizing three public water systems with letters of commitment to connect with the system of capacity will receive 1 point per system in the regionalization category. If those systems have documented public health issues, such as exceedances for Health Advisory Levels (HAL), each system would also be evaluated in the public health category. Regionalization also includes projects that connect areas with contaminated wells or wells with an inadequate water supply. If documentation from the local health department regarding known issues is provided and interest to connect is demonstrated (public meetings, petitions, signed MOUs, etc) , the project will also receive points in the public health issues category.

If a project is not proposing regionalization and the applicant does not meet the disadvantaged community benchmarks, but will address one the following issues, it is evaluated in the public health issues category as well as the system improvements category:

- $\geq$50% Maximum Contaminant Level
- Treatment Technique
- PFAS/PFOA (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances)
- Manganese
- Significant Deficiency

Projects that will not address a public health issue, are not proposing regionalization and the applicant does not meet the disadvantaged community benchmarks will receive a default score of 1.0.

Public Health Issues

The greatest emphasis will be placed on projects addressing public health issues. The period of analysis will be the 24 months prior to inclusion on the priority list unless the system is under Director's Final

Findings and Orders to correct the issue, then the public health points will stand until the project is completed. MCL violations caused by failure to monitor or report will not be included in the analysis. The following are the points assigned to the referenced levels of contamination.

Acute Contaminants

Bacteriological Contamination (Addressable through infrastructure improvements) (select only one)	
No Level 2 Assessments	0 points
Level 2 Assessment	5 points
Treatment Technique (must install 4-log removal	10 points

Surface Water Treatment Rule (turbidity and chlorine contact time)	
No treatment technique violations	0 points
One treatment technique violation	5 points
Two or more treatment technique violations	10 points

Nitrate / Nitrite (select only one)	
Level consistently less than 8.0 mg/L / 0.8 mg/L	0 points
Level >8.0 mg/L ≤10 mg/L />0.8 mg/L ≤1 mg/L	5 points
Level >10 mg/L / 1 mg/L (1 or more NOVs)	10 points

Microcystin (in finished water)	
Level >0 and < 50% of the threshold	2 points
Level ≥ 50% of the threshold	5 points
One or more threshold exceedances	10 points

Chronic Contaminant Groups

Inorganic Chemicals (IOCs) including arsenic, Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs), Radionuclides, Disinfection Byproducts, and PFAS.	
No MCL violations	0 points
Level at least 50% of MCL	2 points/contaminant
Level ≥ MCL	5 points/contaminant

PFAS MCLs PFOA (4 PPT); PFOS (4 PPT); GENX (10 PPT); PFBS (2,000 PPT); PFHxS (10 PPT); PFNA (10 PPT) (not restricted to the previous 24 months)	
Detection	2 points/contaminant
Level ≥ MCL	4 points/contaminant

TTHMs/HAA5s (Total Trihalomethane/Haloacetic Acids) are a single contaminant. Disinfection byproducts and arsenic points are based on the running annual average.

Health Advisory Levels (not restricted to the previous 24 months) Manganese (0.3 mg/l)HAL only	
Manganese Level ≥ 50% HAL	2 points

Contamination or Inadequate Supply in Private Wells *	
Project is to extend water line to area of contaminated or inadequate sources	5 points

*Must have documentation of poor quality/quantity wells. Local health department must have knowledge of issues in area. Documentation of public interest is required.

PWS Source Contamination (Only if project replaces the contaminated source. For example, contamination due to salt piles, industrial contamination, underground storage tanks, and dry cleaners).	
Replace drinking water source that has contamination within the five year time of travel.	2 points
Replace drinking water source that has contamination within the one year time of travel.	5 points

Microcystin Source Contamination Project is to replace a contaminated drinking water source or modify treatment at an existing water treatment plant.	
>50% of microcystin action level (0.3 ug/l) detected in raw water.	2 points
Two or more exceedances of microcystin action level (0.3 ug/l) detected in raw water at least 30 days apart.	5 points

Significant Deficiencies and Notice of Violations	
Project will eliminate a notice of violation as documented in the most recent sanitary survey or LSSV. No points given for RTCR or recordkeeping. 2 points max.	2 points
Project will eliminate a significant deficiency as documented in the most recent sanitary survey or LSSV. No points given for RTCR or recordkeeping. 10 points max.	5 points /deficiency

System Improvements

The system improvements category enables continued compliance with federal and state Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements. The condition of the physical infrastructure has been selected as an indicator or predictor of the system's ability to remain in compliance. The rationale being that without adequate supplies of source water, with inadequate, undersized or deteriorated plants, and with inadequate finished water storage and/or distribution systems, a public water system will be unable to maintain compliance with SDWA requirements. The following are the points assigned to the specified elements in this category for issues that will be corrected by the propsed project.

Design Deficiencies

Source Quantity	
Shortage during peak day demand	1 point
Continual shortage (Exceeds approved source design capacity for at least 30 days out of previous 12 month period).	3 points
Inadequate quantity of source water due to contamination	3 points

Source (if not included in Source Contamination section above, and to address a physical construction issue)	
Improper well construction	3 points
Inadequate intake structure	3 points

Plant	
Inadequate back-up power (average day)	1 point
Inadequate process*	1 point/process
No redundancy of critical components**	1 point
Insufficient plant capacity***	3 points
Deteriorated plant	3 points

* Processes to be considered include chemical feed, rapid mix, clarification (flocculation/settling), filtration, disinfection control, aeration/stripping, ion-exchange, corrosion control, and pumping. Maximum - 9 points.
**Critical components are those which are necessary to treatment and without which, drinking water standards may not be met.
*** Exceeds approved design capacity for at least 30 days out of the previous 12 month period.

NOTE: Inadequate processes and insufficient plant capacity projects will require a sufficiency evaluation

through Formal General Plan approval process prior to project scoring.

Storage System	
Less than one day average daily demand.	1 point

Distribution System	
Bringing underground booster stations/storage tanks above grade	1 point
Inadequate size lines	1 point
Looping dead end lines	1 point
Project includes installation of meters to a public water system at existing connections currently without residential meters	2 points
Deterioration of distribution system components	2 points

Regionalization

This category is included to support the concept that larger systems are more apt to have managerial, financial and technical capabilities to ensure continued compliance with current and future requirements of both federal and SWDA laws and regulations. Points are also given for systems extending water service to underserved areas with poor quantity and/or poor quality private wells.

Regionalization/Underserved guidelines	
Project will eliminate and/or tie-in a PWS with a public health issue that has a signed commitment letter(s) to tie in or an ordinance mandating tie-in (excluding Transient Non-Community PWSs).	5 points/system
Project will eliminate and/or tie-in a PWS that has a signed commitment letter(s) to tie in or an ordinance mandating tie-in (includes all PWSs) (10 points max).	1 point/system
Project provides water service to underserved areas with poor quantity and/or poor quality private wells.	1 point

APPENDIX E

Disadvantaged Community Loan Program

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) section 1452(d) requires states to develop disadvantaged community program criteria to determine what systems or districts qualify for additional financial subsidy (i.e., principal forgiveness, reduced loan rates). Public water systems eligible for the WSRLA program, with the exception of some privately owned systems, that meet the criteria outlined below qualify as for the disadvantaged community loan program. Privately owned systems must be regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), a system considered a political subdivision as defined by ORC 6119.011, or a non-profit public water system.

With the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in November 2021, US EPA encouraged states to evaluate the disadvantaged community program criteria and make adjustments where appropriate. Ohio EPA reviewed and carefully considered the disadvantaged community loan program and made modifications for PY 2023. No further revisions were implemented for PY 2026.

For PY 2026, a disadvantaged community candidate is a Public Water System (PWS) with a service population below 10,000, a nominated project with demonstrated health-related factors, and meets **any three of the four** socio-economic benchmarks identified below. With the exception of water and sewer rate analysis, the following constitute the primary changes to the disadvantaged community loan program bencmarks and build on our previous use of socio-economic statistics:

General Criteria	**Program Value**
Service Area Population	Less than 10,000
Documented human health-related factors	Presence of indicators
Socio-Economic Benchmarks	**Program Value**
Median Household Income (MHI) less than or equal to statewide average	≤ $69,680
Individuals with income below 200% of poverty level greater than or equal to statewide average	≥29.43%
Unemployment Rate (civilian) greater than or equal to statewide average	≥4.85%
Water and sewer rates compared to MHI greater than or equal to statewide benchmark	≥ 1.44%

For program year 2026 Emerging Contaminant (EC) and Lead Service Line (LSL) funding, a disadvantaged community candidate is a Public Water System (PWS) with a nominated project remedying health-related factors (LSL or emerging contaminants) and which meets **any three of the four** socio-economic benchmarks identified below.

General Criteria	**Program Value**
Documented human health-related factors	LSL / EC

Socio-Economic Benchmarks	Program Value
Median Household Income (MHI) less than or equal to statewide average	≤ $69,680
Individuals with income below 200% of poverty level greater than or equal to statewide average	≥29.43%
Unemployment Rate (civilian) greater than or equal to statewide average	≥4.85%
Water and sewer rates compared to MHI greater than or equal to statewide benchmark	≥ 1.44%

General Criteria

Population

Ohio EPA utilizes the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) data to identify systems with populations less than 10,000. SDWIS data, including population, is collected from public water systems (PWS). Each program year, the most recent population data available in SDWIS will be utilized.

Lead Service Line (LSL) and Emerging Contaminants (EC) projects: To ensure LSL replacement and EC projects occur in areas of need statewide, the population threshold is not an eligibility requirement for LSL replacement or EC projects.

Regionalization projects: Large Systems (greater than 10,000 population) may nominate a regionalization project benefitting a disadvantaged community. The project would be considered for the disadvantaged community loan program and principal forgiveness funding. Evaluation of the benefited community would include comparison against disadvantaged community loan program benchmarks using census data for the community. For example, a large PWS (population greater than 10,000) submits a nomination for a regionalization project extending water service to an underserved community. In this case, the regionalization project would be considered for disadavantaged community loan program principal forgiveness.

Health Related Factors

Each WSRLA project nomination is evaluated using the priority ranking system. The priority ranking system includes an evaluation of public health related issues where the most serious risks to public health receive highest priority (refer to Appendix D Priority Ranking System for more information).

LSL replacement projects: Ohio EPA recognizes lead service lines as a statewide public health issue. All other disadvantaged community loan program criteria must be met for consideration of principal forgiveness funding.

Socio-Economic Benchmarks

Statewide Average MHI (2023 5-year ACS Estimate)	Poverty Level (2023 5-year ACS Estimate of individuals with income below 200% of poverty level)	Unemployment Rate (2023 5-year ACS Estimate of civilian unemployment rate)	Water and Sewer Rate Affordability (2023 Ohio EPA Water and Sewer Rate Survey)
<$69,680	≥29.43%	≥4.83%	>1.44% of MHI

Median Household Income (MHI)

This benchmark compares the drinking water system service area MHI to the statewide average MHI. The MHI benchmark is used as an indicator of financial capacity or ability to pay. MHI data is obtained from the most recently completed American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates.

2023 ACS 5-year Estimate of Ohio MHI	Benchmark
Median Household Income	<$69,680

Systems that represent a public school and some non-profit public water systems will default to the ACS 5-year estimates of MHI for the incorporated area in which the system is located, or, for unincorporated areas, the ACS 5-year estimates of MHI for the county in which the system is located.

Poverty Rate

Poverty rate is the percentage of individuals with income below 200% of the statewide poverty level. The poverty rate benchmark is met if the most recently completed ACS 5-year poverty rate estimate is greater than or equal to the State of Ohio average poverty rate.

Systems that represent a public school and some non-profit public water systems will default to the ACS 5-year estimates of poverty for the incorporated area in which the system is located, or, for unincorporated areas, the ACS 5-year estimates of poverty for the county in which the system is located.

2023 ACS 5-year Estimate of Ohio Poverty	Benchmark
Poverty Rate	29.43%

Unemployment Rate

Unemployment rate is the percentage of unemployed individuals 16 years and over in the civilian labor force. The unemployment rate benchmark is met if the most recently completed ACS 5-year estimate is greater than or equal to the State of Ohio average.

2023 ACS 5-year Estimate of Ohio Unemployment	Benchmark
Unemployment Rate	4.85%

Water and Sewer Rates Affordability Benchmark

Annual water and sewer rates as a percentage of MHI will be compared to the statewide average. Calculations are based on a usage estimate of 4,000 gallons per month.

Water and Sewer Rates	Benchmark
% of income attributed to water and sewer fees	1.44%

If a system only has sewer or water rates, the system's ratio of rates to MHI will be compared to individual sewer and water benchmarks (0.69% and 0.75%, respectively).

Systems without a user cost, such as schools and some non-profit public water systems, will default to the ACS 5-year estimates of MHI for the incorporated area in which the system is located or, for unincorporated areas, the ACS 5-year estimates of MHI for the county in which the system is located. The water rates, and if applicable, the sewer rates for the system providing services to the school or non-profit PWS is then compared with the selected MHI to determine if the system without a user cost will meet the water and sewer rates affordability benchmark.

Disadvantaged Community Determination

Most PWS are eligible for consideration through the disadvantaged community loan program with the exception of some privately owned systems. For a privately owned system to be eligible, it must be a system regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), a system considered a political subdivision as defined by ORC 6119.011 or a non-profit public water system.

If a drinking water system is designated as a disadvantaged community, the determination is only valid for the specific program year for which that determination was made. Evaluation of the program benchmarks will be performed annually to determine eligibility.

Additionally, a minimum of 50 percent of the residing council members or governing board members for the water system must complete the following Rural Communities Assistance Program (RCAP) Courses prior to loan award: 101 Utility Management for Local Officials and 201 Financial Management for Local Officials within the last five years. Both courses are offered free of charge and are available online or in a classroom setting. Ohio EPA will reassess and determine the final loan terms including disadvantaged community eligibility at the time of loan award.

The total amount of principal forgiveness available for disadvantaged communities is directly related to available funding.

Disadvantaged Community Loan Program Data Sources

Census data obtained from U.S. Census Bureau at data.census.gov:

Population – B01003, Total Population, 2023 ACS 5-year estimates

MHI – B19013, Median Household Income in the Past 12 months, 2023 ACS 5-year Estimates

Unemployment Rate - DP03, Selected Economic Characteristics, 2023 ACS 5-year Estimates, Population 16 Years and Over in Civilian Labor Force Unemployment Rate

Poverty Rate - S1701, Poverty Status in the Past 12 months, 2023 ACS 5-year Estimates, Individuals with Income Below 200% of Poverty Level

Water and Sewer Rates – Average annual use, 2023 Water and Sewer Rates Survey; Rates are calculated using the current rate information provided with the project nomination

APPENDIX F

Ineligible Projects and Costs

Based on limitations set forth by the Safe Water Drinking Act, associated guidance and rules, and by this PMP, the following is a general summary of ineligible projects and costs.

Ineligible Projects

1. Construction or rehabilitation of dams;
2. Purchase of water rights, unless 1) the water rights are owned by a system that is being purchased through consolidation as a part of a capacity assurance strategy; or, 2) it is necessary to acquire land or a conservation easement from a willing seller or grantor, if the purpose of the acquisition is to protect the source water of the system from contamination and to ensure compliance with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Section 1452(k) of SDWA);
3. Construction or rehabilitation of reservoirs[1], except for finished water reservoirs and those reservoirs that are part of the treatment process and are located on the property where the water treatment facility is located;
4. Projects primarily for fire protection;
5. Projects primarily to serve future population growth;
6. Projects for systems in significant noncompliance [(U.S. EPA Enforcement Tracking Tool (ETT)] score greater than or equal to 11), where funding will not enable the system to return to compliance and the system will not maintain adequate technical, managerial and financial capacity to maintain compliance (refer to asset management program);
7. Projects for systems that lack technical, managerial, and financial capability, unless assistance will ensure compliance (refer to asset management program);
8. Projects that do not minimize costs by implementing the most cost effective alternative through conducting a cost effective analysis of all viable options; cost effectiveness considers both monetary and non-monetary costs;
9. Projects that have completed construction; and
10. Projects with total project costs financed through other funding sources. WSRLA funds may not be used to refinance loans.

[1] A program deviation for rehabilitation of reservoirs is available from USEPA. A program deviation permits reservoir rehabilitation projects to be considered for funding if eligibility requirements are met and pre-approval is received from USEPA.

Ineligible Costs

1. Laboratory fees for monitoring;
2. Operation and maintenance expenses;
3. Equipment, materials, supplies, and spare parts in excess of that shown to be reasonable, necessary, and applicable to the project;
4. Street restoration beyond that necessary for installing facilities directly related to constructing the drinking water system;
5. Ordinary governmental or personal operating expenses of the community or individual requesting the WSRLA assistance (e.g., administrative facilities or vehicles, salaries of elected officials, travel, costs of establishing departments or units of government, fines, and penalties levied by regulatory agencies, etc.);
6. Personal injury compensation or damages;
7. Permiting costs not related to the construction of the project (e.g.,wastewater discharge permit (NPDES permit) and renewal discharge permit fees;

APPENDIX G

Base Capitalization Grant: Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Plan

SDWA Section 1452(g)(2)(A)

Ohio EPA will utilize 10 percent ($2,462,800) from the FFY 2025 base capitalization grant for the Public Water Systems Supervision Set-aside (PWSS) authorized under Section 1452(g)(2)(A) of the SDWA. Ohio EPA will use this set-aside to fund various activities to help ensure Ohio's public water systems provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water, including the ongoing implementation of Ohio's Source Water Protection and Capability Assurance Programs. The PWSS set-aside offers flexibility in the utilization of the funds to support Ohio's public water systems. The funds will support approximately 13.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to complete the program activities described in this section.

Return to Compliance Activities for PWS

Provide assistance to PWS with compliance needs, i.e., systems with violations, to return the PWS to compliance.

Schedule: After issuance of a violation, DDAGW takes appropriate measures to return the PWS to compliance and record such efforts in SDWIS. DDAGW will respond to ETT lists and complete Compliance and Enforcement Plans in accordance with the deadlines set by USEPA and the Agency's Compliance Through Assurance Strategy. Efforts will be taken prior to occurrence on the ETT list to return PWS to compliance including limited scope site visits. Schedules for database management and clean-up including violation rescission and SOXing will be developed and followed. These activities will occur throughout the program year.

Responsibility: The district office compliance coordinators, supervisors and managers, enforcement coordinators, Compliance Assurance supervisors and manager, and assistant chief will develop and implement programs to return PWS to compliance. The efforts will escalate to formal enforcement for the most non-compliant water systems, Violations will be SOX'd (state compliance achieved) in SDWIS. Enforcement actions will be tracked for compliance. USEPA ETT lists will be responded to. State ETT lists will be tracked to address systems as early as possible. Phone calls, site visits, compliance meetings, enforcement meetings will be conducted as necessary. Ongoing maintenance of the database will occur through regular SOXing of violations by the District Offices and the Compliance Assurance Section.

Evaluation: The success of the return to compliance activities is generally measured by the SOXing of violations in SDWIS. Success is also captured through reporting on the ETT list and the shared goals track overall compliance. Enforcement actions are tracked and reported in state reports and in SDWIS. Compliance with enforcement actions are currently tracked through compliance schedules in SDWIS. Site visits are also tracked via SDWIS.

Sanitary Survey Program

Evaluate PWS for compliance issues and provide technical assistance to return the PWS to compliance.

Schedule: District office will complete sanitary survey activities on the scheduled frequency prescribed by USEPA. Activities will include both on-site and non-on-site evaluation of PWS compliance, limited scope site visits for special purposes, technical assistance, writing sanitary survey letters and completing follow-up activities to items noted in the sanitary survey letters, completing level 1 and level 2 assessments and tracking them in SWIFT, and review of contingency plans and backflow prevention programs.

Responsibility: The district office inspectors, compliance coordinators, supervisors and managers, will implement programs to maintain PWS compliance. Phone calls, site visits, compliance meetings, will be conducted as necessary.

Evaluation: The success of the sanitary survey program will be measured by improvements in PWS compliance and the number of sanitary surveys, LSSVs and other site visits conducted.

Harmful Algal Blooms

Implementation of Ohio Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Public Water System Response Strategy.

Schedule: Outreach to surface water PWSs on HAB monitoring requirements and response actions required by OAC 3745-90 and part of the PWS HAB Response Strategy will be provided during all times of the year. During HABs season (June-November), Ohio EPA staff will assist PWSs in understanding monitoring requirements and in responding to raw and finished water cyanotoxin detections as well as optimizing treatment when necessary. Staff will also conduct the majority of follow-up sampling for saxitoxin, cylindrospermopsin, anatoxin-a and provide backup on raw and finished water sampling for microcystins as needed.

Responsibility: The district drinking water staff and their managers, the Central Office source water characterization and protection staff and manager, and the DDAGW Chief and Asst. Chiefs will have primary responsibility for outreach, preparedness and response, and sampling backup.

Evaluation: The success of implementing Ohio's Harmful Algal Bloom Public Water System Program, including the HAB Rule and the PWS HAB Response Strategy will be measured by the number of raw and finished water detections of cyanotoxins, the amount of days that confirmed detections persist, the number of Treatment Optimization Protocols and Cyanotoxin General plans submitted, and how quickly drinking water use advisories are lifted.

Supplemental Capitalization Grant: Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Plan

SDWA Section 1452(g)(2)(A)

Ohio EPA will utilize 2.67 percent ($1,500,000) from the FFY 2025 supplemental capitalization grant for the Public Water Systems Supervision Set-aside (PWSS) authorized under Section 1452(g)(2)(A) of the SDWA. Ohio EPA will use this set-aside to fund a variety of activities to help ensure Ohio's public water systems provide adequate quantities of safe drinking water, including on-going implementation of Ohio's Source Water Protection and Capability Assurance Programs. The PWSS set-aside provides flexibility in utilization of the funds to support Ohio's public water systems. The funds will be used to support approximately 12 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to complete the program activities described in this section.

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APPENDIX H

Small Systems Technical Assistance Work Plan

SDWA Section 1452 (g)(2)(C)

The overall program goal and objective is to provide technical assistance to public water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons to enable such systems to achieve and maintain compliance with applicable state and national drinking water regulations. The program will address the financial, managerial, regulatory and operational needs of the targeted public water systems. Listed below is the work plan for the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership/Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP). The Small System Technical Assistance Program (SSTAP) will address the type of assistance needed for the small public water systems of Ohio.

General Supplemental Grant

The Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) Work Plan

Ohio EPA will set-aside approximately $1,000,575 (1.78%) of the general supplemental capitalization grant in a SSTAP to aid public water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons. This work plan outlines how funds set-aside for the SSTAP will be used to provide technical assistance to small systems. Specifically, this work plan addresses:

1. A brief description of the organization selected to provide services under the SSTAP;
2. The scope of work to be provided under the SSTAP;
3. The funding amount in dollars and as a percentage of the DWAF allocation;
4. The number of FTEs projected for implementing the program;
5. The goals, objectives, and deliverables for the program;
6. A schedule for completing activities during the program year;
7. The responsibilities of Ohio EPA and the providers of assistance; and
8. A description of the evaluation process to assess the success of work funded through SSTAP.

Organization Providing Services

The grantee selected to provide services will be the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership/Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP). This organization has served as a provider to the SSTAP for over fifteen years, working with small systems serving fewer than 10,000 in population. They provide managerial assistance to water systems and aid in obtaining financial assistance through a variety of funding sources. Services are handled through both office personnel and field representatives who visit water systems to discuss and remedy problems. They will assist in making applications for financing, obtaining engineering expertise, and selection of cost-effective alternatives. With a staff of approximately 50 RCAP employees in the Great Lakes Region, they provide technical assistance and training for small systems throughout Ohio, and other states in the region. They help communities with project development and funding, including procuring other sources of grant and low-interest loan funding in addition to the

DWSRF. RCAP will coordinate financing packages for small systems with the follow sources including but not limited to: The Ohio Department of Development Community Development Block Grant program, the Ohio Water Development Authority, the Ohio Public Works Commission, Appalachian Regional Commission Grants program, US Army Corps of Engineers Section 594 program, the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program, and other potential sources of grant funding for small public water systems.

Description of the Scope of Work to be Provided

SSTAP services include financial, managerial, regulatory and operational assistance. These services will be performed by RCAP and Ohio EPA field staff. Financial and managerial assistance includes:

1. Assist small systems on the Intended Project List, Project Priority List and the Great Lakes RCAP List to increase financial, managerial and system technical capabilities;

2. Assist small systems with the preparation of applications for the Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) including determining the ability to repay and meeting state and other crosscutting requirements;

3. Assist small systems with project planning and determining the most cost-effective option for a public water supply to access safe drinking water, i.e. line extension from another community, restructuring, regionalization, retailer of water from another source, etc.;

4. Assist small systems with project development and/or readiness to proceed issues for funding by providing information and/or short course training that includes but is not limited to; hiring an engineer, developing project schedules, obtaining cost estimates, completing data collection for project (population impacted, median household income levels), defining the need and obtaining supporting documentation, description of the proposed project, project alternatives considered and why rejected;

5. Assist small systems with locating and procuring sources of funding in addition to the DWAF. RCAP will coordinate financing packages with the following sources, including but not limited to: The Ohio Department of Development's Community Development Block Grant program, The Ohio Water Development Authority, The Ohio Public Works Commission, Ohio's Appalachian Regional Commission Grants program, Ohio's Department of Development Local Government Initiative Fund, The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program and RCAP's Community Loan Fund program for water infrastructure development;

6. Assist small systems applying for a WSRLA loan, and new and existing community and non-transient non-community water systems, in the development and/or completion of the technical, managerial and financial components of the asset management program;

7. Assist small systems in increasing managerial and financial capability of their public water system. This will include issues relating to utility planning, identifying both direct and indirect operation and maintenance costs, developing budgets, cost recovery, types of financing resources, financial plan development, and marketing utility products and services to customers; and

8. Provide a total of 3 Classroom Workshops, 1 Field Day, and 3 instructor-led online classes (webinar) and continued hosting and administrative support for 11 self-paced online courses.

9. Asset Management Coaching Cohort RCAP will offer systems an opportunity to join a small training cohort. The cohort will receive assistance through a series of 6 formal training sessions, 5-7 follow- up

coaching sessions, and individual assistance in presenting an Asset Management Plan and recommendations to their oversight boards.

10. Provide Intensive Technical Assistance to 4-5 small PWS's referred by Ohio EPA. Develop plan to help PWS's build capacity, possibly including rate studies, AMP development, and on-site training.

11. Provide assistance to small systems identified by Ohio EPA to complete and submit Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA) reports and supporting documentation.

12. Provide priority technical assistance to small communities developing projects and pursuing financing to address lead and galvanized service line replacement and PFAS.

Funding Amount

The amount set-aside from the general supplemental capitalization grant for this program is 1.78% of the grant, which is estimated to be $1,000,575.

Projected Number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs)

RCAP has submitted a line-item budget for the current program year indicating their services will require 7.14 FTEs.

Deliverables

Highlighted below are the main deliverables that are to be provided by Ohio RCAP to Ohio EPA. The SSTA Annual Report will include a summary of these detailed reports.

Monthly Reports

1. Provide a summary on assistance provided to small public water systems on the IPL, PPL, RCAP List, and communities requesting services, including the community need and the planned next steps; and
2. Provide a list of training conducted, attended and other staff activities.

Quarterly Reports

1. Report on the small systems assisted with:
    a. Preparation of DWAF and other funder's applications
    b. Determining the most cost-effective option to access safe drinking water
    c. Readiness to proceed issues
    d. Capacity development
2. Report on the "RCAP Team Approach":
    a. Name of community
    b. Identification of community need include violations occurring and capacity development needs
    c. Description of assistance provided, and benchmarks accomplished

d. Description of the effectiveness of the approach

e. Recommendations for next steps for the community

3. Report on the Special Project – "RCAP Asset Management Coaching Cohort":

    a. Name of community

    b. Description of assistance provided and benchmarks accomplished

    c. Description of the effectiveness of demonstration project

4. Report on classroom and online training provided, including:

    a. Date and location of training

    b. Name of course

    c. Number of participants

    d. Number of water systems

    e. Communities that have met training requirements for principal forgiveness

<u>Annual Reports</u>

1. Summary compiled from the quarterly reports
2. Report on leveraged funds detail including:

    a. Name of community

    b. Loan amount

    c. Source of loan funds

    d. Grant amount

    e. Source of grant funds

3. Report on customer satisfaction surveys, including:

    a. Date of assistance or training

    b. Location of assistance or training

    c. Evaluation score

<u>Progress Statements</u>

1. Statements with details about the status of a particular project or community. These are submitted as needed.
2. Statements regarding the effectiveness of the RCAP Team Approach.

3. Statements regarding the effectiveness of the demonstration project including the development and presentation of a white paper or case study to the Ohio Section AWWA.

Schedule for Completing Activities

Ohio EPA has targeted small public water systems that are on the PPL, IPL and RCAP List for financial and managerial assistance; however, it is not necessary that a system be on the PPL, IPL or RCAP List to receive assistance through this program. A report will be provided monthly and quarterly for assistance activities using the following criteria: progress that is made, including status of outputs and deliverables per community, and any changes in projected scheduling and completion of activities. The individual schedules for each small public water system will be determined based on the type of assistance necessary, any compliance schedules that exist, and the proposed DWAF schedule.

Specific to on-site technical assistance calls, the schedules for completing that type of assistance will be determined by the severity and nature the problem, and the identified solution. Multiple visits may need to be scheduled before each activity is considered completed. Issues identified through a sanitary survey or site visit will be followed through resolution of the identified issues.

Responsibilities of Ohio EPA and the Providers of the Program

Ohio EPA will be responsible for ensuring all assistance is provided in a timely manner based on the specific issues and type of assistance determined to be necessary.

Providers are responsible for completing assistance tasks as each individualized schedule requires and completing deliverables and outputs per those schedules. Submission of quarterly reports describing their activities is required. The providers are responsible for providing assistance as they have described in their work plans as accepted by Ohio EPA, and fulfilling the requirements and responsibilities as defined in their individual program agreements. Providers will also comply with any and all federal requirements in effect and applicable to their actions as related to completion of all assistance projects.

Description of the Evaluation Process to Assess the Success of Work Funded

Reporting and evaluation methods will be used to assess success of the small systems technical assistance program. Ohio EPA will utilize the reported information to determine the level of success and measure the effects of the assistance. The reported information will be used to determine future program year goals, objectives, and program design to continue to provide effective technical assistance to small systems. The specifics of the evaluation and reporting process per type of assistance provided are described as follows:

Financial and Managerial Assistance Activities Reporting

RCAP staff will meet bimonthly, or as needed, with Ohio EPA staff to evaluate technical assistance results and identify additional needs of systems. Reports will contain demographic and performance-based information. Specific outcomes per community will be identified in compliance with any developed schedule and based on the reporting format as defined by DDAGW. RCAP provides an evaluation form after each training course. The information and scores from the evaluation are summarized and used to make improvements or changes to the training courses. In addition, RCAP periodically conducts a customer satisfaction survey of systems that have received technical assistance. The survey is used to develop improvements to types and specifics of assistance services provided. Annually, RCAP provides a summary of the customer satisfaction surveys completed during the year. This reporting and performance evaluation information ensures that RCAP can document the effectiveness of its technical assistance.

APPENDIX I

Base Capitalization Grant: Local Assistance and Other State Programs Set Aside Work Plan

SDWA Section 1452 (k)(1)(B)

Ohio EPA will utilize approximately $2,462,800 (10.0%) from the base federal capitalization grant for Local Assistance and Other State Program set aside authorized under Section 1452(k)(1)(B) of the SDWA to build capacity at public water systems.

The funds will support approximately 13.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to complete the activities described in this section.

Capability Development
Strategize new opportunities to develop and implement Ohio's asset management (capacity development) program and maintain efforts to improve asset management throughout the state.

Schedule: Capability and asset management activities will continue throughout the program year including workgroup strategy meetings and regular planning meetings.

Responsibility: A workgroup will be meeting regularly to evaluate the success of the current asset management (i.e., capacity development) program and discuss new opportunities to identify ways to assist PWS's in complying with national primary drinking water regulations and enhance the technical, managerial, and financial capacity of systems. Additional Ohio EPA staff may be asked to join the workgroup to consult and promote implementation efforts. Staff will continue screening systems to identify gaps in capability. The asset management team of Ohio EPA Central Office and District Office staff will engage in a multitude of activities including groundwater rule assistance, limited scope site visits, monthly operating report reviews, outreach, and small systems technical assistance. These activities are intended to follow-up on systems after a sanitary survey, address compliance issues including MCL violations and assist in improving operation deficiencies.

Evaluation: The success of asset management activities is measured by completion of the workgroup findings in a summary report and a strategic plan to improve the program and by the reduced number of systems entering enforcement during the program year.

Source Water Assessment and Protection Program
Ohio EPA will use the set-aside funds to implement Ohio's approved Source Water Assessment and Protection Program. Specifically, these funds will be used to complete the following:

Source Water Assessments
This includes completing source water assessment reports for new public water systems and/or revising existing source water assessment reports. When needed, it also includes updating delineations and potential contaminant source inventories.

Schedule: Source water assessments are to be completed for all new public water systems within 60 days of activation or notification from the public water supply program. Updates or revisions of existing source water assessments are completed when information is received regarding new well installations, changes to pumping rates or configurations, or when significantly improved site-specific data is obtained regarding flow directions and ground water flow rates. Assessments for surface water sources will be evaluated and/or updated when new intakes are installed, upground reservoirs are constructed, or the detection of cyanotoxins requires development of a general plan. Systems are required by Ohio's Asset Management regulations to review their assessment reports annually and a system may request its assessment be updated based on this review. Starting in 2024, SWAP staff are working through updates for all source water assessment reports, since the majority of them were completed in the early 2000's. Because of the number of reports that need updated, staff will use prioritization criteria to determine order of report updates.

In addition, SWAP staff complete new well siting evaluations to determine if a proposed well site meets well siting criteria. This includes a preliminary well site assessment, a well site visit and subsequent determination of whether a well site is approvable.

Responsibility: Assessments are primarily the responsibility of Ohio EPA's District SWAP staff, with assistance as requested from Central Office SWAP staff.

Evaluation: The success of this task is evaluated by the number of assessments completed within deadlines and the total number of assessments completed.

Source Water Protection Planning

This includes outreach and direct technical assistance to public water systems regarding development and implementation of source water protection plans.

Schedule: Locally developed Drinking Water Source Protection Plans will be reviewed within 60 days of receipt by Ohio EPA, and technical assistance will be provided promptly upon request. Emphasis will be placed on assisting public water systems with the planning process when they have regulatory requirements or incentives to develop a source water protection plan. Outreach will be provided to systems that trigger the development of a general plan to address cyanotoxins under the HAB monitoring rules or trigger the requirement to develop a plan as a condition of plan approval for a new well. Program staff also use surveys specific to the PWS to evaluate substantial implementation of locally implemented protective strategies on a three-year basis. Staff will conduct local workshops with schedules set by the District offices and provide one-on-one assistance when requested or as follow up to a workshop. No specific deadlines are proposed for these workshops, providing flexibility for partnering with other organizations and for tailoring outreach to specific public water systems. Program staff recently updated Ohio's drinking water source protection plan template and instructions in order to modernize and streamline the plan as well as to eliminate overlap with other required state programs.

Program staff will work with Asset Management program staff, the Source Water Committee of the American Water Works Association, and other partners to raise awareness and education communities on source water protection, which could include the development of videos, webinars, and technical presentations.

Since 2023, Program staff have coordinated with the Funding and Asset Management group to provide source water protective strategy grants in order to assist and encourage public water systems to implement specific, measurable protective strategies. These grants will also be offered in 2025-2026 and staff will outreach to and assist eligible PWS with the application process.

Responsibility: Reviews of Drinking Water Source Protection Plans, on-site technical assistance/outreach, and workshops are primarily the responsibility of Ohio EPA District staff, with assistance from Central Office staff as needed. Central Office staff are responsible for secondary review of protection plans to ensure review consistency across the state. They also are responsible for coordinating and collaborating with agencies and programs both within Ohio EPA and externally.

Evaluation: Success of Protection Plan reviews will be measured by timeliness of reviews and the number of systems that are endorsed. Success of the workshops will be evaluated by the development of an endorsable local protection plan as the outcome. Success of implementation outreach will be measured during the next state-wide evaluation of substantial implementation of local protective strategies.

Coordination, Outreach/Education and Technical Assistance

Program staff will collaborate with other Ohio EPA programs; local, State, and Federal agencies; and industry groups to target funding, conservation practices, and outreach to help protect source waters. Staff will continue to provide technical assistance to the various regulated communities to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Staff will collaborate with Federal and State environmental programs to develop and implement source water protection strategies. Staff keeps the source water protection page of the Agency's website up-to-date with recent events and news.

Schedule: Continue collaboration with federal and state programs to recognize and develop regulatory or management practices protective of source water quality. Evaluate revisions to proposed rules during the program year as rule packages come up for comment (under the required five-year rule review). Participate in rules development as rules are developed for emerging contaminants and as programs refine their regulatory schemes. Technical assistance requests for source water protection information are typically completed within two working days. Continue to maintain a GIS-based web portal used to provide self-directed technical assistance. Updates to source water protection web pages will continue to be made as needed. The Program maintains a SharePoint site which serves as a library a of process documents for the Source Water Assessment and Protection program. Other means of information sharing, including the Agency's eDocs portal, will be used to house programmatic information. Program staff will continue collaboration with the Funding and Asset Management Program within DDAGW, and the Total Maximum Daily Load, Water Quality, and Non-point Source Programs within DSW to identify opportunities for coordination of efforts that improve water quality, protect sources of drinking water, and/or help create local partnerships and increase stakeholder involvement.

Responsibility: Coordination with other programs' rules will be implemented by Ohio EPA Central Office staff, with direction from the Central Office Source Water Characterization and Protection manager. Technical assistance and maintenance of the web portal will also be handled primarily by Central Office staff. Maintenance of the SharePoint site will be shared across the program with the primary responsibility falling to Central Office staff. Central Office staff will be responsible for coordinating with other Agency programs.

Evaluation: Success of coordination will be measured by our ability to have source water protection area strategies recognized and implemented by other environmental programs. Technical assistance will be measured by the numbers of requests received and processed within deadlines. The success or intra-agency collaboration efforts will be measured based on project specific criteria.

General Program Support

Provide administrative, computer, data management and geographic information systems support to program staff.

Schedule: In general, activities such as planning, time accounting, personnel management, computer programming, network support, data management, geographic information systems support, and information tracking are ongoing functions. Periodic training of Source Water Protection staff around the state will be held as needed. The source water protection workgroup is active in evaluating and updating relevant documents and guidance. An in-person meeting is held at least annually with regular team meetings occurring throughout the rest of the year.

Responsibilities: Planning and budgeting, time accounting and personnel management are the responsibility of the Central Office Source Water Characterization and Protection Program manager. Computer programming and network support are functions of Ohio EPA's Information Management Systems staff, and data management and information tracking is a function of Central Office Source Water Protection staff as well as management.

Evaluation: Completion of plans, budgets and reports within deadlines and routine update of geographic information data to support the source water assessment and protection program.

Supplemental Capitalization Grant: Local Assistance and Other State Programs Set Aside Work Plan

SDWA Section 1452 (k)(1)(B)

Ohio EPA will utilize approximately $5,500,000 (9.78%) from the general supplemental capitalization grant for Local Assistance and Other State Program set aside authorized under Section 1452(k)(1)(B) of the SDWA to build capacity at public water systems. Under this set aside Ohio EPA will administer individual grant programs and development of an asset management metrics dashboard. The grant programs are for emergency generator grants, condition assessment program grants, and Source Water Protection and Assessment grants that include funding for protective strategies and well abandonment.
The funds will support approximately 12 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to complete the activities described in this section.

Emergency Generator Program

For PY 2026, Ohio EPA plans to utilize approximately $1,250,000 of the Local Assistance and Other State Programs set-aside to provide technical assistance to small community public water systems by providing grants to purchase emergency generators. Specifically, this work plan addresses:

1. Emergency generator grant.
2. The purpose and goal of the program.
3. The funding amount in dollars.

4. A schedule for completing activities during the program year,
5. The responsibilities of Ohio EPA.

Emergency Generator Grant

Severe weather in Ohio has resulted in disruption of service at public water systems due to the lack of back-up power sources. Having the ability to automatically switch to an alternate power source in the case of electrical grid failure would have prevented these emergencies. Given the unpredictable nature of power failures, it is critical that water systems acquire onsite alternative power sources as part of their contingency planning. The purpose of these grants is to help public water systems increase their technical capacity to provide a continuous source of safe drinking water. Items eligible for reimbursement include:

1. Dedicated generators capable of providing power to treat water and pump to the distribution system during power outages to meet the average day demand. Must be equipped with automatic switchover.
2. Automatic switchgear.
3. Training on the use of the emergency generator.

Ohio is planning to make these items available to small community public water systems through a grant program. The maximum grant amount will be $50,000. Grants may only be requested for equipment, supplies and training obtained on or after the start of the grant program.

Conditions for eligibility under this grant will include:

1. Must be a community public water system serving 10,000 customers or less.
2. Generator must include automatic switchover in the event of power failure.

Public water systems interested in generator equipment and associated training will have to submit an application to Ohio EPA for approval prior to purchase. Ohio EPA will notify the public water systems if their proposed purchases are approved. Upon receipt of a grant award letter the applicant will have six months from the date of the award letter to purchase the equipment, and training specified in their application.

Applicants will submit invoices for purchased equipment and documentation of their updated their asset management inventory to receive reimbursement. Ohio EPA will request documentation to verify installation of equipment. Ohio EPA in conjunction with the Ohio Water Development Authority will verify invoices are consistent with the approved applications and issue reimbursement.

Purpose and Goal of the Program

The purpose of these grants is to protect public health by helping public water systems increase their technical capacity by providing the ability to produce finished water even when power grid failures occur. Grants are being offered to reimburse the initial cost of approved equipment, supplies and training. The overall program goal is to allow systems to respond to power failures to protect public health.

Funding Amount

The amount set-aside from the general supplemental grant is $1,250,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

Ohio EPA will target community public water systems serving 10,000 customers or less that are at risk of disruption of service due to power failures. The program will begin in the fall of 2025, and applications will be accepted for approximately six weeks. The individual schedules for each public water system will be determined based on their responsiveness to our announcement of program availability.

Responsibilities of Ohio EPA

Ohio EPA will announce the availability of the program and process all applications. A grant award letter will be sent to all eligible applicants. The grant award letter will specify the maximum award amount and provide instructions for obtaining reimbursement and completing the closeout report.

Upon receipt of the proof of purchase and closeout report Ohio EPA will conduct an on-site verification before issuing payment to the public water system reimbursing the cost of the approved equipment, supplies and training, up to the amount of the award. Applicants who are not awarded funding will be notified by email. Ohio EPA will review and track the grant applications in a database and verification that the conditions of the grant were met.

With successful execution of this grant, Ohio EPA will have reliable backup power at most small community water systems.

Condition Assessment Program for Asset Management

Ohio intends to use $1,000,000 of the Local Assistance and Other State Programs set-aside to provide technical assistance to small community public water systems by providing grants to establish a condition assessment program for asset management. Specifically, this work plan addresses:

1. Condition Assessment Program information.
2. The purpose and goal of the program.
3. The funding amount in dollars.
4. A schedule for completing activities during the program year.
5. The responsibilities of Ohio EPA.

Condition Assessment Program Grant

A condition assessment program for asset management involves regularly evaluating the physical state, performance, and remaining useful life of assets to determine appropriate maintenance, repair, and replacement decisions. It helps optimize asset lifecycle management by identifying potential problems early and enabling proactive maintenance strategies. Items eligible for reimbursement include:

1. Condition assessment program (CAP) development conducted by a third-party contractor, which must include:
    a. An identified focus area for condition assessment program development, such as: small water treatment plant, distribution system: water storage tanks, booster station pumps, water lines, valves, or hydrants;
    b. Asset inventory updates, including: asset ID, type of condition assessment completed, and frequency for follow up routine condition assessments;

c. A standard operating procedure (SOP) detailing continued condition assessment review on an annual basis; and

ci. A list of replacement plans for the selected focus area assets and a budget for implementation of the program.

2. The selected third-party contractor should provide a final report detailing the work completed and future planning efforts, along with reimbursement documentation.

Ohio plans to make these grants available to small community public water systems serving populations under 10,000, prioritizing very small systems and those that have documented asset management issues. The maximum grant award amount will be $20,000. Grants may only be requested for activities conducted on or after the start of the grant program.

Purpose and Goal of the Program

The purpose of these grants is to help small community public water systems increase their technical capacity by contracting with a third-party to assist with condition assessment program development. The expectation is to use information gathered through the condition assessment program development to improve a water system's asset inventory and overall compliance with asset management program regulations.

Funding Amount

The amount set-aside from the general supplemental grant is $1,000,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program will begin in the fall of 2025, and applications will be accepted for approximately six weeks. The individual schedules for each public water system will be determined based on their responsiveness to our announcement of program availability.

Responsibilities of Ohio EPA

Ohio EPA will announce the availability of the program and process all applications. A grant award letter will be sent to all eligible applicants. The grant award letter will specify the maximum award amount and provide instructions for obtaining reimbursement and completing the closeout report. Upon receipt of the condition assessment program documentation and closeout report, Ohio EPA will issue payment to the public water system reimbursing the cost of the condition assessment program development, up to the amount of the award. Applicants who are not awarded funding will be notified by email. Ohio EPA will review and track the grant applications in a database and verify that the conditions of the grant were met.

<u>Source Water Protection Grant Program</u>

Under this grant program Ohio EPA intends to use $750,000 of the Local Assistance and Other State Programs set-aside to provide funding for source water protection projects. This will include funding for protective strategies and well abandonment.

Protective Strategies and Well Abandonment

These funds will be used to support the implementation of specific and measurable protective strategies to help protect source water for Ohio's community public water systems and to properly abandon existing inactive wells at community systems that pose a risk to active public water supply sources or the environment.

The grant will be open to all municipal community public water systems. Public water systems with smaller populations and public water systems that have a high susceptibility to contamination as well as systems with high-risk potential contaminant sources within their inner management zones/corridor management zones or source water protection areas will be prioritized for funding.

Specifically, this work plan addresses:

1. Protective strategy implementation and well abandonment.
2. The purpose and goal of the program.
3. The funding amount in dollars.
4. A schedule for completing activities during the program year.
5. The responsibilities of Ohio EPA.

For protective strategy activities: Awards are limited to a maximum of $20,000 in reimbursable funds for proposed strategy implementation. Only costs incurred during the project period are eligible for reimbursement. The public water system must provide documentation of implementation of the protective strategy within 60 days of the end of the project period to receive reimbursement. Eligible costs include:

1. Creation or improvement of the PWS's website to provide information specific to source water protection and protection of the community water supply.
2. Development of source water protection brochures, posters, lesson plans and related materials for use in schools and/or to distribute to local residents, businesses, farmers.
3. Purchase of sand tank model or watershed model.
4. Purchasing of source water protection signs (following Ohio source water protection sign templates) to install at the delineated source water protection area boundaries.
5. Spill protection materials for portable spill kits to provide to businesses in the community within the source water protection area.
6. Purchasing spill containment booms to protect public water system surface water intakes in case of upstream releases.
7. Installation of early warning ground water monitoring wells between the PWS wellfield and a high-risk potential contaminant source (costs to include the driller and materials and supplies).
8. Installation of semi-permanent surface water quality monitoring instrumentation to monitor water quality upstream of a PWS intake.
9. Implementation of BMPs in the corridor management zone such as: a) tile/water control structures in fields that can reduce nutrient, pathogen, and pesticide loading from drainage systems into downstream receiving waters, b) Riparian planting (trees) as buffers, c) Water retention features (wetlands, retention basins, WASCOBs, grassed waterways (stacking). *BMPs in the source water protection area may be approved, depending on the justification provided in the application.

For well abandonment activities: Awards are limited to a maximum of $15,000 in reimbursable funds per well. Only costs incurred during the project period are eligible for reimbursement. Eligible costs include materials and supplies necessary to properly plug abandoned wells in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-9. This program will help the state identify and provide funding to properly abandon inactive former public water system wells posing contaminant risks to the state's ground water resources.

Purpose and Goal of the Program

The source water protection grant program aims to promote awareness of the importance of protecting Ohio's source water by offering resources for the implementation of specific and measurable source water protection strategies. This program will help the state identify and provide funding to public water systems to implement protective strategies to raise awareness of source water protection within their community, implement best management practices to reduce/prevent contamination and proactive strategies to help protect the drinking water source in case of an emergency, and encourage the proper abandonment of existing inactive wells, prioritizing wells that pose a high risk of source water contamination.

Funding Amount

The amount set-aside from the general supplemental grant is $750,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program will begin in the fall of 2025, and applications will be accepted for approximately six weeks. The individual schedules for each public water system will be determined based on their responsiveness to our announcement of program availability. Ohio EPA will work with the public water system to develop the appropriate strategy for their community from the list above. Ohio EPA will conduct outreach to all water systems and assist them with applying for the grant if requested. Once the grant activities are complete, Ohio EPA will confirm that all activities match invoices submitted for reimbursement.

Responsibilities of Ohio EPA

Ohio EPA will announce the availability of the program and process all applications. A grant award letter will be sent to all eligible applicants. The grant award letter will specify the maximum award amount and provide instructions for obtaining reimbursement and completing the closeout report. Upon receipt of the documentation of strategy implementation or well abandonment, Ohio EPA will issue payment to the public water system reimbursing the cost of the approved labor, equipment, supplies and training, up to the amount of the award. Applicants who are not awarded funding will be notified by email. Ohio EPA will review and track the grant applications in a database and verification that the conditions of the grant were met. With successful execution of this grant, Ohio hopes to fund the implementation of concrete, measurable protective strategies to raise awareness of source water protection in the local community and reduce the potential for source water contamination**.**

Asset Management Annual Metrics Reporting Dashboard

Ohio's asset management program requires reporting of annual metrics. Metrics are a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) that can help water systems evaluate and gauge the status of their PWS and set goals for their metrics to improve operations and reduce costs over time. Ohio continues efforts to create a dashboard using reported metrics information to show trends for several different parameters, including water loss, distribution waterline breaks, and operating ratios.

Ohio EPA plans to utilize approximately $1,000,000 (1.78%) from the supplemental capitalization grant for the Local Assistance and Other State Programs set-aside to construct an interactive dashboard displaying the data collected from the required annual asset management metrics reporting.

Ohio EPA intends to contract with a third-party vendor selected through a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal (RFQ/RFP) process. The third-party vendor will work with Ohio EPA to construct the interactive dashboard. Ohio EPA will directly reimburse the contractor for the work completed.

Purpose and Goal of the Program
This grant program is intended to help public water systems submit, visualize, and compare their annual metrics. It will allow the systems to compare their metrics to similar-sized systems and industry-standard benchmarks. For community systems, these comparisons will be for operating ratio, line breaks, non-revenue water, and hours spent on planned and unplanned maintenance. For non-transient non-community systems, they will be for depressurization, planned and unplanned maintenance, reserve funding, and days unable to serve water.

Funding Amount
The amount set aside for the annual metrics dashboard is 1.78% of the supplemental capitalization grant, which is approximately $1,000,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities
The project development will begin in the fall of 2025.

Responsibilities of Ohio EPA
Ohio EPA will announce the project's availability and RFQ/RFP through standard department of administrative services protocols. Ohio EPA will then work with the third-party selected contractor to complete the annual asset management metrics reporting dashboard.

Upon receipt of the proof of project completeness and closeout report, Ohio EPA will issue payment to the third-party contractor, reimbursing the cost of the approved work up to the amount of the award. The Ohio EPA will review and track project deliverables to verify that the conditions of the grant were met.

Metrics forms were updated in 2025 to allow for more accurate reporting of data. With the new forms and better data, a dashboard update should be available with the next annual report.

In summary, evaluating Ohio’s asset management metrics requires a comprehensive approach that involves tracking changes over time, benchmarking against industry standards, analyzing root causes of issues, and using the metrics to inform decision-making. This can help utilities improve their asset management practices and deliver more reliable and sustainable water services to their customers.

Lead Service Line Replacement Technical Assistance: Service Line Inventory Assistance (SLIA) Program

For PY 2026 Ohio EPA plans to utilize approximately $14,500,000 (7.73%) of the Local Assistance and Other State Programs set-aside to continue providing technical assistance to small community and not-for-profit non-transient, non-community public water systems by aiding systems in developing lead service line

inventories. Specifically, activities related to the identification and verification of service line materials on both the public and private side; developing an asset inventory and its integration into a Geographic Information System (GIS); and incorporation of service line information into the public water systems asset management program for future service line replacement planning as part of our Service Line Inventory Assistance (SLIA) program.

Ohio EPA is working with third-party contractors to aid systems with these lead service line inventory efforts.

In May 2024, Ohio EPA entered into contract with third-party contractors, selected through a Request for Proposal process. In June 2024, public water systems submitted applications for projects identifying a specific scope of work. Systems were selected to receive this service, free of charge, prioritized by eligibility and population for the first two round matches. Following initial review, a third-party contractor was matched with selected systems through a required secondary bidding process. The third-party contractors continue to work with water systems to complete the lead service line inventory requirements. Ohio EPA is directly reimbursing contractors for work completed.

Purpose and Goal of the Program

This grant program is intended to help public water systems comply with the lead and copper rule requirements. By utilizing this set-aside Ohio EPA can provide funding for direct grants and/or hire a third-party contractor(s) to assist eligible public water systems with lead service line inventory and planning efforts. This will allow systems to better comply with the lead and copper rule and be better positioned to apply for future lead replacement projects.

Funding Amount

The amount set-aside from the lead service line capitalization grant is 7.73% which is approximately $14,500,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program started in the fall of 2024, and applications were accepted in June 2024. Additional application periods may open should funds become available. The individual schedules for each public water system will be determined based on their responsiveness to our announcement of program availability.

Responsibilities of Ohio EPA

Ohio EPA will announce the availability of the program and process all applications. For the direct grants, a grant award letter will be sent to all eligible applicants. The grant award letter will specify the maximum award amount and provide instructions for obtaining reimbursement and completing the closeout report. For third party contractor assistance, Ohio EPA will work with the third-party contractor to prioritize projects which were determined to be eligible.

Upon receipt of the proof of project completeness and closeout report Ohio EPA will issue payment to the third-party contractor reimbursing the cost of the approved work, up to the amount of the award. Applicants who are not awarded funding will be notified by email. Ohio EPA will review and track the grant applications in a database and verification that the conditions of the grant were met.

APPENDIX J

Lead Service Line Replacement Projects and Funding

Improving Ohio's water infrastructure is vital to protecting public health and reducing lead in drinking water. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding is available through Ohio's DWAF program to assist water systems with lead service line (LSL) replacement. Of the total IIJA LSL funds available, 49% must be offered as principal forgiveness (PF) to disadvantaged communitites. PF funds will be allocated for LSL replacement construction costs. Planning, design and engineering services will be offered at 0% financing. For systems that do not meet disadvantaged community criteria, LSL related costs are eligible for 0% WSRLA financing. IIJA LSL funding is a federal funding award and recipients must comply with additional requirements including, but not limited to the following:

- BABA Procurement Requirements
- Annual Single Audit

Project funding is available as a combination loan and PF award with a maximum 53% PF. For example, if LSL project costs total $2 million then the maximum PF would be $1,077,000. Both loan and PF funds must be used for LSL activities only. If a project includes other drinking water infrastructure improvements (e.g., water main repair/replacement), the final loan package will include a blended rate of the LSL financing and other water infrastructure financing. The blended rate includes the LSL portion financed at 0% and the interest rate a community normally qualifies for to all other loan line items. This blended rate will be shown on the Exhibit which is attached to the loan agreement. The final blended rate will be calculated based on actual usage of funds. If the actual usage of funds differs from the requested amount, the final blended rate may be higher or lower than the rate listed on the exhibit.

Appendix B LSL table includes all nominated projects with a LSL component. The amount of LSL costs identified in the project nomination is listed for each project. Evaluation of eligible costs will be performed during loan review. Financing will be offered on a first come-first served basis until funds are depleted, prioritizing those projects most ready to proceed. At the end of PY 2026 (June 2026), any unused LSL funding will be carried over into PY 2027.

For a project or activity to be eligible for funding, it must be otherwise DWAF eligible and a lead service line replacement (LSL) project or associated activity *directly connected* to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines. Purchase of equipment (e.g., vacuum truck, water meters) is not eligible for LSL funding but may be financed with DWAF loan funds. Any project involving the replacement of a lead service line must replace the entire lead service line (public and private side), not just a portion, unless a portion has already been replaced or is concurrently being replaced with another funding source.

USEPA has expanded the eligible uses beyond the definition above to also include the replacement of lead goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors as eligible expenses, whether standalone or connected to a lead service line.

For purposes of the IIJA grant, "lead service line" means *a service line made of lead, which connects the water main to the building, and includes lead goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors. A lead service line may be owned by the water system, property owner, or both. A galvanized service line is considered a lead service line if it ever was or is downstream of a lead service line or service line of unknown material.*

Below is a non-exhaustive list of eligible project types and activities under the IIJA LSL grant:

• Complete removal of lead service lines (public and privately owned) or service lines made of galvanized iron or galvanized steel (that are or have been downstream of lead components) and replacement with a pipe that meets the requirements established under 40 CFR 143 and which complies with state and local plumbing codes and or building codes.

• Removal of lead or galvanized goosenecks, pigtails, and connectors, and replacement with an acceptable material that meets the requirements established under 40 CFR 143 and which complies with state and local plumbing codes and or building codes.

• Replacement of curb stops, curb stop boxes, and other service line appurtenances that are removed as part of full LSL.

• Site restoration, including landscaping, sidewalks, driveways, etc. if the removal was necessary to replace the lead service line.

• Permit fees if the fees are normal, required, and specific to the LSL. It is recommended that communities waive these fees.

• Temporary pitcher filters or point-of-use (POU) devices certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce potential lead consumption during, or for a short time period, after LSL projects.

• Development or updating of LSL inventories, including locating and mapping LSL. Methods of investigation to develop inventories could include visual observation, water quality sampling (non-compliance), excavation, vacuum or hydro-excavation, statistical analysis, or other emerging technologies.

• Planning and design for infrastructure projects listed above. Planning and design costs will be financed at 0% interest rate.

• Non-routine lead sampling (if not for compliance purposes) as part of a LSL project.

APPENDIX K

IIJA Emerging Contaminants Funding - SDWA Section 1452(a)(2)(G)

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding is available through Ohio's DWAF program for Emerging Contaminant (EC) projects. IIJA requires funding to be awarded as 100% principal forgiveness (PF) funding. A minimum 25 percent of the EC grant funding must be directed toward entities that meet disadvantaged community criteria or with a population less than 25,000. In response to significant demand for EC funding, a maximum $4 million per project in PF will be allocated per project. Remaining EC project costs are eligible for the EC discount at 0-percent interest rate up to $10 million per project. Ohio EPA will utilize funds to address emerging contaminants in drinking water with a focus on perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

IIJA EC funding is a federal funding award and recipients must comply with additional requirements including, but not limited to the following:

- BABA Procurement Requirements
- Annual Single Audit for disbursements greater than $750,000 annually

Appendix B includes all nominated projects with an EC component. At the end of PY 2026 (June 2026), any unused EC funding will be carried over into PY 2027.

Additional funding from the Emerging Contaminant Small and Disadvantaged Community (EC-SDC) grant program will be used in PY 2026 in addition to IIJA EC funds. Up to $30 million in additional grant funding will be available. Projects identified in Appendix B for EC funding may receive IIJA EC funding from the WSRLA, EC-SDC grant funds or a combination of both. Projects not identified in Appendix B may submit a nomination for consideration of EC-SDC funding during the program year. Funds will be directed to small or disadvantaged communities with projects that are ready to proceed.

Project Eligibility

Ohio EPA will use IIJA EC funds to address emerging contaminants in drinking water with a focus on PFAS. Any DWAF eligible project, or portion of a project, that includes infrastructure improvements to address PFAS is eligible. Ohio EPA may also consider projects for any contaminant in any of USEPA's Contaminant Candidate Lists. Projects not eligible for emerging contaminant funding may be eligible for funding under the DWSRF Base funding or General Supplemental funding as described in Table 4 of the PMP.

Ohio EPA will only consider eligible project components for funding. For a project component to be eligible, the primary purpose of that component must be to address emerging contaminants.

For example, if project includes the construction of both an activated carbon treatment facility (whose primary purpose is to treat PFAS) and the replacement of water mains (whose primary purpose is to replace failing pipes as part of the water system's capital improvement plan), only the activated carbon treatment facility would be eligible.

Planning, design and construction projects are eligible for EC funding. Anticipated activities may include treatment, regionalization, new drinking water source, pilot testing for treatment alternatives or providing new drinking water service to individuals with unsafe wells or surface water sources.

Example EC projects:

- Emerging contaminants related costs associated with the construction of a new treatment facility or upgrade to an existing treatment facility that addresses emerging contaminants.
- Development of a new source (i.e., new/replacement well or intake for a public water system) that addresses an emerging contaminant issue [Note: water rights purchases must still meet the criteria in the Class Deviation for Water Rights].
- Regionalization with another water system that does not have emerging contaminants present or has removal capability.
- Costs for planning and design and associated pre-project costs.
- Infrastructure related to pilot testing for treatment alternatives.
- Creation of a new community water system to address unsafe drinking water provided by individual (i.e., privately-owned) wells or surface water sources.

APPENDIX L

DEFINITIONS

As used in this document, the following words and terms mean:

Asset Management Program – the program through which a water system plans for and implements actions to ensure the system can meet its immediate and long term challenges. Asset management encompasses a water system's technical, managerial, and financial ability to achieve, maintain, and plan for compliance with applicable drinking water standards. The minimum requirements of an asset management program are established in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 6109.24 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-87.

All elements of a water system's capability to effectively deliver safe water must be considered to meet current and projected needs of the water system.

- Technical Capability— the physical and operational ability of a water system to meet state and federal requirements, including: the adequacy of physical infrastructure, technical knowledge and capability of personnel, and adequate source water.
- Managerial Capability — the ability of a water system to conduct its affairs in a manner enabling the system to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA requirements, including institutional and administrative capabilities, ownership accountability, staffing, and organization.
- Financial Capability — the ability of a water system to acquire and manage sufficient financial resources to allow the system to achieve and maintain compliance with state and federal requirements, including revenue sufficiency, credit worthiness, and fiscal management.

Disadvantaged Community – any of the following entities that meet eligibility requirements and criteria established by the director (refer to Appendix E):

(a) A nonprofit public water system that operates or provides water to a community water system;

(b) A public water system that is regulated by PUCO and that operates or provides water to a community water system;

(c) A political subdivision, as defined by ORC Section 6119.011(B), that operates or provides water to a community water system; or

(d) A nonprofit, non-community public water system.

Eligible System – a privately or publicly owned community water system or a not-for-profit non-community water system.

Emergency Connection – a water line connection to another public water system to provide an emergency supply of water to an applicant's public water system.

Emergency Project – a project necessary to avoid or correct an imminent threat to public health. Examples include acute maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations and other contamination above established 10-day health advisory levels, newly identified significant deficiencies, natural disasters or significant facility damage or failure. The project must be ready to proceed and must be completed in a timely manner in accordance with the construction schedule.

Initiation of operation – the date the funded facilities are in full and sustained operation as planned and designed.

Intended Projects List (IPL) – fundable sub-list of the project priority list. List of projects that will receive funding during the program year if they proceed on schedule and meet all program requirements

Market Rate – for direct WSRLA loans, market rate is calculated as the average of 20 year AA general obligation MMD Index plus 30 basis points. This average will be the eight-week daily average taken on the Friday six weeks prior to each OWDA board meeting. For the WSRLA linked deposit program, the market interest rate is the U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds yield for the week prior to a linked deposit loan, as reported in The 20 GO Bond Index on the Friday of that prior week, for the U.S. Treasury Notes and Bonds having terms of years closest to the terms of years of the linked deposit loan.

Project Priority List (PPL) – list of all nominated projects. All nominated projects are scored and ranked according to the project priority ranking system.

Public Water System – as defined in OAC rule 3745-81-01.

Community Water System – means a public water system that serves at least 15 service connections avaliable for use by year-round residents or regularly serves at least 25 year-round residents.

Non-community Water System – means a public water system that is not a community water system.

Readiness to proceed – progress toward achieving a WSRLA binding commitment and initiating construction. This is a relative measure of an applicant's success in meeting all pre-award WSRLA program requirements.

Regionalization – Projects where at least two independent entities work together to share the responsibility of providing services to their residential, commercial, and industrial customers by physically connecting their water distribution systems and using a centralized water treatment system. For the purposes of principal forgiveness, regionalization is further described as the following:

(a) Consolidation of two or more existing public water systems.

(b) Construction of a water distribution system in an area with poor quality or poor quantity wells that connect to an existing public water system.

Scope – the specific work that needs to be accomplished to deliver the purpose of the proposed project submitted in the nomination form.

Small System – for the purposes of interest rate determination in the WSRLA program, a public water system with a service area of fewer than 10,000 persons.

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Draft Program Year 2026 Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) Program Management Plan (PMP)
Appendix M

On June 9, 2025, Ohio EPA released the Draft Program Year 2026 DWAF Program Management Plan (PMP) for public comment. The public comment period concluded with two in-person and virtual public hearings held on July 10, 2025. In addition to comments submitted via e-mail correspondence, comments were also accepted during the public hearings.

This document reflects substantive comments that were received. The comments have been grouped and paraphrased, and Ohio EPA's responses have been included below. Some comments involved a minor change or correction, or were specific to a project, and did not require as detailed of a response. In some cases, Ohio EPA responded directly to the commenter regarding project specific comments. Also, editorial comments received were corrected in the PMP document but not highlighted in this response to public comments.

Comment 1: Commenter requested that Upper Sandusky's Crawford Waterline Extension project be revaluated and considered for principal forgiveness funding in program year 2026.

Response 1: Upper Sandusky's project was evaluated for all applicable loan discounts and incentives. Based on the project's scope that includes consolidation of public water systems, it is listed as a regionalization project and will receive 0% interest rate financing. Upper Sandusky does not qualify as a disadvantaged community based on the 2023 American Community Survey data for Median Household Income, Poverty Rate, and Unemployment.

Comment 2: Commenter inquired why Southern Perry County Water District was not considered a disadvantaged community on the draft funding list and therefore eligible for disadvantaged community interest rate.

Response 2: To be eligible for the disadvantaged community loan program, a public water system (PWS) must meet three out of four socio-economic benchmarks, and the project must address a human-health issue. The water district's service area of Perry County met two of the socio-economic benchmarks, and the project does not address a human-health issue. The district's project is eligible for the small community interest rate.

Comment 3: Commenter requested Bowling Green's project be revaluated for the harmful algal bloom interest rate discount.

Response 3: The City of Bowling Green will be eligible for an interest rate discount for their WTP Membrane Expansion project that will address harmful algal blooms. Appendix B has been updated accordingly.

Comment 4: Commenter requested the Village of North Lewisburg's Water Treatment Plant Improvements project be reevaluated for disadvantaged community principal forgiveness.

Response 4: To be eligible for the disadvantaged community loan program, a public water system (PWS) must meet three out of four socio-economic benchmarks, and the project must address a human-health issue. The Village's WTP Improvements project was reevaluated, and the project did not receive human health related points. While the village meets the socio-economic benchmarks, the project does not address a human health related issue. and therefore, it is not eligible for disadvantaged community principal forgiveness. This project is eligible for small community rate financing.

Comment 5: Commenter submitted revised project nomination materials for the Switzerland of Ohio Water District Monroe Water project.

Response 5: The scope revisions for this project removed regionalization components of the project. The project is eligible for the Small Community interest rate. Appendix B was updated accordingly.

Comment 6: Commenters requested additional transparency in the PMP regarding carryover funding available for the program year. Commenters also inquired about lead service line funding carried over from the previous year(s) and annual fund capacity.

Response 6: The DWAF program aims to finance all eligible projects that are ready to proceed for award each year. Typically, only about 30% of nominated projects proceed to award. This is mostly attributed to funding availability (local funds or other state and federal funding programs) and local prioritization. As an example, in program year 2025, over $676 million was issued for 146 projects. This accounts for about 34% of the $2 billion in nominations received during PY2025. All projects that were ready to proceed to funding were awarded in PY2025.

The Sources and Uses table outlines available funds and projected uses. OWDA, as Ohio EPA's partner, manages all leveraging activities for the fund including bond sales and investment earnings. Repayments from previous loans are used to issue new bonds and notes, and OWDA issues bonds as needed to cover loan awards which enables financing for more projects than

the annual federal grant(s) would allow. Fund modeling is performed annually and includes estimated capacity for multiple funding scenarios based on anticipated loan volume and discounted interest rates. This modeling helps to guide program decision making particularly regarding availability of discounted rates. Current modeling indicates the DWAF will have sufficient funding for the projected loan volume this year. As some borrowers have significant financial needs, Ohio EPA and OWDA coordinate with individual borrowers to ensure funding is available at the time of loan award. This may influence when, and how often, additional funds are raised. In anticipation of larger than average loan volume in PY2026, $350 million in DWAF bonds were issued in June. Future capital raising will be planned as needed based on customer needs and capacity within the fund.

In the Sources and Uses table, carryover funds from the previous year include any funds not already encumbered for a particular project or allocated for program expenses (debt service and fund management). The carryover balance from PY2025 was updated to include the June bond sale proceeds noted above. It also includes approximately $177 million remaining in lead service line cap grant funds. Ohio's need for lead service line replacement greatly exceeds the funds remaining in these grants, as well as all anticipated LSL funds from USEPA over the next two program year cycles. A significant increase in demand for LSL projects is anticipated in PY2026, as some of our large urban areas are ready to bring forward multiple LSL projects. Nominations for LSL related costs increased by over $60 million for PY2026. While not all of these projects are anticipated to proceed to a loan award this program year, Ohio EPA will utilize all available LSL funds for projects ready to proceed and will expend all anticipated LSL funds yet to be received.

Along with the items listed in Comment 8 below, Ohio EPA looks forward to future discussions on ways to improve understanding of the program management plan.

Comment 7: Commenters recommended improved transparency regarding which factors qualify a public water system for disadvantaged community status and the use of water and sewer rates analysis as an eligibility factor. Comments also recommended eliminating the strict population cap for the disadvantaged community definition.

Response 7: Appendix E Disadvantaged Community Loan Program identifies the disadvantaged community criteria for program year 2026. The three socio-economic benchmarks and water/sewer user rate benchmark are not weighted. However, water and sewer rates are only evaluated for those systems that meet two of the three socio-economic benchmarks and meet both general eligibility criteria (service area population and a project that addresses a health-related issue).

Water and sewer rate analysis can be a complicated process, as each water system applies its own rate structure. Many systems do not participate in Ohio EPA's annual survey, creating an

information gap for analyzing rates for all systems. To that end, use of the water and sewer rate analysis is limited to those systems that require further evaluation to determine if they meet the disadvantaged community criteria.

Ohio EPA carefully considers criteria for the disadvantaged community loan program by using various data sources, evaluation of other state and federal programs, and U.S. EPA guidance to make sure the process is fair and transparent, while working within the confines of state and federal rules. Ohio Administrative Code 3745-88 sets out the requirements to qualify as a disadvantaged community. Ohio EPA began the rule review process for these rules and proposes to align the disadvantaged community criteria for the WSRLA with those of the WPCLF. This will provide for greater transparency for the determinations, consistency between the two programs, and more flexibility in the future for potential adjustments to the criteria.

More than 58 percent of all PY2026 nominated projects are located in small systems (less than 10,000 service area population) but comprise less than 20 percent of the total funding requests. Comparatively, the eight largest systems (service area greater than 100,000) comprise more than 70 percent of the total funding requests. Smaller systems often do not have sufficient revenue from their user base to afford their critical infrastructure needs without significant subsidy or raising rates. For our larger systems, while there certainly is financial need and concern for affordability, these systems also exhibit a higher capacity for debt service, without raising user rates. For PY2026, disadvantaged community funding for large systems (greater than 10,000 service area population) remains available for major issues like replacing lead pipes and tackling emerging contaminants. This funding is targeted at the most pressing problems that larger systems face.

In summary, Ohio EPA will continue to evaluate the disadvantaged community criteria annually to ensuring fair access to funding for essential water system improvements.

Comment 8: Commenters requested continued engagement to discuss the topics listed below:

- Transparency
- Disadvantaged community definitions
- Progress on and needs regarding lead service line replacement, workforce development and community outreach, and input on prioritization of the most burdened neighborhoods and/or households for replacement at no or low cost to the homeowner
- Overall funding levels, looking at federal contributions and other state sources/programs

Response 8: Ohio EPA acknowledges and welcomes the opportunity to further engage with advocacy groups on the above-listed topics for the betterment of the program and the public water systems access to financing.

End of Response to Comments