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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) 2027 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. The following public notice information was issued announcing a 30-day public comment period followed by two public hearings (refer to Appendix A):

Appendix M includes a summary response to comments received during the public 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 2027 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 2027, 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 (\$4.2 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 2027 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 disadvantaged 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 2026 capitalization grants identified in Table 1 below.

Table 1- FFY2026 BASE AND IIJA GRANTS FOR THE WSRLA

Grant Type	2026 Allocation ¹	Principal Forgiveness	% of PF for Disadvantaged Communities
Base	\$8,676,000	\$4,251,240	71%
Supplemental	\$56,203,000	\$27,539,470	100%
Lead Service Line	\$256,731,000	\$125,798,190	100%
Emerging Contaminants	\$25,355,270	\$25,355,270	25% ²

¹Refer to Table 4 Sources and Uses for detailed description of each grant allocation for PY 2027

²Not 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

Regionalization and Disadvantaged Community 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 (refer to Appendix E). 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.

Important Deadline for projects allocated PF: To ensure PF funding is awarded during PY 2027, projects that include construction of, or improvements to, water treatment plants should submit approvable detailed plans by **August 31, 2026**. All other PF eligible projects should submit approvable detailed plans by **October 31, 2026**. If the deadlines identified above are achieved, plan approval is expected by December 31, 2026.

3. 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.

4. Other grant funding

Additional grant funds may become available during PY 2027 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 5 below).

5. Readiness-to-proceed Criteria

For PY 2027, readiness-to-proceed was evaluated for high-scoring projects eligible to receive principal forgiveness. 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. Refer to Appendix E for evaluation criteria and descriptions.

➤ 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)

6. 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 adjust where appropriate. Ohio EPA reviewed and carefully considered the disadvantaged community loan program and made modifications in PY 2023.

In January 2025, Ohio EPA began the required process of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule review for the Disadvantaged Community loan program (OAC 3745-88-01 and OAC 3745-88-02). This process is required for all OAC rules on a five-year cycle. The rules were evaluated for revision and stakeholder outreach was conducted. Revised rules became effective on January 15, 2026. Primary revisions included definitions and determination criteria for the disadvantaged community loan program. The revisions created parity and offer more transparency between the two SRF programs for disadvantaged community eligibility determinations. In response to the rule revision, determination criteria were adjusted for PY 2027. Evaluation on the impact of these rules concluded that more public water systems would be eligible for principal forgiveness funding.

For PY 2027, a disadvantaged community candidate is a public water system (PWS) with a system population below 10,000 and meets **any three of the four** socio-economic benchmarks identified in Table 2. Refer to Appendix E for additional information.

Table 2 - Disadvantaged Community Loan Program Criteria

General Criteria	Program Value
<u>Service area population</u>	Less than 10,000
Economic Benchmarks	Program Value
<u>Median household income (MHI) less than or equal to statewide average</u>	≤\$71,389
<u>Individuals with income below 200% of poverty level greater than or equal to statewide average</u>	≥29.3%
<u>Unemployment rate greater than or equal to statewide average</u>	≥4.8%
<u>Percent Population Change</u>	≤150%

LSL and EC projects: 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.

7. PY 2027 Targeted Principal Forgiveness Funding and Loan Discounts

- a. Disadvantaged Community Project Funds (Funding Source: Base and Supplemental capitalization grants, WSRLA funds).

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. For projects that are allocated principal forgiveness, the remaining project costs are eligible for a 0-percent interest rate loan.

Disadvantaged Community Loan Program: Disadvantaged community projects that are not allocated principal forgiveness are eligible for 0-percent or 1-percent interest rate loan based on service area population and median household income (MHI):

- Current service population equal to or less than 2,500 and a median household income (MHI) equal to or less than the state average will receive an interest rate of 0.0 percent.
- Current service population between 2,501 and 10,000 and with a median household income equal to or less than the state average will receive an interest rate of 1.0 percent.

- 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, up to \$5 million, 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 up to \$5 million. 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. 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 communities 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 rates 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.

- d. 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.

8. Ohio EPA will accept nominations throughout PY 2027 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 EC-SDC grant funds (See Item 3 above).

9. 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 23. 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.

10. Interest Rate Evaluation and Availability of Interest Rate Discounts

During PY 2027, 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 2026 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.

11. New Equivalency Project Discount (EQD)

Ohio EPA is offering an interest rate reduction of 0.50% for projects selected to meet all SRF requirements for federally funded projects which includes, but is not limited to AIS, BABA, DBE, and Single Audit. Refer to DWAF Management Practices item 23 for a list of selected projects.

12. Regional Water 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](#). Additional studies are underway in southeast and southwest regions.

THE 2027 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. The 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 2026 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 2027

Table 3 below summarizes the sources and available uses of funds for PY 2027. This table includes estimated funds from the FFY 2026 Base capitalization grant and IIJA grants which Ohio EPA will apply for in 2026. The primary sources of funds available for PY 2027 will come from capitalization grants, loan repayments, state matching funds, and leveraged bond funds.

Table 3 - SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2027

SOURCES					
1	FFY26 Base Capitalization Grant	\$8,676,000	Final		
2	FFY26 IIJA Supplemental Grant	\$56,203,000	Final		
3	a. FFY26 IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	\$201,769,000	Final		
	b. FFY22 IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement Grant - third reallocation	\$1,327,000	Final		
	c. FFY24 IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement Grant - first reallocation	\$53,635,000	Final		
	a. FFY26 IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant	\$17,253,000	Final		
4	b. FFY22 IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant - third reallocation	\$5,000	Final		
	c. FFY23 IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant - second reallocation	\$114,000	Final		
	d. FFY24 CWSRF Emerging Contaminants Transfer to DWSRF	\$7,983,270	Final		
5	State Match				
	a. FFY25 Base Capitalization Grant	\$1,735,200	20% requirement		
	c. FFY25 IIJA Supplemental Grant	\$11,240,600	20% requirement		
6	Net Loan Repayment (P+I)	\$14,500,000	Projected on April 30, 2026, based on 4/30/26 cash flows and loan portfolio and debt		

7	Investment Earnings		\$18,400,000	Projected based on July 1, 2025, to April 30, 2026, and projected interest through June 30, 2026		
8	Carryover from PY 2026		\$523,616,000	As of April 30, 2026		
9	Leveraged Funds		\$600,000,000			
10	Recaptured PF funds from PY 2026		\$2,653,660			
Total Sources			\$1,519,110,730			

USES						
1	Loans		\$850,000,000			
2	Principal Forgiveness		\$182,944,170			
	Subtotal Loans plus Principal Forgiveness		\$1,032,944,170			

Set Asides						
	¹³ Administrative	¹⁴ Small System TA	¹⁵ Public Water Systems	¹⁶ Local Assistance	Total Set-Asides	
FFY26 Base Capitalization Grant	\$0	\$0	\$867,600	\$867,600	\$1,735,200	
FFY26 IIJA Supplemental Grant	\$2,248,120	\$1,000,575	\$5,620,300	\$4,500,000	\$13,368,995	
FFY26 IIJA Lead Service Line Replacement Grant	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$18,500,000	\$19,500,000	
FFY26 IIJA Emerging Contaminants Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Set-Asides						\$34,604,195.00
Total Uses					\$1,067,548,365	

Sources and Uses Table Notes

- i. Principal forgiveness funding will be made available upon receipt of capitalization grants.
- ii. Administrative Set Aside – 4.00% will be used from the supplemental grant.
- iii. Small Systems TA Set Aside – 1.78% will be used from the supplemental grant and 0.39% from the LSL grant.
- iv. Public Water Systems Set Aside – the maximum 10.00% will be used from the Base grant and 10.00% from the Supplemental grant.
- v. Local Assistance Set Aside – 15% is the permitted maximum per cap grant; 10.00%, 8.01%, and 7.21% and will be used from Base, Supplemental and LSL grants, respectively.
- vi. 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 FFY26. 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 FFY26. 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 PY2027 includes a FFY26 allocation of \$201,469,000, a third reallocation of \$1,327,000 from FFY22, and a first reallocation of \$53,635,000 reallocated from FFY24. All three allocations are from IIJA and provide funding and technical assistance for the identification and replacement of lead service lines.

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 PY2027 includes the FFY26 allocation of \$17,253,000, a third reallocation of \$5,000 from FFY22, and a second reallocation of \$114,000 from FFY23. An additional \$7,983,270 has been transferred from the FFY24 Clean Water allocation. The transferred funds will positively impact the DWAF program and fund additional eligible 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 August 2025 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 2026

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 PY2027, \$363,616,000 million loan capacity is available as of April 30, 2026. Additionally, \$160 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	Investment earnings
State matching grant	Leveraged funds
Net loan repayment money	

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 \$200 million bond issuance is anticipated to close soon after July 1, 2026. During PY 2027, we expect to issue an additional \$400 million in bonds. A final dollar amount is not identified in the table above because it is directly related to the actual needs of our customers, which vary from month to month.

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

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 projects that did not proceed to award are recaptured and made available for program priorities. US EPA restricts PF eligible for recapture to unrestricted PF which is the

portion authorized through congressional appropriation. For PY2027, \$2,653,660 of unrestricted PF from PY2026 will be allocated in PY2027.

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 ready to proceed this program year. Annual loan awards range from \$350M to \$550M. For PY 2027, \$350M in estimated loan awards as well as a project specific bond issuance of \$500M is anticipated for this year. 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 2026 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. Ohio EPA will utilize 4% of the supplemental capitalization grant to fund administrative costs along with administrative fee account funds.

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 and 0.39% of the Lead Service Line 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 10 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, 8 percent of Supplemental, and 7.21 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 2027:

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 2027, 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.

The fundable projects for PY 2027 will be composed of only the projects on the Intended Projects List. To the extent that projects from this list become ready to enter into a loan agreement during the 2027 program year, funds will be made available to finance the projects. Different projects may not be substituted for the projects included in the Intended Projects List.

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 principal 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	REG	Up to 50% of project awarded in principal forgiveness up to \$4 million. The balance, up to \$5 million, at a 0% interest rate loan up to 30 years.
Disadvantaged Community Loan Program	DIS	Up to 50% of project awarded in principal forgiveness up to \$4 million. The balance at a 0% interest rate loan up to 40 years.
Disadvantaged Community Loan Program	DIS 0% or DIS 1%	For projects that qualify as disadvantaged but did not receive a principal forgiveness allocation, disadvantaged rates apply. Disadvantaged rates are based on system population and median household income.
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.
Equivalency Discount	EQD	Projects selected to meet all SRF requirements, including BABA, will receive a 0.5% interest rate discount. EQD does not apply to LSL or EC projects.
Small System Long Term	SML	Small System Long Term Rate for a term up to 30 years. Small systems are those with a service population less than 10,000.
Standard Long Term	STD	Standard Long Term Rate for a term up to 30 years. System with a service population greater than 10,000.
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. Ohio EPA will use the 4% administrative set-aside from the Supplemental grant as well as 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 FFY26 capitalization grants

Capitalization Grant	Small System TA	PWSS	Total
Base	\$173,520	\$0	\$173,520
Supplemental	\$123,485	\$0	\$123,485
Lead Service Line	\$4,134,620	\$25,673,100	\$29,807,720

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 forgiveness 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 (\$64,879,000). The following projects are tentatively designated as equivalency project: **City of Toledo Raw Water Main Improvements or Columbus PAWP Treatment Residuals Disposal Improvements** and with a combined estimated loan award of \$276 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 2027, 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.

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APPENDIX A

PUBLIC NOTICE

PY 2027 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan

The following public notices were issued statewide:

Draft Program Year 2027 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is making available a Draft PY 2027 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 2027. Ohio EPA will host two public hearings at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on July 21, 2026. The meetings will be held online and in-person at Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 W. Town Street, Suite 700, Conference Room C (Spring), Columbus Ohio. To attend the hearings online, registration is required: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/fb2f1eb5-5685-497e-b99b-b297a05dc1a7@50f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2> or <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/481058bd-97a1-4cb6-8895-23252bf06b59@50f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2>. The draft PY 2027 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 [SmartComment](#) during the public notice period. All comments on the draft Plan must be received by Ohio EPA no later than 5:00 PM Tuesday July 21, 2026.

Final Program Year 2027 Drinking Water Assistance Fund Program Management Plan

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the availability of the Final Program Year 2027 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 of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio," which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address: Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 30 East Broad Street, 4th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

APPENDIX B

Project Priority List/Intended Projects List

**Projects Eligible for Disadvantaged 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	Estimated Loan Amount	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	County	District Office
Adams County Regional Water District	Ductile Iron Water Line Replacement	OH0100012	21,810	\$1,500,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Adams	SEDO
Adams County Regional Water District	Pumpkin Ridge Tank Rehab	OH0100012	21,810	\$650,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Adams	SEDO
Adams County Regional Water District	Winchester Industrial Park Water System Improvements	OH0100012	21,810	\$3,690,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Adams	SEDO
Adams County Regional Water District	WTP Filter Rehab	OH0100012	21,810	\$1,200,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Adams	SEDO
Addyston	Distribution, LSL, and Transmission Main Replacement	OH3100012	900	\$838,190	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Hamilton	SWDO
Addyston	Distribution, LSL, and Transmission Main Replacement	OH3100012	900	\$10,728,381	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Addyston	Sekitan Avenue Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3100012	900	\$1,327,083	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Adena	Blairmont Road Water Line	OH4100003	820	\$907,780	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Adena	Blairmont Road Water Line	OH4100003	820	\$94,530	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Jefferson	SEDO
Akron	Backwash Pumps Rebuild and MCC Replacement	OH7700011	280,000	\$1,850,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Backwash Pumps Rebuild and MCC Replacement Design	OH7700011	280,000	\$188,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Downtown Water Infrastructure Replacement Master Plan	OH7700011	280,000	\$1,000,000	Planning	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Emergency Water Main Connections	OH7700011	280,000	\$1,100,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Force Main Rehabilitation	OH7700011	280,000	\$15,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	High Serv Pump Ball Valve & Limitorque Manual Valve Replace	OH7700011	280,000	\$3,195,464	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Kenmore Blvd - 28th Street Water Main Connection	OH7700011	280,000	\$520,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2026	OH7700011	280,000	\$5,700,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Lead Service line Replacement Program 2027	OH7700011	280,000	\$9,600,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Summit	NEDO
Akron	PWS Regionalization 2026	OH7700011	280,000	\$1,627,332	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%/REG	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Raw Water Intake Valve Replacement & Repair ph 1	OH7700011	280,000	\$397,697	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Main Replacement Program 2026	OH7700011	280,000	\$3,546,369	Construction	Jul-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Main Replacement Program 2027	OH7700011	280,000	\$3,788,892	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Plant Advanced Treatment Facility	OH7700011	280,000	\$83,000,000	Construction	May-27	STD/EC	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Plant Advanced Treatment Facility Design	OH7700011	280,000	\$1,558,581	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Plant Water Main Upgrade	OH7700011	280,000	\$319,050	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Storage Tank AMP Years 5-8	OH7700011	280,000	\$7,350,000	Construction	Jul-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Wheeling and Lake Erie RR Yard Water Main Repair	OH7700011	280,000	\$600,888	Construction	May-27	STD	Summit	NEDO
Albany	Water Tower Project	OH0500003	901	\$1,268,612	Construction	May-27	SML	Athens	SEDO
Albany	Water Tower Project	OH0500003	901	\$58,388	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Athens	SEDO
Amanda	WTP Iron Filter Improvements	OH2300012	757	\$359,400	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Amesville	Water Distribution Improvements	OH0500112	255	\$145,500	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Athens	SEDO
Amesville	Water Distribution Improvements	OH0500112	255	\$3,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Athens	SEDO
Antwerp	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300012	1,741	\$8,444,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Paulding	NWDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Aqua Ohio - Massillon	OH7604512	95,636	\$9,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	Reg/EC	Stark	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Aqua Ohio - Massillon Tie into PCA Corp	OH7604512	95,636	\$1,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	Reg/EC	Stark	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Ashtabula Lead & GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH0400711	32,408	\$7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Ashtabula	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Marion Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5100414	46,317	\$7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Marion	NWDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Struthers Lead and GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5001611	58,551	\$7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Mahoning	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Tiffin Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH7400614	20,279	\$7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Seneca	NWDO
Arcanum	Water Tower Replacement	OH1900112	2,100	\$142,500	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Darke	SWDO
Arcanum	Water Tower Replacement	OH1900112	2,100	\$2,796,500	Construction	May-27	DIS 0%	Darke	SWDO
Ashtabula County	Austinburg to Harpersfield Interconnect	OH0400803	14,757	\$4,300,000	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%/REG	Ashtabula	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Jefferson Booster Station Replacement	OH0400803	14,757	\$1,240,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Ashtabula	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Lake Road Water Line Replacement	OH0400803	14,757	\$1,240,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Ashtabula	NEDO
Ashtabula County	Northeast Regional Water Line Extension	OH0400803	14,757	\$21,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%/REG	Ashtabula	NEDO
Aurora	South Water Tower Replacement	OH6789112	15,852	\$6,730,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD	Portage	NEDO
Baltimore	Water Line Improvements	OH2300112	2,995	\$5,497,000	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%	Fairfield	CO
Baltimore	Well Replacement Project	OH2300112	2,995	\$500,000	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 1%	Fairfield	CO
Baltimore	Well Replacement Project	OH2300112	2,995	\$124,700	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Fairfield	CO
Barberton	Identification/Potholing Program for LCRI Inventory	OH7700411	31,298	\$400,000	Planning	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Summit	NEDO
Barberton	Wolf Creek Dam Improvements	OH7700411	31,298	\$5,820,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Barnesville	North Water Line Extension	OH0700011	6,500	\$7,502,075	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%/REG	Belmont	SEDO

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Barnesville	PFOA WTP Improvements	OH0700011	6,500	\$449,850	Design	Jan-27	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Beach City	2nd Avenue Southeast Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$10,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Stark	NEDO
Beach City	2nd Avenue Southeast Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$80,000	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Stark	NEDO
Beach City	2nd Avenue Southeast Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$524,719	Construction	May-27	DIS 0%	Stark	NEDO
Beach City	Justus/Dolphin Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$50,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Stark	NEDO
Beach City	Justus/Dolphin Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$300,000	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Stark	NEDO
Beach City	Justus/Dolphin Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$1,368,820	Construction	May-27	DIS 0%	Stark	NEDO
Bellaire	West Water Tank Rehab	OH0700114	4,278	\$1,733,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Bellbrook	WTP Improvements	OH2901112	9,475	\$70,000	Planning	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Greene	SWDO
Belle Center	W. Buckeye Street & Elizabeth Street Water Line Replacement	OH4600012	834	\$442,255	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Logan	SWDO
Belpre	Beach Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$170,633	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Beach Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$2,014,875	Construction	Mar-27	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Braun Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$179,247	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Braun Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$1,799,938	Construction	Mar-27	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Farson Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$228,950	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Farson Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$2,099,943	Construction	Oct-26	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Hill Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$121,300	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Hill Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	6,441	\$1,114,150	Construction	Oct-26	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Well #2 Rehabilitation	OH8400012	6,441	\$38,000	Design	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Well #2 Rehabilitation	OH8400012	6,441	\$500,950	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Washington	SEDO
Beverly	Water Storage Tank Replacement	OH8400112	1,900	\$1,227,200	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 0%	Washington	SEDO
Beverly	Water System Improvements, PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8400112	1,900	\$2,926,500	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/EC	Washington	SEDO
Beverly	Water System Improvements, PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8400112	1,900	\$270,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Blanchester	Reservoir 3 Improvements	OH1400111	4,243	\$751,280	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%	Clinton	SWDO
Bloomington	Water Treatment Plant Replacement	OH2400012	878	\$6,480,000	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Fayette	CO
Bloomville	Water Tower and Water Line Replacement	OH7400212	956	\$109,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Seneca	NWDO
Bloomville	Water Tower and Water Line Replacement	OH7400212	956	\$2,099,700	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 0%	Seneca	NWDO
Bolivar	4" Water Line Replacement	OH7900212	998	\$1,814,816	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Tuscarawas	SEDO
Bowerston	New Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Improvements Project	OH3400112	483	\$6,620,500	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 0%	Harrison	SEDO
Bowling Green	Carter Park Water Tower & Western Water Tower Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	\$3,600,000	Construction	Jul-26	STD	Wood	NWDO
Bowling Green	Hillcrest, Parkwood, Ash & Coleman Water Line Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	\$1,750,000	Construction	May-27	STD	Wood	NWDO
Bowling Green	Nims Road Water Line Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	\$1,500,000	Construction	May-27	STD	Wood	NWDO
Bowling Green	South College Drive Water Line Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	\$2,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Wood	NWDO
Bowling Green	Water Treatment Plant Clarifier Improvements	OH8700311	31,578	\$3,135,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Wood	NWDO
Bowling Green	Water Treatment Plant Membrane Expansion	OH8700311	31,578	\$15,524,250	Construction	Jan-27	STD/HAB	Wood	NWDO
Bradford	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1900212	2,000	\$800,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Miami	SWDO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement & Tank Repair	OH2300212	1,425	\$656,800	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Fairfield	CO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement & Tank Repair	OH2300212	1,425	\$4,686,500	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Bridgeport	Lombardy Heights Tank Rehabilitation	OH0700612	2,830	\$287,247	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Bridgeport	Old Cadiz Rd Tank Removal and Oak St Booster Rehab	OH0700612	2,830	\$53,853	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Bridgeport	Old Cadiz Rd Tank Removal and Oak St Booster Rehab	OH0700612	2,830	\$423,133	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Brown County Rural Water Association	Wahlsburg Tank	OH0802012	32,090	\$8,750,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Brown	SWDO
Buckeye Water District	SR 45 Tank Replacement	OH1502911	10,300	\$1,745,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Columbiana	NEDO
Buckeye Water District	SR 45 Tank Replacement Design	OH1502911	10,300	\$155,000	Design	Jan-27	PLN/DES	Columbiana	NEDO
Burr Oak Regional Water District	Water Expansion - Morgan County Booster	OH0700612	2,830	\$585,900	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 1%	Athens	SEDO
Butler County	Supply Main Rehabilitation	OH0900303	116,572	\$4,000,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Butler	SWDO
Butler County	Supply Main Rehabilitation	OH0900303	116,572	\$40,000,000	Construction	May-27	STD	Butler	SWDO
Cadiz	Charleston Street Water Line Replacement	OH3400214	3,353	\$498,974	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%	Harrison	SEDO
Cadiz	Charleston Street Water Line Replacement	OH3400214	3,353	\$57,800	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Harrison	SEDO
Cambridge	Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 3	OH3000111	10,520	\$1,005,600	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Guernsey	SEDO
Cambridge	PFAS Water Treatment Plant Modifications	OH3000111	10,520	\$120,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Guernsey	SEDO
Cambridge	PFAS Water Treatment Plant Modifications	OH3000111	10,520	\$120,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Guernsey	SEDO

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Cambridge	Raw Water System Improvements	OH3000111	10,520	\$16,471,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD	Guernsey	SEDO
Canfield	Fairground Blvd Water Line Improvement	OH5000503	7,706	\$850,000	Construction	Feb-27	SML	Mahoning	NEDO
Canfield	Fairground Blvd Water Line Improvement Design	OH5000503	7,706	\$56,147	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Mahoning	NEDO
Canton	GRR Service Line Replacement Project	OH7608112	107,113	\$17,943,750	Construction	Oct-26	LSL PF	Stark	NEDO
Carroll	Village Water Line Extension	OH2300312	524	\$653,620	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Fairfield	CO
Catawba	Water Treatment Plant Aeration and Filtration	OH1200312	241	\$93,050	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Clark	SWDO
Chagrin Falls	Bell Street Water Main Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	\$1,250,000	Construction	Sep-26	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Center Street Water Main Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	\$650,000	Construction	May-27	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Chagrin Falls Regional Water System Improvements	OH1800212	4,991	\$1,600,000	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Church Street Water Main Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	\$750,000	Construction	Mar-27	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	East Washington St. High Pressure Water Main Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	\$1,500,000	Construction	Dec-26	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	High Street Water Main Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	\$1,250,000	Construction	Mar-27	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Miles Road Water Main Replacement	OH1800212	4,991	\$3,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chagrin Falls	Utilities Admin Building Upgrade and Expansion	OH1800212	4,991	\$1,100,000	Construction	Jul-26	SML	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Chauncey	Water Line Replacement Project	OH0500512	1,428	\$104,610	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Athens	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements	OH5800112	823	\$857,700	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Morgan	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements	OH5800112	823	\$99,800	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Morgan	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	823	\$2,562,200	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/EC	Morgan	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	823	\$172,200	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Morgan	SEDO
Cincinnati	Alms - Chapel Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,051,413	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Bader - Henshaw Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$5,435,460	Construction	Apr-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Blaesi - Camargo Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,119,107	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Budd St Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$12,810,035	Construction	Jan-27	STD	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Burch - Shaw Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,821,149	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Concord - Morgan Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$2,643,591	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Fire Flow 23 Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,259,225	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Handasyde - Perkins Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,660,689	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	McHenry - Wooster Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,684,603	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Mt Hope/Warsaw Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$3,982,453	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Observatory Water Main Replacement - Oakley Abandonment	OH3102612	750,200	\$3,731,017	Construction	Sep-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Plum/Court Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$4,761,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Vine St Water Meter Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$2,439,479	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Voll - Martha Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$1,255,127	Construction	Jul-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Western Hills Feeder Phase 2 Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	750,200	\$12,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Circleville	North End Water Line & Paving Capital Improvements - Phase 1	OH6500412	13,927	\$4,433,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
Circleville	Utility Improvements for South Court Street	OH6500412	13,927	\$2,634,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
Circleville	WTP Improvements	OH6500412	13,927	\$75,750,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Pickaway	CO
Clark County	Donnelsville Water System	OH1201112	4,221	\$10,120,000	Construction	Jul-26	DIS 1%/REG	Clark	SWDO
Clarksville	Water Meter Replacement	OH1400203	562	\$239,531	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Clinton	SWDO
Clear Water Corporation	Water System Upgrades	OH6100103	2,670	\$233,700	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Noble	SEDO
Clear Water Corporation	Water System Upgrades	OH6100103	2,670	\$2,412,300	Construction	Apr-27	SML	Noble	SEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-1	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$12,375,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-10	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$8,250,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-11	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$8,250,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-12	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$8,250,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-13	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$1,787,500	Construction	Aug-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-14	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$1,787,500	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-15	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$4,500,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-16	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$5,056,406	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-17	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$3,657,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-18	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$3,231,500	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-19	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$1,440,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO

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Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-2	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$12,375,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-20	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$4,350,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-3	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$12,375,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-4	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$8,250,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-5	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$8,250,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-6	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$8,250,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-7	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$12,375,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-8	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$12,375,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-9	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$12,375,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	Kirtland Crib Rehabilitation Phase 1	OH1801212	1,308,955	\$15,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Clyde	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH7200211	6,325	\$50,000	Planning	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Sandusky	NWDO
Coal Grove	PFAS General Plan	OH4400012	2,167	\$175,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Columbus	4th Water Plant Construction CIP 690600-100000	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$1,600,000,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	4th WTP Transmission Main River Crossing 690502-100001	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$14,246,231	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Ann Street Area Water Line Improvements CIP 690236-100164	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$8,800,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Beechwood Road Area WL Improvements-CIP 690236-100165	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,900,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Broadview Road 30-Inch Transmission Main (CIP 690502-100002)	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$14,250,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Chesapeake Ave Area Water Line Improvement CIP 690236-100154	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,900,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Chittenden Ave Area Water Line Improvement CIP 690236-100162	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,900,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	DRWP GAC Improvements Project; CIP No. 690618-100000	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$10,000,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Gerbert Road Area WL Improvements (CIP 690236-100166)	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,900,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	HCWP & PAWP Drain & Water System Imps CIP #690552-100000	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$4,400,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	HCWP Automation Upgrade; CIP No. 691200-100002	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$2,500,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Heyl Ave Area Water Line Imps CIP# 690236-100135	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,900,000	Construction	Jul-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Hudson St-Arcadia Ave Transmission Main CIP 690502-100003	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$650,000	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Public Outreach	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$2,527,488	Planning	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 4, CIP 690236-110006	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$11,100,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 5, CIP 690236-110007	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$11,100,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 6, CIP 690236-110008	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$11,100,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 7, CIP 690236-110009	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$11,100,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 8, CIP 690236-110010	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$11,100,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 9, CIP 690236-110011	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$11,100,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	LSL Repl Program Project Management CIP 690236-110004	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$20,000,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Morse Rd. 48-Inch Trans. Main Lowering, CIP 690502-100005	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$2,750,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Oaklawn Street Area Water Line Improvements-CIP 690236-10016	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,900,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	PAWP Filter Console Replacement; CIP No. 690592-100000	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$1,250,000	Planning	Jun-27	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	PAWP Treatment Residuals Disposal Improvs CIP 690579-100000	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$76,000,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	S High St & I270 Area WL Ph 1 CIP 690236-100180	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$2,300,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Shamrock Dr Area Water Line Improvements, CIP 690236-100156	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$7,850,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Sludge Line Improvements; CIP 691606-100007	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$700,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Columbus	SWWTP Substation Replacement CIP No. 690026-100000	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$4,500,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Yale Avenue Area Water Line Improvements, CIP 690236-100163	OH2504412	1,305,946	\$8,100,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Franklin	CO
Conneaut	Naylor Drive Water Line Extension	OH0400411	12,538	\$500,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Ashtabula	NEDO
Conneaut	Old Main Street Water Line Improvements	OH0400411	12,538	\$904,758	Construction	Jul-26	STD	Ashtabula	NEDO
Conneaut	WTP Improvement Project	OH0400411	12,538	\$155,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Ashtabula	NEDO
Conneaut	WTP Improvement Project	OH0400411	12,538	\$1,395,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Ashtabula	NEDO
Continental	Alley Water Line Replacement	OH6900212	1,153	\$23,500	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Putnam	NWDO
Continental	Alley Water Line Replacement	OH6900212	1,153	\$375,345	Construction	Mar-27	SML	Putnam	NWDO
Coolville	Water System Improvements	OH0500603	859	\$1,975,000	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Athens	SEDO
Crooksville	Booster Station and Water Line Improvements	OH6400111	2,534	\$357,600	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Perry	SEDO
Crooksville	Booster Station and Water Line Improvements	OH6400111	2,534	\$3,369,700	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 1%	Perry	SEDO
Cuyahoga Falls	Lead Line Service Replacement	OH7701012	51,114	\$2,590,487	Construction	Jul-26	LSL	Summit	NEDO

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Cuyahoga Falls	Lead Service Line Replacement Ph 2	OH7701012	51,114	\$3,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	LSL	Summit	NEDO
Cuyahoga Falls	WTP RO Softening Improvements	OH7701012	51,114	\$24,100,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Summit	NEDO
Dayton	Advanced Metering Infrastructure Ph 1	OH5703512	141,407	\$8,200,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Advanced Metering Infrastructure Ph 1 Design	OH5703512	141,407	\$300,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Advanced PFAS Treatment @Ottawa WTP, CMAR Construction	OH5703512	141,407	\$315,000,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/EC	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Calvary Reservoir Inspection and Rehabilitation Design	OH5703512	141,407	\$1,000,000	Design	Apr-27	PLN/DES	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Expansion of Miami Well Field Recharge Lagoon, Ph 3	OH5703512	141,407	\$41,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD/EC	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Lead Service Line Compliance Program Ph 3	OH5703512	141,407	\$700,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Lead Service Line Replacement Ph 1	OH5703512	141,407	\$20,000,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Ottawa Treatment Plant Drain Gates Replacement	OH5703512	141,407	\$3,000,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Ottawa WTP Laboratory Renovation	OH5703512	141,407	\$425,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Ottawa WTP Laboratory Renovation Design	OH5703512	141,407	\$75,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Montgomery	SWDO
Defiance	N66 Booster Station Replacement	OH2000111	16,494	\$1,300,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD	Defiance	NWDO
Defiance	Wayne Ave Water Line Replacement	OH2000111	16,494	\$2,500,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD	Defiance	NWDO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	County Road 19 Booster Station	OH2101412	150,000	\$5,200,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD	Delaware	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Lackey Old State Water Transmission Line	OH2101412	150,000	\$8,087,900	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Delaware	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Olentangy East Transmission Line	OH2101412	150,000	\$4,631,900	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Delaware	CO
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Village of Cardington Water Line Extension	OH2101412	150,000	\$3,622,850	Construction	Dec-26	STD/REG	Delaware	CO
Delphos	First Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$62,200	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	First Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$778,834	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	LSL Replacement 2026: Jackson, Harmon, Moening & Grant St.	OH0200412	7,101	\$2,142,494	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	North and South Jefferson Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$66,688	Design	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	North and South Jefferson Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$916,933	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 1%	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	Pierce Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$1,118,690	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
East Liverpool	SR 39 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1500811	12,586	\$2,848,818	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Columbiana	NEDO
East Palestine	Unity Township Utilities Expansion	OH1500912	4,761	\$14,745,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%/REG	Columbiana	NEDO
Elyria	Chlorine Room Modification and Upgrade	OH4700411	68,000	\$1,800,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Elyria	Furnace Street Water Tank	OH4700411	68,000	\$2,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Elyria	Gulf Road Connection to Village of Sheffield	OH4700411	68,000	\$600,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Elyria	Gulf Road Water Main Replacement	OH4700411	68,000	\$1,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Elyria	High Service Pump and VFDs	OH4700411	68,000	\$5,500,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Elyria	River Crossing to Village of Sheffield	OH4700411	68,000	\$1,250,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Elyria	West Ave Water Main Replacement	OH4700411	68,000	\$1,100,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Fairport Harbor	Water Meter Replacement and AMI Implementation	OH4300411	3,180	\$955,700	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 1%	Lake	NEDO
Fairport Harbor	Water System Regionalization - Secondary Interconnection	OH4300411	3,180	\$1,053,800	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 1%	Lake	NEDO
Fairport Harbor	Water System Regionalization - Secondary Interconnection	OH4300411	3,180	\$108,200	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Lake	NEDO
Fayette	Water Tower Replacement	OH2600412	1,340	\$225,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Fulton	NWDO
Fayette	Water Tower Replacement	OH2600412	1,340	\$3,662,800	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%	Fulton	NWDO
Fort Recovery	Water Treatment Plant Reconstruction Project	OH5400212	1,501	\$4,397,000	Construction	Dec-26	SML	Mercer	NWDO
Franklin County	Timberlake Subdivision Water Distribution Sys Reconstruction	OH2501003	8,575	\$803,931	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Franklin County	Timberlake Subdivision Water Distribution Sys Reconstruction	OH2501003	8,575	\$9,647,172	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Franklin	CO
Franklin County	WDS Infrastructure Reconstruction Project (GEMS)	OH2501003	8,575	\$719,398	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Franklin County	WDS Infrastructure Reconstruction Project (GEMS)	OH2501003	8,575	\$3,632,777	Construction	May-27	SML	Franklin	CO
Gallia County Rural Water Association	GAC for PFAS Removal	OH2700012	20,995	\$7,100,000	Construction	May-27	STD/EC	Gallia	SEDO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	7,134	\$448,600	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Gallia	SEDO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	7,134	\$4,809,500	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%/EC	Gallia	SEDO
Gallipolis	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH2700112	7,134	\$8,315,000	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 1%	Gallia	SEDO
Gallipolis	Water Meter System Improvements	OH2700112	7,134	\$765,000	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 1%	Gallia	SEDO
Genoa	2026 Water Line Improvements	OH6201003	3,110	\$400,000	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Ottawa	NWDO
Gnadenhutten	South Walnut Street Water Line Replacement	OH7900512	1,240	\$753,240	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Tuscarawas	SEDO
Gnadenhutten	South Walnut Street Water Line Replacement	OH7900512	1,240	\$50,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Tuscarawas	SEDO
Gnadenhutten	South Walnut Street Water Line Replacement	OH7900512	1,240	\$75,700	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Tuscarawas	SEDO

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Granville	Boosted Zone 1 Water Line Improvements - Phases 2 & 3	OH4500612	5,946	\$3,530,000	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Licking	CO
Granville	Boosted Zone 1 Water Line Improvements - Phases 2 & 3	OH4500612	5,946	\$215,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Licking	CO
Granville	JEDD Water Line Extension	OH4500612	5,946	\$6,500,000	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Licking	CO
Granville	River Road Water Line Extension - Phases 2 and 3	OH4500612	5,946	\$65,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Licking	CO
Granville	River Road Water Line Extension - Phases 2 and 3	OH4500612	5,946	\$500,000	Construction	Jan-27	SML/REG	Licking	CO
Granville	WTP Aerator Improvements	OH4500612	5,946	\$100,000	Design	Jun-27	PLN/DES	Licking	CO
Granville	WTP Aerator Improvements	OH4500612	5,946	\$800,000	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Licking	CO
Granville	WTP Filter Rehabilitation	OH4500612	5,946	\$445,000	Construction	May-27	SML	Licking	CO
Granville	WTP Lime Sludge Lagoon and Sanitary Improvements	OH4500612	5,946	\$3,500,000	Construction	May-27	SML	Licking	CO
Granville	WTP Wellfield Expansion	OH4500612	5,946	\$150,000	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Licking	CO
Granville	WTP Wellfield Expansion	OH4500612	5,946	\$1,815,000	Construction	May-27	SML	Licking	CO
Greenville	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 1A & 1B	OH1900714	13,227	\$15,494,295	Construction	Sep-26	LSL PF	Darke	SWDO
Greenville	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 2	OH1900714	13,227	\$15,260,789	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Darke	SWDO
Greenwich	Greenwich Water Treatment Plant	OH3900312	1,476	\$6,437,629	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Huron	NWDO
Heath	Dorsey Mill Water Main Replacement	OH4500912	10,310	\$3,704,200	Construction	May-27	STD	Licking	CO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	34,942	\$595,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	34,942	\$8,870,050	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%/REG	Lawrence	SEDO
Hecla Water Association	Water Meter Replacement	OH4401612	34,942	\$3,500,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Highland County Water Company, Inc.	Southeast Water System Fortification, Phase 1 Marshall Area	OH3600514	28,421	\$3,843,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Highland	SWDO
Highland County Water Company, Inc.	Southeast Water System Fortification, Phase 2 Fairfax Area	OH3600514	28,421	\$12,457,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Highland	SWDO
Hillsboro	Greystone Drive WL Replacement	OH3600614	6,650	\$73,985	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Highland	SWDO
Hillsboro	Greystone Drive WL Replacement	OH3600614	6,650	\$850,828	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Highland	SWDO
Hiram	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6701612	1,406	\$1,500,000	Construction	Dec-26	SML	Portage	NEDO
Hubbard	Hubbard-Masury Rd Water Line Looping	OH7801415	8,339	\$1,259,776	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Trumbull	NEDO
Hubbard	Hubbard-Masury Rd Water Line Looping Design	OH7801415	8,339	\$110,000	Design	Jan-27	PLN/DES	Trumbull	NEDO
Hubbard	North Main St Water Line Improvement Design	OH7801415	8,339	\$175,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Trumbull	NEDO
Hubbard	North Main St Water Line Improvements	OH7801415	8,339	\$2,174,450	Construction	Apr-27	SML	Trumbull	NEDO
Huron	Back-up Raw Water Intake, Pump Station and Force Main	OH2201011	6,893	\$4,050,980	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Erie	NWDO
Indian Hill	Water Treatment Plant PFAS	OH3101112	15,000	\$658,998	Design	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Hamilton	SWDO
Indian Hill	Water Treatment Plant PFAS	OH3101112	15,000	\$18,565,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD/EC	Hamilton	SWDO
Ironton	10th Street Water Line Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	\$834,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	10th Street Water Line Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	\$8,201,600	Construction	May-27	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	North 5th St Water Line Replacement	OH4400711	11,129	\$26,280	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	North 5th St Water Line Replacement	OH4400711	11,129	\$251,480	Construction	Feb-27	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	PFAS Design	OH4400711	11,129	\$1,190,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	Rice Property Site Water Line	OH4400711	11,129	\$486,099	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	Shawnee Trail Water Line Extension	OH4400711	11,129	\$326,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	Shawnee Trail Water Line Extension	OH4400711	11,129	\$3,123,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	Washington St Water Line Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	\$818,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	Washington St Water Line Improvements	OH4400711	11,129	\$8,039,100	Construction	May-27	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	WTP Emergency Generator	OH4400711	11,129	\$1,389,322	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Lawrence	SEDO
Ironton	WTP Emergency Generator	OH4400711	11,129	\$53,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Jackson	Broadway St Water Line Project	OH4000111	9,691	\$692,952	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Jackson	SEDO
Jamestown	Water System Improvements	OH2901712	1,997	\$11,082,600	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Greene	SWDO
Jefferson County	Amsterdam Water Distribution System Upgrades	OH4101103	13,983	\$4,595,632	Construction	May-27	STD	Jefferson	SEDO
Jefferson County	Bergholz Water System Improvements	OH4101103	13,983	\$350,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Jefferson	SEDO
Jefferson County	Bergholz Water System Improvements	OH4101103	13,983	\$680,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Jefferson	SEDO
Jefferson Regional Water Authority	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5703012	4,813	\$3,235,220	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Montgomery	SWDO
Jeffersonville	New Potable Water Well	OH2400612	1,356	\$190,382	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 0%	Fayette	CO
Kenton	Detroit Street Water Line and LSL Phase 2	OH3300612	8,360	\$1,626,124	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Hardin	NWDO
Kenton	Downtown Water Line Replacement Phase 2B	OH3300612	8,360	\$2,859,960	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Hardin	NWDO
Killbuck	Water Line Upgrades	OH3800712	950	\$25,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Holmes	NEDO

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Killbuck	Water Line Upgrades	OH3800712	950	\$110,800	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Holmes	NEDO
Killbuck	Water Line Upgrades	OH3800712	950	\$1,454,189	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Holmes	NEDO
Kingston	Meter Replacement	OH7100912	1,032	\$1,129,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Ross	SEDO
Kingston	Replacement of Lead Water Service Lines	OH7100912	1,032	\$2,087,400	Construction	Oct-26	LSL PF	Ross	SEDO
Kingston	WTP/Well Field Renovation Project	OH7100912	1,032	\$92,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Ross	SEDO
Kingston	WTP/Well Field Renovation Project	OH7100912	1,032	\$1,130,500	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%	Ross	SEDO
LaGrange	Water Meter Replacement	OH4700603	2,400	\$866,137	Construction	Jul-26	SML	Lorain	NEDO
LaGrange	Water Tower Rehabilitation	OH4700603	2,400	\$15,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Lorain	NEDO
LaGrange	Water Tower Rehabilitation	OH4700603	2,400	\$339,180	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Lorain	NEDO
Lakeview	Emergency Water Connection	OH4601512	1,083	\$43,000	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Logan	SWDO
Lakeview	Emergency Water Connection	OH4601512	1,083	\$844,125	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%	Logan	SWDO
Laura	Water Tower Replacement	OH5500612	487	\$2,135,430	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Miami	SWDO
Laura	Water Tower Replacement	OH5500612	487	\$85,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Miami	SWDO
Laura	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5500612	487	\$30,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Miami	SWDO
Laura	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5500612	487	\$258,500	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Miami	SWDO
Leesburg	Emergency Connection to Highland County	OH3600712	1,315	\$255,300	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Highland	SWDO
Leesburg	Emergency Connection to Highland County	OH3600712	1,315	\$4,707,927	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Highland	SWDO
Leetonia	Main Street Water Line Replacement	OH1501412	1,833	\$322,850	Construction	Jul-26	DIS 0%	Columbiana	NEDO
Leipsic	Poplar St Water Line Replacement	OH6900612	2,348	\$29,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Putnam	NWDO
Leipsic	Poplar St Water Line Replacement	OH6900612	2,348	\$607,840	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 0%	Putnam	NWDO
Leipsic	Water Treatment Plant	OH6900612	2,348	\$14,774,450	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Putnam	NWDO
Lewisburg	Well Field Improvements	OH6800812	1,800	\$702,108	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Preble	SWDO
Licking County	Edgewater Beach Water Line Extension	OH4500812	3,415	\$5,732,000	Construction	May-27	SML/REG	Licking	CO
Licking County	Hanover Marne Phase 2 Water Line Extension	OH4500812	3,415	\$15,016,181	Construction	Jun-27	SML/REG	Licking	CO
Licking County	SR 13 Tank & Water Line Extension for Edgewater/Jacksontown	OH4500812	3,415	\$3,890,800	Construction	Apr-27	SML/REG	Licking	CO
Lima	East Regional Water Line Loop	OH0200811	65,619	\$650,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Allen	NWDO
Lima	East Regional Water Line Loop	OH0200811	65,619	\$6,500,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Allen	NWDO
Lima	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 4	OH0200811	65,619	\$3,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Lithopolis	Water Treatment Plant Filter Addition	OH2301112	1,573	\$1,199,000	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Fairfield	CO
Lithopolis	Wellfield Expansion	OH2301112	1,573	\$628,550	Construction	Jan-27	SML	Fairfield	CO
Little Hocking Water Association	Phase 1A Water Line Extension	OH8400212	9,892	\$11,752,000	Construction	Sep-26	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Little Hocking Water Association	Phase 2A Water Line Extension	OH8400212	9,892	\$5,505,000	Construction	Jun-27	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Little Hocking Water Association	SR339 Transmission and Barlow Tank and Booster	OH8400212	9,892	\$1,479,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Little Hocking Water Association	SR339 Transmission and Barlow Tank and Booster	OH8400212	9,892	\$14,009,500	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 1%/REG	Washington	SEDO
Logan	RO Membrane Skid for WTP	OH3700612	6,704	\$3,014,400	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%	Hocking	SEDO
Logan	RO Membrane Skid for WTP	OH3700612	6,704	\$335,800	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Hocking	SEDO
Lorain	Water Main Replacement Year 2	OH4700711	64,152	\$6,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Lorain	NEDO
Lordstown	Lordstown Water Extension Phase 2	OH7804403	3,515	\$1,706,431	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Trumbull	NEDO
Lordstown	Lordstown Water Extension Phase 2	OH7804403	3,515	\$18,000,000	Construction	Apr-27	SML	Trumbull	NEDO
Loveland	City of Loveland PFAS Treatment	OH1300812	12,800	\$15,750,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD/EC	Hamilton	SWDO
Lynchburg	Water System Improvements Phase 1	OH3600915	1,515	\$2,720,000	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 0%	Highland	SWDO
Madison Water District	Distribution, Storage and WTP Improvements	OH7006712	2,050	\$5,578,175	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Richland	NWDO
Madison Water District	Water District Regionalizaion	OH7006712	2,050	\$3,719,595	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%/REG	Richland	NWDO
Mahoning Valley Sanitary District	MVSD Ph V - Winchester Ave Connector Water Line	OH7801811	55	\$4,700,000	Construction	May-27	STD	Trumbull	NEDO
Malvern	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH1000112	1,200	\$4,677,001	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Carroll	NEDO
Manchester	Water Line Replacement Phase 3	OH0100112	2,043	\$395,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Adams	SEDO
Manchester	Water Line Replacement Phase 3	OH0100112	2,043	\$3,960,250	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 0%	Adams	SEDO
Martins Ferry	Jefferson Street Water Line	OH0701212	6,980	\$50,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	Jefferson Street Water Line Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	\$650,420	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	Jefferson Street Water Line Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	\$111,500	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	6,980	\$100,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	6,980	\$500,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO

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Martins Ferry	Water Line and Lead Service Line Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	\$100,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	Water Line and LSL Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	\$100,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	Water Line and LSL Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	\$3,500,000	Construction	Feb-27	LSL PF	Belmont	SEDO
Matamoras	New Water Treatment Plant	OH8400512	896	\$5,660,580	Construction	Jan-27	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
McArthur	Water System Improvements	OH8200212	1,920	\$1,794,580	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%	Vinton	SEDO
McGuffey	Water Tower Rehab	OH3300712	710	\$533,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%	Hardin	NWDO
McGuffey	Water Tower Rehab	OH3300712	710	\$30,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Hardin	NWDO
Medina County	Westfield Center WTP Upgrades	OH5260712	4,708	\$32,639,960	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Medina	NEDO
Miamisburg	King Richard Transmission Main	OH5701212	19,790	\$9,300,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Montgomery	SWDO
Middleport	PFAS Reduction	OH5300112	2,446	\$339,655	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Meigs	SEDO
Middleport	PFAS Reduction	OH5300112	2,446	\$4,440,432	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 0%/EC	Meigs	SEDO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	Bulk Fill Station	OH4901012	5,176	\$433,640	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	Bulk Fill Station Design	OH4901012	5,176	\$61,364	Design	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	London Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4901012	5,176	\$1,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	LSL PF	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	Plain City Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4901012	5,176	\$1,941,200	Construction	Aug-26	LSL	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	Plain City North Water Line Extension	OH4901012	5,176	\$660,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	SR 161 Elevated Water Storage Tank	OH4901012	5,176	\$9,261,000	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	SR 56/US 40 & Summerford Water Line Extension	OH4901012	5,176	\$5,247,350	Construction	Oct-26	SML/REG	Madison	CO
Mingo Junction	Farmers Lane Watermain Replacement	OH4101612	3,350	\$155,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Jefferson	SEDO
Mingo Junction	Penn Avenue Water Main Replacement	OH4101612	3,350	\$215,000	Design	Jan-27	PLN/DES	Jefferson	SEDO
Mingo Junction	Penn Avenue Water Main Replacement	OH4101612	3,350	\$848,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Jefferson	SEDO
Montgomery County	Greater Moraine System Redundancy	OH5701315	150,207	\$56,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Montgomery	SWDO
Mount Orab	Water Towers - Rehabilitations	OH0801011	6,607	\$1,335,000	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 1%	Brown	SWDO
Mount Pleasant	Water Line Replacement and Corrosion Control	OH4101712	450	\$315,070	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Munroe Falls	Water Main River Crossing	OH7702703	5,042	\$234,628	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Summit	NEDO
Muskingum County	Harrison Township Water Line Project	OH6000412	21,540	\$233,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Northwest Muskingum County Water Project	OH6000412	21,540	\$23,500,000	Construction	May-27	STD	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Northwest Water System	OH6000412	21,540	\$750,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Old Nashport Water Line	OH6000412	21,540	\$317,500	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Powelson Area Water Main Extensions	OH6000412	21,540	\$444,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Powelson Area Water Main Extensions	OH6000412	21,540	\$6,400,000	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%/REG	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Sunflower Rd and Getz Rd Water Main Extension	OH6000412	21,540	\$762,000	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%/REG	Muskingum	SEDO
Muskingum County	Water Treatment Plant and Well Field Expansion - Maysville	OH6000412	21,540	\$7,754,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/REG	Muskingum	SEDO
Napoleon	Maumee River Water Line Crossing	OH3500811	8,858	\$5,500,000	Construction	Feb-27	SML	Henry	NWDO
Nelsonville	Water System Improvements Phase 4	OH0501214	6,656	\$4,841,900	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 1%	Athens	SEDO
Nevada	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH8800312	814	\$148,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Wyandot	NWDO
New Concord	Main St Lead Service Line Replacement	OH6001711	2,491	\$189,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Muskingum	SEDO
New Concord	WTP Clarifier #2 Rehabilitation	OH6001711	2,491	\$607,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Muskingum	SEDO
New Holland	Water System Improvements	OH6501612	830	\$4,346,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
New Lexington	Water Distribution Improvements - Priority Phase	OH6400411	5,161	\$1,180,000	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 1%	Perry	SEDO
New Richmond	New Richmond Water System Improvements	OH1301212	2,698	\$2,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Clermont	SWDO
Newark	Lead Service Line Replacement Project #9	OH4502314	49,934	\$1,700,000	Construction	Jun-27	LSL PF	Licking	CO
Newark	Water Treatment Plant Upgrade	OH4502314	49,934	\$1,500,000	Planning	Jan-27	PLN/DES	Licking	CO
Newport Water and Sewer District	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1,582	\$429,500	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer District	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1,582	\$6,300,000	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%/REG	Washington	SEDO
Niles	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH7802403	21,961	\$10,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	LSL PF	Trumbull	NEDO
Noble County Water Authority	Waterline Extension & Interconnect Final Phase B	OH6100503	2,368	\$1,530,000	Construction	Aug-26	SML/REG	Noble	SEDO
North Lewisburg	Water Line System Improvements	OH1100812	1,850	\$2,821,875	Construction	May-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Champaign	SWDO
Northwestern Water & Sewer District	Duxbury/Waterford Water Line Replacements	OH8752812	19,758	\$1,500,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Wood	NWDO
Northwestern Water & Sewer District	Miltonville Water Line Replacement	OH8752212	3,615	\$5,000,000	Construction	Dec-26	SML	Wood	NWDO
Northwestern Water & Sewer District	Miltonville, OVITT, Forst Roads Water Line Project	OH8752212	3,615	\$7,669,719	Construction	Dec-26	SML	Wood	NWDO

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Northwestern Water & Sewer District	Walbridge Water Line Phase 1	OH8752812	19,758	\$2,500,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Wood	NWDO
Oak Harbor	Benton Street Improvements	OH6202603	4,400	\$1,223,605	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Oak Hill	Water System Improvements	OH4000411	3,067	\$332,105	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Jackson	SEDO
Oak Hill	Water System Improvements	OH4000411	3,067	\$4,916,576	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%	Jackson	SEDO
Oakwood	Water Meter Installation Project	OH6300312	727	\$803,900	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%	Paulding	NWDO
Obetz	New 300,000 Gal Water Tower	OH2502212	3,167	\$4,340,140	Construction	Feb-27	SML	Franklin	CO
Obetz	Water System Improvements	OH2502212	3,167	\$453,195	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Obetz	WTP Filter Replacement	OH2502212	3,167	\$1,554,050	Construction	May-27	SML	Franklin	CO
Old Straitsville Water Association	Rock Run Booster Station Upgrades	OH6401403	2,950	\$229,450	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 1%	Perry	SEDO
Oregon	Water Line Replacement - Starr Avenue Addition	OH4800911	19,950	\$2,594,612	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Lucas	NWDO
Orwell	U.S. 322 Water Main Replacement	OH0401012	1,660	\$150,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Ashtabula	NEDO
Orwell	U.S. 322 Water Main Replacement	OH0401012	1,660	\$6,010,000	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 0%	Ashtabula	NEDO
Ottawa County	Ottawa County Regional & Village of Marblehead Regional	OH6205011	20,428	\$2,647,400	Construction	Sep-26	STD/REG	Ottawa	NWDO
Oxford	Ardmore Drive Water Main Replacement	OH0902312	24,000	\$400,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Butler	SWDO
Oxford	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH0902312	24,000	\$200,000	Construction	Jan-27	LSL PF	Butler	SWDO
Payne	North Main Street Water Line Replacement	OH6300712	1,550	\$724,510	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Paulding	NWDO
Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1,550	\$328,500	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Paulding	NWDO
Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1,550	\$2,190,000	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Paulding	NWDO
Perry County	Phase 6 Water Line Extension	OH6402703	1,802	\$3,597,900	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%/REG	Perry	SEDO
Perrysburg	Water Main Replacement Contract 11	OH8701803	27,000	\$3,500,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Wood	NWDO
Phillipsburg	Water System Improvements	OH5702112	490	\$300,000	Design	Apr-27	PLN/DES	Montgomery	SWDO
Philo	Market St WL Replacement / 2nd St WL Ext	OH6001912	974	\$332,320	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Muskingum	SEDO
Pickerington	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH2301512	19,141	\$25,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Fairfield	CO
Pike Water Inc	Pike Water System - Generator	OH6602412	15,487	\$435,700	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Pike	SEDO
Pike Water Inc	Pike Water System - Ross County Interconnect	OH6602412	15,487	\$3,274,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD	Pike	SEDO
Piketon	Elevated Water Tower	OH6600712	2,181	\$381,464	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Pike	SEDO
Piketon	Elevated Water Tower	OH6600712	2,181	\$6,036,700	Construction	Mar-27	DIS 0%	Pike	SEDO
Port Clinton	Harrison, West Perry & Monroe Street Water Line Improvements	OH6203211	6,500	\$292,067	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Port Clinton	Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	OH6203211	6,500	\$2,835,391	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Ottawa	NWDO
Portage County	Village of Mantua Distribution Replacement Ph 2	OH6702212	1,207	\$4,499,636	Construction	Jul-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Portage	NEDO
Portage County	Water Meter Replacement Program	OH6702812	8,606	\$4,300,000	Construction	Sep-26	SML	Portage	NEDO
Powhatan Point	Water Line Replacement	OH0701412	1,592	\$20,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Put-in-Bay	Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation	OH6203311	5,000	\$230,680	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Multi-Tech and Controls Improvements	OH6203311	5,000	\$1,192,760	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Pump Riser and Piping	OH6203311	5,000	\$156,300	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Putnam Community Water Corporation	Muskingum River Road Water Line Extension	OH8400712	2,744	\$60,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corporation	Muskingum River Road Water Line Extension	OH8400712	2,744	\$1,560,000	Construction	May-27	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corporation	PFAS Well Mitigation	OH8400712	2,744	\$1,086,030	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 0%/EC	Washington	SEDO
Quaker City	Water Distribution Improvements Phase 1	OH3001011	750	\$984,867	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 0%	Guernsey	SEDO
Roaming Shores	Water Tower Replacement	OH0400611	1,764	\$202,700	Design	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Ashtabula	NEDO
Roaming Shores	Water Tower Replacement	OH0400611	1,764	\$2,500,000	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Ashtabula	NEDO
Roseville	Water Line Replacement	OH6002112	1,852	\$36,800	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Perry	SEDO
Roseville	Water Line Replacement	OH6002112	1,852	\$410,400	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Rural Lorain County Water Authority	Regionalization - LaGrange Tank & Pheasant Run	OH4701803	73,125	\$23,000,000	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 1%/REG	Lorain	NEDO
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	2,564	\$786,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Clinton	SWDO
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	2,564	\$7,878,375	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 1%	Clinton	SWDO
Saint Clairsville	Water Distribution System Improvements - Phase 2	OH0701516	5,097	\$7,574,089	Construction	Oct-26	SML	Belmont	SEDO
Saint Henry	1.5MG Water Tower	OH5401312	2,596	\$7,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	SML	Mercer	NWDO
Saint Henry	1.5MG Water Tower - Design	OH5401312	2,596	\$180,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Mercer	NWDO
Saint Henry	WTP Replacement	OH5401312	2,596	\$7,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Mercer	NWDO
Saint Henry	WTP Replacement - Design	OH5401312	2,596	\$460,000	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Mercer	NWDO
Salem	Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Phase II	OH1502011	16,850	\$8,769,734	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Columbiana	NEDO

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Scio	Water Line Replacement & Lead Service Line Removal	OH3401312	763	\$40,000	Planning	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Harrison	SEDO
Scio	Water Line Replacement & Lead Service Line Removal	OH3401312	763	\$199,990	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Harrison	SEDO
Scio	Water Line Replacement & Lead Service Line Removal	OH3401312	763	\$2,689,743	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Harrison	SEDO
Shadyside	PFAS Remediation	OH0701612	3,689	\$1,528,180	Design	Dec-26	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Shelby	LSL Replacement 1A and 1B	OH7004511	9,453	\$8,846,000	Construction	Apr-27	SML/LSL	Richland	NWDO
Shreve	Water Line Replacement Phase 1	OH8503412	1,514	\$2,001,967	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Wayne	NEDO
Sidney	Wilson & Wilkinson Ave Lead Service Line Replacement	OH7501214	20,614	\$957,270	Construction	Oct-26	LSL PF	Shelby	SWDO
Silver Lake	Lead Service Line Replacement Ph II	OH7704303	2,519	\$20,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Summit	NEDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 1	OH6401111	1,490	\$1,100,000	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH6401111	1,490	\$565,000	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 3	OH6401111	1,490	\$650,000	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 4	OH6401111	1,490	\$570,000	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 5	OH6401111	1,490	\$465,708	Construction	Dec-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Somerset	Water Meter Replacement and AMI Upgrade	OH6401111	1,490	\$780,000	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
South Charleston	SR 42 Water Line Replacement	OH1204212	1,660	\$1,728,820	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%	Clark	SWDO
South Point	Water Treatment Plant PFAS Upgrades	OH4401212	4,133	\$705,000	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
South Point	Water Treatment Plant PFAS Upgrades	OH4401212	4,133	\$6,430,600	Construction	May-27	SML/EC	Lawrence	SEDO
South Vienna	WTP Design and Construction Services	OH1204312	393	\$1,889,913	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Clark	SWDO
South Zanesville	South Zanesville Water System Improvements Phase 1	OH6002212	2,800	\$400,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Muskingum	SEDO
Springfield	W. High St Water Services 2- Dayton Ave to Yellow Springs St	OH1204412	60,680	\$781,530	Construction	Aug-26	STD/LSL PF	Clark	SWDO
Stockport	Emerging Contaminant Mitigation Project	OH5800912	503	\$362,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Morgan	SEDO
Stratton	Water Meter Project	OH4102512	320	\$119,440	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Jefferson	SEDO
Stratton	Water Meter Project	OH4102512	320	\$704,700	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Thornville	Water Meter Replacement	OH6401212	991	\$300,000	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Perry	SEDO
Thurston	Maple St Water Line Improvements	OH2302903	604	\$364,450	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Thurston	Oak St Water Line Improvements	OH2302903	604	\$306,450	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Tipp City	Kiser & Miles Water Main Replacement	OH5553612	24,766	\$1,086,624	Construction	Mar-27	LSL	Miami	SWDO
Toledo	2026 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4801411	360,000	\$1,792,126	Construction	Jul-26	STD/LSL PF	Lucas	NWDO
Toledo	2027 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4801411	360,000	\$6,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	LSL PF	Lucas	NWDO
Toledo	Raw Water Main Improvements	OH4801411	360,000	\$200,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD	Lucas	NWDO
Toronto	Walton Acres Phase 2 Water Line and Streetscape Improvements	OH4102811	5,676	\$1,600,000	Construction	Jul-26	DIS 1%	Jefferson	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Phase 7 Water Line	OH8403112	3,000	\$4,258,500	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%/REG	Washington	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Phase 7 Water Line Extensions	OH8403112	3,000	\$333,900	Design	Sep-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Water System Improvements - PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8403112	3,000	\$2,787,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/EC	Washington	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Water System Improvements - PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8403112	3,000	\$240,600	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Trumbull County	Champion/Bazetta Water Booster Pump Station	OH7806503	835	\$2,875,200	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Trumbull	NEDO
Trumbull County	Stillwagon Road Water Improvements	OH7803203	9,931	\$725,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%/REG	Trumbull	NEDO
Trumbull County	Wilson Ave Water Improvement	OH7804303	8,270	\$262,000	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%/REG	Trumbull	NEDO
Tuppers Plains/Chester Water District	Colburn Road Water Line Extension	OH5300612	16,087	\$700,500	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 1%/REG	Meigs	SEDO
Tuscarawas County	Moravian Trail Water Line Extension	OH7902103	370	\$552,700	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Tuscarawas	SEDO
Upper Sandusky	Crawford Water Line Extension	OH8800511	6,698	\$2,900,000	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%/REG	Wyandot	NWDO
Urbana	Phase 3 Water Main Replacement	OH1101212	11,428	\$510,578	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Champaign	SWDO
Van Wert	WTP Spray Aeration System	OH8100611	10,846	\$2,170,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Van Wert	NWDO
Wadsworth	Dawna Drive Water Line Replacement	OH5201712	24,356	\$400,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	Good Ave and Longview Dr WL Replacement	OH5201712	24,356	\$1,500,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	High Street Water Line Replacement	OH5201712	24,356	\$4,300,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	New Low Side Water Tower	OH5201712	24,356	\$344,900	Design	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	New Low Side Water Tower	OH5201712	24,356	\$6,000,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	Source Well #20 Installation	OH5201712	24,356	\$1,200,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	Water System Looping Improvements	OH5201712	24,356	\$1,900,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD	Medina	NEDO
Wadsworth	Water Treatment Plant Phase 2 Upgrade	OH5201712	24,356	\$600,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD	Medina	NEDO
Warren	Austin Ave SW & Dover Ave SW Water Line Replacement (Area D)	OH7803811	49,130	\$1,014,900	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Trumbull	NEDO

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Warren Community Water and Sewer Association	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	7,215	\$276,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Warren Water Authority	Valve Installation	OH4102903	481	\$24,686	Construction	May-27	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Washington Court House	Water Treatment Plant and System Prelim Engineering	OH2400714	14,100	\$752,017	Planning	Jul-26	PLN/DES	Fayette	CO
Waverly	South Lock St Roadway and Water Line Improvement	OH6600912	4,433	\$1,335,015	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Pike	SEDO
Waverly	Waverly WTP	OH6600912	4,433	\$2,200,000	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Pike	SEDO
Waynoka Regional Water and Sewer District	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH0800811	2,428	\$1,066,500	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Brown	SWDO
Wellington	Village-wide LSL Replacement	OH4701511	4,802	\$1,085,500	Construction	Aug-26	LSL PF	Lorain	NEDO
Wellington	Water Line Loop to Water Main	OH4701511	4,802	\$250,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%	Lorain	NEDO
Wellington	WTP Fire Restoration	OH4701511	4,802	\$1,205,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%	Lorain	NEDO
Wellston	Cherrington Hills Improvements	OH4001912	7,000	\$246,047	Design	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Jackson	SEDO
Wellston	Cherrington Hills Improvements	OH4001912	7,000	\$3,198,605	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Jackson	SEDO
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	908	\$437,700	Design	Jan-27	PLN/DES	Trumbull	NEDO
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	908	\$2,977,500	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%	Trumbull	NEDO
West Jefferson	National Pike and Old SR 29 Water Main Loop	OH4902012	4,488	\$515,500	Construction	May-27	SML	Madison	CO
West Union	SR 41 Water Main Replacement	OH0100503	3,170	\$781,200	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 1%	Adams	SEDO
Western Water Company	PFAS Treatment Process Removal	OH8300512	39,508	\$4,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD/EC	Warren	SWDO
Willard	Water Distribution Improvements	OH3901511	7,099	\$200,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Huron	NWDO
Williamsport	Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution Improvements	OH6503012	1,038	\$7,141,218	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%	Pickaway	CO
Wintersville	Cadiz Road Water Line	OH4103003	3,924	\$1,984,650	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Jefferson	SEDO
Wintersville	Wintersville Steubenville Connection	OH4103003	3,924	\$1,212,580	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Jefferson	SEDO
Woodsfield	Ruble's Lake and WTP Improvements	OH5600711	2,598	\$415,000	Design	Apr-27	PLN/DES	Monroe	SEDO
Woodsfield	Ruble's Lake and WTP Improvements	OH5600711	2,598	\$5,404,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%	Monroe	SEDO
Woodville	Pine Street Water Line Replacement	OH7200912	2,006	\$20,000	Design	Oct-26	PLN/DES	Sandusky	NWDO
Woodville	Pine Street Water Line Replacement	OH7200912	2,006	\$222,000	Construction	Jun-27	SML	Sandusky	NWDO
Woodville	Water Street and WWTP Service Loop	OH7200912	2,006	\$4,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	SML	Sandusky	NWDO
Yorkville	Hydraulic Study	OH4103112	1,019	\$20,000	Planning	Aug-26	PLN/DES	Jefferson	SEDO
Youngstown	E. Webb Rd Booster Station Improvements	OH5002303	130,530	\$8,991,465	Construction	Aug-26	STD	Mahoning	NEDO
Youngstown	Glenwood St Area Lead Service Line Replacement	OH5002303	130,530	\$8,800,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Mahoning	NEDO
Zanesville	Blandy Ave Water Line Relocation Phase 1	OH6002712	29,381	\$1,157,700	Construction	Jul-26	STD	Muskingum	SEDO
Zanesville	Blandy Ave Water Line Relocation Phase 2	OH6002712	29,381	\$4,766,200	Construction	May-27	STD	Muskingum	SEDO

Total Funding Requests: \$4,298,504,042

Ohio EPA anticipates sufficient funding for all projects ready to proceed during PY2027

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 PY27:

Entity	Project	PWS ID	Loan Type	County	District Office	General Plan Status
Akron	Water Plant Advanced Treatment Facility	OH7700011	Construction	Summit	NEDO	Not submitted
East Palestine	Unity Township Utilities Expansion	OH1500912	Construction	Columbiana	NEDO	Not submitted
Logan	RO Membrane Skid for WTP	OH3700612	Construction	Hocking	SEDO	Not submitted
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	Construction	Belmont	SEDO	Not submitted
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	Construction	Clinton	SWDO	Not submitted
Saint Henry	WTP Replacement	OH5401312	Construction	Mercer	NWDO	Not submitted
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	Construction	Trumbull	NEDO	Not submitted

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Akron	PWS Regionalization 2026	OH7700011	3,738	\$1,627,332	\$813,666	Construction	Jan-27	20	4	DIS 1%/REG	Summit	NEDO
Clark County	Donnelsville Water System ¹	OH1201112	4,221	\$10,120,000	\$6,653,660	Construction	Jul-26	15	5	DIS 1%/REG	Clark	SWDO
Upper Sandusky	Crawford Water Line Extension	OH8800511	6,698	\$2,900,000	\$1,450,000	Construction	Jan-27	10	5	DIS 1%/REG	Wyandot	NWDO
Antwerp	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300012	1,741	\$8,444,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Oct-26	10	5	DIS 0%	Paulding	NWDO
Bowerston	New Water Treatment Plant and Raw Water Improvements Project	OH3400112	483	\$6,620,500		Construction	Mar-27	9	3	DIS 0%	Harrison	SEDO
Trumbull County	Stillwagon Road Water Improvements	OH7803203	9,931	\$725,000	*	Construction	Oct-26	7	3	DIS 1%/REG	Trumbull	NEDO
Bridgeport	Old Cadiz Rd Tank Removal and Oak St Booster Rehab	OH0700612	2,830	\$423,133		Construction	Jun-27	7	2	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Ashtabula County	Northeast Regional Water Line Extension	OH0400803	3,522	\$21,000,000		Construction	Jan-27	7	2	DIS 1%/REG	Ashtabula	NEDO
Bloomville	Water Tower and Water Line Replacement	OH7400212	956	\$2,099,700		Construction	Mar-27	7	0	DIS 0%	Seneca	NWDO
Tuppers Plains/Chester Water District	Colburn Road Waterline Extension	OH5300612	30	\$700,500	*	Construction	Jun-27	6	5	DIS 1%/REG	Meigs	SEDO
Perry County	Phase 6 Water Line Extension	OH6402703	1,802	\$3,597,900	\$1,798,950	Construction	Sep-26	6	5	DIS 0%/REG	Perry	SEDO
Barnesville	North Water Line Extension	OH0700011	6,500	\$7,502,075	\$3,751,038	Construction	Aug-26	6	5	DIS 1%/REG	Belmont	SEDO
South Vienna	WTP Design and Construction Services	OH1204312	393	\$1,889,913	\$944,957	Construction	Sep-26	6	4	DIS 0%	Clark	SWDO
Trumbull County	Wilson Ave Water Improvement	OH7804303	8,270	\$262,000		Construction	May-27	6	3	DIS 1%/REG	Trumbull	NEDO
Muskingum County	Sunflower Rd and Getz Rd Water Main Extension	OH6000412	83	\$762,000		Construction	Jan-27	6	2	DIS 1%/REG	Muskingum	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Phase 7 Water Line	OH8403112	3,000	\$4,258,500		Construction	Apr-27	6	2	DIS 1%/REG	Washington	SEDO
Newport Water and Sewer District	Bells Run Water System Extension	OH8400612	1,582	\$6,300,000		Construction	Jun-27	6	2	DIS 0%/REG	Washington	SEDO
Hecla Water Association	Water for Waterloo	OH4401612	275	\$8,870,050		Construction	May-27	6	2	DIS 1%/REG	Lawrence	SEDO
Port Clinton	Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements ²	OH6203211	6,500	\$2,085,391	\$1,042,696	Construction	Aug-26	5	5	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Ottawa	NWDO
Port Clinton	Harrison, West Perry & Monroe Street Water Line Improvements	OH6203211	6,500	\$292,067	Bypass 1	Construction	Feb-27	5	4	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Catawba	Water Treatment Plant Aeration and Filtration	OH1200312	241	\$93,050		Construction	Sep-26	5	3	DIS 0%	Clark	SWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Pump Riser and Piping	OH6203311	5,000	\$156,300		Construction	Aug-26	5	3	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
New Richmond	New Richmond Water System Improvements	OH1301212	2,698	\$2,000,000		Construction	Jun-27	5	3	SML	Clermont	SWDO
Nelsonville	Water System Improvements Phase 4	OH0501214	6,656	\$4,841,900		Construction	Sep-26	5	3	DIS 1%	Athens	SEDO
Crooksville	Booster Station and Water Line Improvements	OH6400111	2,534	\$3,369,700		Construction	Jun-27	5	2	DIS 1%	Perry	SEDO
Put-in-Bay	Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation	OH6203311	5,000	\$230,680		Construction	Oct-26	5	1	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Put-in-Bay	WTP Multi-Tech and Controls Improvements	OH6203311	5,000	\$1,192,760		Construction	Jan-27	5	1	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
West Farmington	New Water Wells	OH7803911	908	\$2,977,500		Construction	Jun-27	5	1	DIS 0%	Trumbull	NEDO
Sabina	Water System Improvements	OH1400912	2,564	\$7,878,375		Construction	Jun-27	5	1	DIS 1%	Clinton	SWDO
Thurston	Oak St Water Line Improvements	OH2302903	604	\$306,450	\$153,225	Construction	Sep-26	4	5	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Gallipolis	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH2700112	7,134	\$8,315,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	4	5	DIS 1%	Gallia	SEDO
New Lexington	Water Distribution Improvements - Priority Phase	OH6400411	5,161	\$1,180,000	\$590,000	Construction	Sep-26	4	4	DIS 1%	Perry	SEDO
Warren Water Authority	Valve Installation	OH4102903	481	\$24,686		Construction	May-27	4	3	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
McGuffey	Water Tower Rehab	OH3300712	710	\$533,000		Construction	Apr-27	4	3	DIS 0%	Hardin	NWDO
Bellaire	West Water Tank Rehab	OH0700114	4,278	\$1,733,000		Construction	Oct-26	4	3	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Wellston	Cherrington Hills Improvements	OH4001912	7,000	\$3,198,605		Construction	Apr-27	4	3	DIS 1%	Jackson	SEDO
Bremen	Water Distribution Replacement & Tank Repair	OH2300212	1,425	\$4,686,500		Construction	Dec-26	4	3	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Little Hocking Water Association	SR339 Transmission and Barlow Tank and Booster	OH8400212	9,892	\$14,009,500		Construction	Jun-27	4	2	DIS 1%/REG	Washington	SEDO
Manchester	Water Line Replacement Phase 3	OH0100112	2,043	\$3,960,250		Construction	Feb-27	4	1	DIS 0%	Adams	SEDO
Arcanum	Water Tower Replacement	OH1900112	2,100	\$2,796,500		Construction	May-27	4	0	DIS 0%	Darke	SWDO
Mount Pleasant	Water Line Replacement and Corrosion Control	OH4101712	450	\$315,070	\$157,535	Construction	Oct-26	3	5	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Malvern	Water Line Replacement Phase 2 ²	OH1000112	1,200	\$4,666,401	\$2,333,201	Construction	Oct-26	3	5	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Carroll	NEDO
Amanda	WTP Iron Filter Improvements	OH2300012	757	\$359,400	\$179,700	Construction	Mar-27	3	4	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
Belle Center	W. Buckeye Street & Elizabeth Street Water Line Replacement	OH4600012	834	\$442,255		Construction	Oct-26	3	3	SML	Logan	SWDO
Burr Oak Regional Water District	Water Expansion - Morgan County Booster	OH0700612	2,830	\$585,900		Construction	Dec-26	3	3	DIS 1%	Athens	SEDO
Delphos	North and South Jefferson Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$916,933		Construction	Dec-26	3	3	DIS 1%	Allen	NWDO
Oak Harbor	Benton Street Improvements	OH6202603	4,400	\$1,223,605		Construction	May-27	3	3	DIS 1%	Ottawa	NWDO
Jefferson Regional Water Authority	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH5703012	4,813	\$3,235,220		Construction	Apr-27	3	3	DIS 1%	Montgomery	SWDO
Jamestown	Water System Improvements	OH2901712	1,997	\$11,082,600		Construction	Oct-26	3	3	DIS 0%	Greene	SWDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 5	OH6401111	1,490	\$465,708		Construction	Dec-26	3	2	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 4	OH6401111	1,490	\$570,000		Construction	Dec-26	3	2	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
New Concord	WTP Clarifier #2 Rehabilitation	OH6001711	2,491	\$607,000		Construction	Oct-26	3	2	DIS 0%	Muskingum	SEDO
Leipsic	Poplar St Water Line Replacement	OH6900612	2,348	\$607,840		Construction	Feb-27	3	2	DIS 0%	Putnam	NWDO
Somerset	Water Line Replacement Phase 3	OH6401111	1,490	\$650,000		Construction	Dec-26	3	2	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Mingo Junction	Penn Avenue Water Main Replacement	OH4101612	3,350	\$848,000		Construction	Apr-27	3	2	DIS 1%	Jefferson	SEDO
Killbuck	Water Line Upgrades	OH3800712	950	\$1,454,189		Construction	Jan-27	3	2	SML	Holmes	NEDO
Baltimore	Water Line Improvements	OH2300112	2,995	\$5,497,000		Construction	Jan-27	3	2	DIS 1%	Fairfield	CO
Orwell	U.S. 322 Water Main Replacement	OH0401012	1,660	\$6,010,000		Construction	Mar-27	3	2	DIS 0%	Ashtabula	NEDO
Greenwich	Greenwich Water Treatment Plant	OH3900312	1,476	\$6,437,629		Construction	Sep-26	3	2	DIS 0%	Huron	NWDO

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	Population	Estimated Loan Amount	Estimated Principal Forgiveness	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Project Score	Readiness to Proceed	Rate	County	District Office
Waverly	South Lock St Roadway and Water Line Improvement	OH6600912	4,433	\$1,335,015		Construction	Apr-27	3	1	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Pike	SEDO
Payne	Water Treatment Plant Improvements	OH6300712	1,550	\$2,190,000		Construction	Dec-26	3	1	DIS 0%	Paulding	NWDO
Scio	Water Line Replacement & Lead Service Line Removal	OH3401312	763	\$2,689,743		Construction	Apr-27	3	1	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Harrison	SEDO
Leipsic	Water Treatment Plant	OH6900612	2,348	\$14,774,450		Construction	Dec-26	3	0	DIS 0%	Putnam	NWDO
Old Straitsville Water Association	Rock Run Booster Station Upgrades	OH6401403	2,950	\$229,450	\$114,725	Construction	Dec-26	2	5	DIS 1%	Perry	SEDO
Thurston	Maple St Water Line Improvements	OH2302903	604	\$364,450	Bypass 1	Construction	Sep-26	2	5	DIS 0%	Fairfield	CO
West Union	SR 41 Water Main Replacement	OH0100503	3,170	\$781,200	\$390,600	Construction	Sep-26	2	5	DIS 1%	Adams	SEDO
Beverly	Water Storage Tank Replacement	OH8400112	1,900	\$1,227,200	\$613,600	Construction	Aug-26	2	5	DIS 0%	Washington	SEDO
Toronto	Walton Acres Phase 2 Water Line and Streetscape Improvements	OH4102811	5,676	\$1,600,000	\$800,000	Construction	Jul-26	2	5	DIS 1%	Jefferson	SEDO
Coolville	Water System Improvements	OH0500603	859	\$1,975,000	\$987,500	Construction	Sep-26	2	5	DIS 0%	Athens	SEDO
Mingo Junction	Farmers Lane Watermain Replacement	OH4101612	3,350	\$155,000	\$77,500	Construction	Apr-27	2	4	DIS 1%	Jefferson	SEDO
Clarksville	Water Meter Replacement	OH1400203	562	\$239,531	\$119,766	Construction	Sep-26	2	4	DIS 0%	Clinton	SWDO
Bridgeport	Lombardy Heights Tank Rehabilitation	OH0700612	2,830	\$287,247	\$143,624	Construction	Feb-27	2	4	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Jackson	Broadway St Water Line Project	OH4000111	9,691	\$692,952	\$346,476	Construction	Apr-27	2	4	DIS 1%	Jackson	SEDO
Gallipolis	Water Meter System Improvements	OH2700112	7,134	\$765,000	Bypass 1	Construction	Mar-27	2	4	DIS 1%	Gallia	SEDO
Somerset	Water Meter Replacement and AMI Upgrade	OH6401111	1,490	\$780,000	\$390,000	Construction	Sep-26	2	4	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Kenton	Detroit Street Water Line and LSL Phase 2 ¹	OH3300612	8,360	\$907,124	\$453,562	Construction	Sep-26	2	4	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Hardin	NWDO
Adena	Blairmont Road Water Line	OH4100003	820	\$907,780	\$453,890	Construction	Dec-26	2	4	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Kingston	Meter Replacement	OH7100912	1,032	\$1,129,000	\$564,500	Construction	Oct-26	2	4	DIS 0%	Ross	SEDO
South Charleston	SR 42 Water Line Replacement	OH1204212	1,660	\$1,728,820	\$864,410	Construction	Jun-27	2	4	DIS 0%	Clark	SWDO
McArthur	Water System Improvements	OH8200212	1,920	\$1,794,580	\$255,592	Construction	Jun-27	2	4	DIS 0%	Vinton	SEDO
Kenton	Downtown Water Line Replacement Phase 2B	OH3300612	8,360	\$2,859,960		Construction	Oct-26	2	4	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Hardin	NWDO
Logan	RO Membrane Skid for WTP	OH3700612	6,704	\$3,014,400		Construction	May-27	2	4	DIS 1%	Hocking	SEDO
Williamsport	Water Treatment Plant & Water Distribution Improvements	OH6503012	1,038	\$7,141,218		Construction	Oct-26	2	4	DIS 0%	Pickaway	CO
Philo	Market St WL Replacement / 2nd St WL Ext	OH6001912	974	\$332,320		Construction	Dec-26	2	3	DIS 0%	Muskingum	SEDO
Roseville	Water Line Replacement	OH6002112	1,852	\$410,400		Construction	Dec-26	2	3	DIS 0%	Perry	SEDO
Stratton	Water Meter Project	OH4102512	320	\$704,700		Construction	Oct-26	2	3	DIS 0%	Jefferson	SEDO
Oakwood	Water Meter Installation Project	OH6300312	727	\$803,900		Construction	Apr-27	2	3	DIS 0%	Paulding	NWDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements	OH5800112	823	\$857,700		Construction	Oct-26	2	3	DIS 0%	Morgan	SEDO
Fairport Harbor	Water Meter Replacement and AMI Implementation	OH4300411	3,180	\$955,700		Construction	Mar-27	2	3	DIS 1%	Lake	NEDO
Addyston	Sekitan Avenue Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3100012	900	\$1,327,083		Construction	Jun-27	2	3	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Mount Orab	Water Towers - Rehabilitations	OH0801011	6,607	\$1,335,000		Construction	Feb-27	2	3	DIS 1%	Brown	SWDO
Lynchburg	Water System Improvements Phase 1	OH3600915	1,515	\$2,720,000		Construction	Jan-27	2	3	DIS 0%	Highland	SWDO
North Lewisburg	Water Line System Improvements	OH1100812	1,850	\$2,821,875		Construction	May-27	2	3	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Champaign	SWDO
New Holland	Water System Improvements	OH6501612	830	\$4,346,000		Construction	Apr-27	2	3	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
Cadiz	Charleston Street Water Line Replacement	OH3400214	3,353	\$498,974		Construction	May-27	2	2	DIS 1%	Harrison	SEDO
Payne	North Main Street Water Line Replacement	OH6300712	1,550	\$724,510		Construction	Aug-26	2	2	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Paulding	NWDO
Gnadenhutten	South Walnut Street Water Line Replacement	OH7900512	1,240	\$753,240		Construction	Sep-26	2	2	DIS 0%	Tuscarawas	SEDO
Hillsboro	Greystone Drive WL Replacement	OH3600614	6,650	\$850,828		Construction	May-27	2	2	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Highland	SWDO
Delphos	Pierce Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$1,118,690		Construction	Jan-27	2	2	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Amesville	Water Distribution Improvements	OH0500112	255	\$3,000,000		Construction	Jun-27	2	2	SML	Athens	SEDO
Oak Hill	Water System Improvements	OH4000411	3,067	\$4,916,576		Construction	May-27	2	2	DIS 1%	Jackson	SEDO
Addyston	Distribution, LSL, and Transmission Main Replacement	OH3100012	900	\$10,728,381		Construction	Jun-27	2	2	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Leetonia	Main Street Water Line Replacement	OH1501412	1,833	\$322,850		Construction	Jul-26	2	1	DIS 0%	Columbiana	NEDO
Martins Ferry	Jefferson Street Water Line Replacement	OH0701212	6,980	\$650,420		Construction	Apr-27	2	1	DIS 1%	Belmont	SEDO
Delphos	First Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	7,101	\$778,834		Construction	Feb-27	2	1	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
East Palestine	Unity Township Utilities Expansion	OH1500912	4,761	\$14,745,000		Construction	Apr-27	2	1	DIS 1%/REG	Columbiana	NEDO
Beach City	2nd Avenue Southeast Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$524,719		Construction	May-27	2	0	DIS 0%	Stark	NEDO
Beach City	Justus/Dolphin Water Line Replacement	OH7600212	1,031	\$1,368,820		Construction	May-27	2	0	DIS 0%	Stark	NEDO
Fayette	Water Tower Replacement	OH2600412	1,340	\$3,662,800		Construction	Jun-27	2	0	DIS 0%	Fulton	NWDO

NOTES

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

Projects with a Readiness-to-Proceed ranking of 4 and 5 were considered for PF funding

¹ project will receive unrestricted PF from PY26 and DIS PF from PY27

² project cost was adjusted to exclude lead service line costs

* Project to receive SUDC grant funding

BYPASS 1 - Project was bypassed as only one principal forgiveness award will be allocated per entity each program year

DIS = Disadvantaged

REG = Regionalization

SML = Small Community

LSL = Lead Service Line

Projects Eligible for Emerging Contaminant Principal Forgiveness and Discount in PY2027
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Entity	Project	PWS ID	Estimated Loan Amount	Estimated EC Related Costs	Est. EC Principal Forgiveness	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Project Score	Readiness To Proceed	Rate	County	District Office
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Aqua Ohio - Massillon	OH7604512	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	33	4	Reg/EC	Stark	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Aqua Ohio - Massillon Tie into PCA Corp - Greif Packaging	OH7604512	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	BYPASS 1	Construction	Aug-26	18	1	Reg/EC	Stark	NEDO
Dayton	Advanced PFAS Treatment @Ottawa WTP, CMAR	OH5703512	\$315,000,000	\$315,000,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Dec-26	16	4	STD/EC	Montgomery	SWDO
Dayton	Expansion of Miami Well Field Recharge Lagoon, Ph 3	OH5703512	\$41,000,000	\$41,000,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	16	3	STD/EC	Montgomery	SWDO
Beverly	Water System Improvements, PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8400112	\$270,000	\$270,000	\$270,000	Design	Aug-26	13	2	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Beverly	Water System Improvements, PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8400112	\$2,926,500	\$2,962,500	BYPASS 2	Construction	Apr-27	13	2	DIS 0%/EC	Washington	SEDO
Matamoras	New Water Treatment Plant	OH8400512	\$5,660,580	\$5,660,580	\$4,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	12	3	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
South Point	Water Treatment Plant PFAS Upgrades	OH4401212	\$705,000	\$705,000	BYPASS 2	Design	Sep-26	11	2	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
South Point	Water Treatment Plant PFAS Upgrades	OH4401212	\$6,430,600	\$6,430,600	BYPASS 3	Construction	May-27	11	2	SML/EC	Lawrence	SEDO
Shadyside	PFAS Remediation	OH0701612	\$1,528,180	\$1,528,180	BYPASS 3	Design	Dec-26	11	1	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Phillipsburg	Water System Improvements	OH5702112	\$300,000	\$300,000	BYPASS 1	Design	Apr-27	10	1	PLN/DES	Montgomery	SWDO
Middleport	PFAS Reduction	OH5300112	\$339,655	\$339,655	\$339,655	Design	Aug-26	9	1	PLN/DES	Meigs	SEDO
Middleport	PFAS Reduction	OH5300112	\$4,440,432	\$4,440,432	BYPASS 2	Construction	Feb-27	9	1	DIS 0%/EC	Meigs	SEDO
Ironton	PFAS Design	OH4400711	\$1,190,000	\$1,190,000	BYPASS 3	Design	Aug-26	9	1	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Gallia County Rural Water Association	GAC for PFAS Removal	OH2700012	\$7,100,000	\$7,100,000	BYPASS 3	Construction	May-27	7	3	STD/EC	Gallia	SEDO
Loveland	City of Loveland PFAS Treatment	OH1300812	\$15,750,000	\$16,950,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	7	3	STD/EC	Hamilton	SWDO
Indian Hill	Water Treatment Plant PFAS	OH3101112	\$658,998	\$658,998	BYPASS 3	Design	Jul-26	7	2	PLN/DES	Hamilton	SWDO
Indian Hill	Water Treatment Plant PFAS	OH3101112	\$18,565,000	\$18,565,000	BYPASS 1	Construction	Mar-27	7	2	STD/EC	Hamilton	SWDO
Putnam Community Water Corporation	PFAS Well Mitigation	OH8400712	\$1,086,030	\$1,086,030	BYPASS 3	Construction	Aug-26	7	2	DIS 0%/EC	Washington	SEDO
Warren Community Water and Sewer Assoc	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	\$276,000	\$276,000	BYPASS 3	Design	Oct-26	7	1	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Akron	Water Plant Advanced Treatment Facility Design	OH7700011	\$1,558,581	\$1,558,581	BYPASS 1	Design	Sep-26	7	0	PLN/DES	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Water Plant Advanced Treatment Facility	OH7700011	\$83,000,000	\$10,000,000	BYPASS 1	Construction	May-27	7	0	STD/EC	Summit	NEDO
Little Hocking Water Association	Phase 2A Water Line Extension	OH8400212	\$5,505,000	\$5,505,000	BYPASS 2	Construction	Jun-27	6	5	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Little Hocking Water Association	Phase 1A Water Line Extension	OH8400212	\$11,752,000	\$11,752,000	\$4,000,000	Construction	Sep-26	6	5	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corporation	Muskingum River Road Water Line Extension	OH8400712	\$60,000	\$60,000	BYPASS 3	Design	Aug-26	6	2	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Water System Improvements - PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8403112	\$240,600	\$240,600	\$240,600	Design	Aug-26	6	2	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	\$172,200	\$172,200	BYPASS 3	Design	Aug-26	6	2	PLN/DES	Morgan	SEDO
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	\$2,562,200	\$2,562,200	BYPASS 2	Construction	Apr-27	6	2	DIS 0%/EC	Morgan	SEDO
Putnam Community Water Corporation	Muskingum River Road Water Line Extension	OH8400712	\$1,560,000	\$1,560,000	BYPASS 3	Construction	May-27	6	2	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Tri-County Rural Water & Sewer District	Water System Improvements - PFAS/PFOS Treatment	OH8403112	\$2,787,000	\$2,787,000	BYPASS 2	Construction	Apr-27	6	2	DIS 0%/EC	Washington	SEDO
Bellbrook	WTP Improvements	OH2901112	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	Planning	Sep-26	6	1	PLN/DES	Greene	SWDO
Cambridge	PFAS Water Treatment Plant Modifications	OH3000111	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	Planning	Aug-26	6	1	PLN/DES	Guernsey	SEDO
Belpre	Braun Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$179,247	\$179,247	BYPASS 2	Design	Aug-26	6	1	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Braun Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$1,799,938	\$1,799,938	BYPASS 2	Construction	Mar-27	6	1	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Gallipolis	PFAS Filter Improvements	OH2700112	\$4,809,500	\$4,809,500	BYPASS 2	Construction	May-27	6	1	DIS 1%/EC	Gallia	SEDO
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	Planning	Aug-26	6	0	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	\$500,000	\$500,000	BYPASS 3	Design	Aug-26	6	0	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	BYPASS 1	Construction	Feb-27	6	0	DIS 1%/EC	Belmont	SEDO
Coal Grove	PFAS General Plan	OH4400012	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	Planning	Aug-26	6	0	PLN/DES	Lawrence	SEDO
Western Water Company	PFAS Treatment Process Removal	OH8300512	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	BYPASS 1	Construction	Jun-27	5	2	STD/EC	Warren	SWDO
Columbus	DRWP GAC Improvements Project; CIP No. 690618-100000	OH2504412	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	BYPASS 1	Design	Oct-26	5	1	PLN/DES	Franklin	CO
Stockport	Emerging Contaminant Mitigation Project	OH5800912	\$362,000	\$362,000	BYPASS 2	Design	Oct-26	5	0	PLN/DES	Morgan	SEDO
Barnesville	PFOA WTP Improvements	OH0700011	\$449,850	\$449,850	BYPASS 2	Design	Jan-27	5	0	PLN/DES	Belmont	SEDO
Belpre	Hill Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$121,300	\$121,300	BYPASS 2	Design	Aug-26	1	1	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Hill Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$1,114,150	\$1,114,150	BYPASS 2	Construction	Oct-26	1	1	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Beach Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$170,633	\$170,633	BYPASS 3	Design	Aug-26	1	1	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Beach Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$2,014,875	\$2,014,875	BYPASS 1	Construction	Mar-27	1	1	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Farson Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$228,950	\$228,950	BYPASS 2	Design	Aug-26	1	1	PLN/DES	Washington	SEDO
Belpre	Farson Street Water Main Extension	OH8400012	\$2,099,943	\$2,099,943	BYPASS 2	Construction	Oct-26	1	1	Reg/EC	Washington	SEDO

NOTES:
 1. Projects are ranked by Project Score, Readiness-to-Proceed, Disadvantaged, Est Loan Amount (lowest to highest)
 2. Only the EC related portion of each project is eligible for principal forgiveness and EC discount funding.
 2. Ohio EPA's IJIA drinking water EC capitalization grant totals \$25,355,270
 3. Funding for projects noted as 'Bypass 2' will be issued from Ohio EPA's PFAS Mitigation Grant Funding

Total EC Funding Requests: \$503,975,942

BYPASS 1 - Project was bypassed due to low Readiness-to-Proceed ranking
 BYPASS 2 - Project to receive funding from other assistance program
 BYPASS 3 - Project to receive EC-SDC Grant Funding

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

Projects to be funded with EC SDC Grant Funds:

Entity	Project	PWS ID	EC-SDC Grant*	Project Type
Chesterhill	Water System Improvements PFAS	OH5800112	\$172,200	Design
Gallia County	GAC for PFAS Removal	OH2700012	\$7,100,000	Construction
Indian Hill	Water Treatment Plant PFAS	OH3101112	\$658,998	Design
Ironton	PFAS Design	OH4400711	\$1,190,000	Design
Little Hocking W&S Assoc.	Phase 1A Water Line Extension	OH8400212	\$4,000,000	Construction
Martins Ferry	PFAS WTP Improvements	OH0701212	\$500,000	Design
Putnam Community Water Corp.	PFAS Well Mitigation	OH8400712	\$1,086,030	Construction
Putnam Community Water Corp.	Muskingum River Road Water Line Extension	OH8400712	\$1,620,000	Design/Construction
Shadyside	PFAS Remediation	OH0701612	\$1,528,180	Design
South Point	Water Treatment Plant PFAS Upgrades	OH4401212	\$6,430,600	Construction
Warren Community	PFAS Remediation Pilot Testing and Detailed Design	OH8402703	\$276,000	Design

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

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Addyston	Distribution, LSL, and Transmission Main Replacement	OH3100012	\$10,728,381	\$ 1,715,625	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Addyston	Sekitan Avenue Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3100012	\$1,327,083	\$ 281,250	Construction	Jun-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2026	OH7700011	\$5,700,000	\$ 5,700,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Summit	NEDO
Akron	Lead Service Line Replacement Program 2027	OH7700011	\$9,600,000	\$ 9,600,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Summit	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Ashtabula Lead & GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH0400711	\$7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Ashtabula	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Marion Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5100414	\$7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Marion	NWDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Struthers Lead and GRR Service Line Replacement 2026	OH5001611	\$7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Mahoning	NEDO
Aqua Ohio Inc.	Tiffin Lead Service Line Replacement 2026	OH7400614	\$7,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	LSL PF	Seneca	NWDO
Bradford	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1900212	\$800,000	\$ 800,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Miami	SWDO
Cambridge	Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 3	OH3000111	\$1,005,600	\$ 1,005,600	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Guernsey	SEDO
Canton	GRR Service Line Replacement Project	OH7608112	\$17,943,750	\$ 17,943,750	Construction	Oct-26	LSL PF	Stark	NEDO
Cincinnati	Alms - Chapel Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,051,413	\$ 250,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Bader - Henshaw Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$5,435,460	\$ 615,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Blaesi - Camargo Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,119,107	\$ 390,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Burch - Shaw Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,821,149	\$ 875,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Concord - Morgan Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$2,643,591	\$ 355,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Fire Flow 23 Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,259,225	\$ 685,000	Construction	Jan-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Handasyde - Perkins Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,660,689	\$ 590,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	McHenry - Wooster Area Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,684,603	\$ 535,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Mt Hope/Warsaw Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	\$3,982,453	\$ 730,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Observatory Water Main Replacement - Oakley Abandonment	OH3102612	\$3,731,017	\$ 114,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Plum/Court Water Main and LSL Replacement	OH3102612	\$4,761,000	\$ 303,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Vine St Water Meter Replacement	OH3102612	\$2,439,479	\$ 24,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Voll - Martha Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$1,255,127	\$ 1,500	Construction	Jul-26	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Cincinnati	Western Hills Feeder Phase 2 Water Main Replacement	OH3102612	\$12,000,000	\$ 430,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD/LSL PF	Hamilton	SWDO
Circleville	North End Water Line & Paving Capital Improvements - Phase 1	OH6500412	\$4,433,000	\$ 701,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
Circleville	Utility Improvements for South Court Street	OH6500412	\$2,634,000	\$ 674,000	Construction	Sep-26	STD/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-1	OH1801212	\$12,375,000	\$ 12,375,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-10	OH1801212	\$8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-11	OH1801212	\$8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-12	OH1801212	\$8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-13	OH1801212	\$1,787,500	\$ 1,787,500	Construction	Aug-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-14	OH1801212	\$1,787,500	\$ 1,787,500	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-15	OH1801212	\$4,500,000	\$ 4,500,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-16	OH1801212	\$5,056,406	\$ 5,056,406	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-17	OH1801212	\$3,657,000	\$ 3,657,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-18	OH1801212	\$3,231,500	\$ 3,231,500	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-19	OH1801212	\$1,440,000	\$ 1,440,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-2	OH1801212	\$12,375,000	\$ 12,375,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-20	OH1801212	\$4,350,000	\$ 4,350,000	Construction	May-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-3	OH1801212	\$12,375,000	\$ 12,375,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-4	OH1801212	\$8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-5	OH1801212	\$8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-6	OH1801212	\$8,250,000	\$ 8,250,000	Construction	Dec-26	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-7	OH1801212	\$12,375,000	\$ 12,375,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO

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Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-8	OH1801212	\$12,375,000	\$ 12,375,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Cleveland	CWD LSLR YEAR 5-9	OH1801212	\$12,375,000	\$ 12,375,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Cuyahoga	NEDO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 4, CIP 690236-110006	OH2504412	\$11,100,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 5, CIP 690236-110007	OH2504412	\$11,100,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 6, CIP 690236-110008	OH2504412	\$11,100,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Dec-26	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 7, CIP 690236-110009	OH2504412	\$11,100,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Feb-27	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 8, CIP 690236-110010	OH2504412	\$11,100,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Apr-27	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Columbus	Lead Service Line Replacements - Part 9, CIP 690236-110011	OH2504412	\$11,100,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	STD/LSL PF	Franklin	CO
Cuyahoga Falls*	Lead Line Service Replacement	OH7701012	\$2,590,487	\$ 2,590,487	Construction	Jul-26	LSL	Summit	NEDO
Cuyahoga Falls*	Lead Service Line Replacement Ph 2	OH7701012	\$3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	Construction	Jun-27	LSL	Summit	NEDO
Dayton	Lead Service Line Replacement Ph 1	OH5703512	\$20,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Montgomery	SWDO
Delphos	First Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	\$778,834	\$ 147,400	Construction	Feb-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	LSL Replacement 2026: Jackson, Harmon, Moening & Grant St.	OH0200412	\$2,142,494	\$ 1,063,777	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Delphos	Pierce Street Water Line Replacement	OH0200412	\$1,118,690	\$ 549,710	Construction	Jan-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
East Liverpool	SR 39 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH1500811	\$2,848,818	\$ 1,615,175	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Columbiana	NEDO
Greenville	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 1A & 1B	OH1900714	\$15,494,295	\$ 15,494,295	Construction	Sep-26	LSL PF	Darke	SWDO
Greenville	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 2	OH1900714	\$15,260,789	\$ 15,260,789	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Darke	SWDO
Hillsboro	Greystone Drive WL Replacement	OH3600614	\$850,828	\$ 107,100	Construction	May-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Highland	SWDO
Kenton	Detroit Street Water Line and LSL Phase 2	OH3300612	\$1,626,124	\$ 719,010	Construction	Sep-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Hardin	NWDO
Kenton	Downtown Water Line Replacement Phase 2B	OH3300612	\$2,859,960	\$ 1,546,404	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Hardin	NWDO
Kingston	Replacement of Lead Water Service Lines	OH7100912	\$2,087,400	\$ 2,087,400	Construction	Oct-26	LSL PF	Ross	SEDO
Lima	Lead Service Line Replacement - Phase 4	OH200811	\$3,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	STD/LSL PF	Allen	NWDO
Malvern	Water Line Replacement Phase 2	OH1000112	\$4,677,001	\$ 10,600	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Carroll	NEDO
Martins Ferry	Water Line and LSL Replacement	OH0701212	\$3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	Construction	Feb-27	LSL PF	Belmont	SEDO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	London Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4901012	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Construction	Aug-26	LSL PF	Madison	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District*	Plain City Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4901012	\$1,941,200	\$ 1,941,200	Construction	Aug-26	LSL	Madison	CO
New Concord	Main St Lead Service Line Replacement	OH6001711		\$ 189,000	Construction	Oct-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Muskingum	SEDO
New Holland	Water System Improvements	OH6501612	\$4,346,000	\$ 444,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Pickaway	CO
Newark	Lead Service Line Replacement Project #9	OH4502314	\$1,700,000	\$ 1,700,000	Construction	Jun-27	LSL PF	Licking	CO
Niles	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH7802403	\$10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	Construction	Jan-27	LSL PF	Trumbull	NEDO
North Lewisburg	Water Line System Improvements	OH1100812	\$2,821,875	\$ 348,000	Construction	May-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Champaign	SWDO
Oxford	Lead Service Line Replacement	OH0902312	\$200,000	\$ 200,000	Construction	Jan-27	LSL PF	Butler	SWDO
Payne	North Main Street Water Line Replacement	OH6300712	\$724,510	\$ 724,510	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Paulding	NWDO
Port Clinton	Water and Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements	OH6203211	\$2,835,391	\$ 750,000	Construction	Aug-26	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Ottawa	NWDO
Portage County	Village of Mantua Distribution Replacement Ph 2	OH6702212	\$4,499,636	\$ 270,000	Construction	Jul-26	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Portage	NEDO
Scio	Water Line Replacement & Lead Service Line Removal	OH3401312	\$2,689,743	\$ 212,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 0%/LSL PF	Harrison	SEDO
Shelby	LSL Replacement 1A and 1B	OH7004511	\$8,846,000	\$ -	Construction	Apr-27	SML/LSL	Richland	NWDO
Sidney	Wilson & Wilkinson Ave Lead Service Line Replacement	OH7501214	\$957,270	\$ 957,270	Construction	Oct-26	LSL PF	Shelby	SWDO
Springfield	W. High St Water Services 2- Dayton Ave to Yellow Springs St	OH1204412	\$781,530	\$ 709,830	Construction	Aug-26	STD/LSL PF	Clark	SWDO

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Tipp City*	Kiser & Miles Water Main Replacement	OH5553612	\$1,086,624	\$ 566,918	Construction	Mar-27	LSL	Miami	SWDO
Toledo	2026 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4801411		\$ 2,000,000	Construction	Jul-26	STD/LSL PF	Lucas	NWDO
Toledo	2027 Lead Service Line Replacement	OH4801411	\$6,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	Construction	Mar-27	LSL PF	Lucas	NWDO
Warren	Austin Ave SW & Dover Ave SW Water Line Replacement (Area D)	OH7803811	\$1,014,900	\$ 277,000	Construction	Oct-26	STD/LSL PF	Trumbull	NEDO
Waverly	South Lock St Roadway and Water Line Improvement	OH6600912	\$1,335,015	\$ 263,000	Construction	Apr-27	DIS 1%/LSL PF	Pike	SEDO
Wellington	Village-wide LSL Replacement	OH4701511	\$1,085,500	\$ 1,085,500	Construction	Aug-26	LSL PF	Lorain	NEDO
Youngstown	Glenwood St Area Lead Service Line Replacement	OH5002303	\$8,800,000	\$ 8,800,000	Construction	Apr-27	LSL PF	Mahoning	NEDO

Total LSL Funding Requests: \$ 391,009,006

- 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 in the Rate column
 - 3. Ohio EPA's IJIA 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 2027. Projects that do not proceed may renominate for PY 2028
- *Community is eligible for 0% interest rate loan for the LSL portions of the project

Projects Eligible for Regionalization Discount in PY2027

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Entity	Project	PWS ID	Estimated Loan Amount	Loan Type	Estimated Award Date	Rate	County	District Office
Del-Co Water Company, Inc.	Village of Cardington Water Line Extension	OH2101412	\$3,622,850	Construction	Dec-26	Delaware	Delaware	CO
Granville	River Road Water Line Extension - Phases 2 and 3	OH4500612	\$500,000	Construction	Jan-27	Licking	Licking	CO
Licking County	Edgewater Beach Water Line Extension	OH4500812	\$5,732,000	Construction	May-27	Licking	Licking	CO
Licking County	Hanover Marne Phase 2 Water Line Extension	OH4500812	\$15,016,181	Construction	Jun-27	Licking	Licking	CO
Licking County	SR 13 Tank & Water Line Extension for Edgewater/Jacksontown	OH4500812	\$3,890,800	Construction	Apr-27	Licking	Licking	CO
Mid-Ohio Water and Sewer District	SR 56/US 40 & Summerford Water Line Extension	OH4901012	\$5,247,350	Construction	Oct-26	Madison	Madison	CO
Muskingum County	Water Treatment Plant and Well Field Expansion - Maysville	OH6000412	\$7,754,000	Construction	Dec-26	Muskingum	Muskingum	SEDO
Noble County Water Authority	Waterline Extension & Interconnect Final Phase B	OH6100503	\$1,530,000	Construction	Aug-26	Noble	Noble	SEDO
Ottawa County	Ottawa County Regional & Village of Marblehead Regional	OH6205011	\$2,647,400	Construction	Sep-26	Ottawa	Ottawa	NWDO

Regionalization projects are eligible for 0.00% interest rate up to \$5M per project

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% and 1% rates, 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 \$5 million per project, up to 30-year term (40-year term for a Disadvantaged Community)
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 30-year term (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 calculation yields a negative rate then the standard rate will be 0.00%

The standard interest rates are determined by the following formula:

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

where,

- $\text{Std.}_{\text{FINAL}}$ = Final standard interest rate
- $\text{MMD}_{\text{INDEX}}$ = 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) and allocated principal forgiveness in Appendix B will receive a zero percent interest rate. Disadvantaged communities may also be eligible for loan terms up to 40 years based on the useful life of the infrastructure improvements. Appendix E details the criteria for systems to qualify as disadvantaged.

Disadvantaged community projects that are not allocated principal forgiveness are eligible for 0-percent or 1-percent interest rate loan based on service area population and median household income (MHI):

- Current service population equal to or less than 2,500 and a median household income (MHI) equal to or less than the state average will receive an interest rate of 0.0 percent.
- Current service population between 2,501 and 10,000 and with a median household income equal to or less than the state average will receive an interest rate of 1.0 percent.

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 addresses agency priorities. The priority ranking system, along with readiness-to-proceed criteria, is primarily used to rank projects eligible for principal 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 evaluated 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 in connecting 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 of 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 $\geq$ 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 for any of the above	1 point/contaminant (2 points max)
Level $\geq$ 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 $\geq$ 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 is 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 proposed 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 Construction (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 <u>public health issue</u> 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 and Readiness to Proceed

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.

In January 2025, Ohio EPA began the required process of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule review for the Disadvantaged Community loan program (OAC 3745-88-01 and OAC 3745-88-02). This process is required for all OAC rules on a five-year cycle. The rules were evaluated for revision and stakeholder outreach was conducted. Revised rules became effective on January 15, 2026. Primary revisions included definitions and determination criteria for the disadvantaged community loan program. The revisions created parity and offer more transparency between the two SRF programs for disadvantaged community eligibility determinations. In response to the rule revision, determination criteria were adjusted for PY 2027. Evaluation on the impact of these rules concluded more public water systems would be eligible for principal forgiveness funding.

For PY 2027, a disadvantaged community candidate is a Public Water System (PWS) with a service population below 10,000, 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 benchmarks and build on our previous use of socio-economic statistics:

General Criteria	Program Value
Service Area Population	Less than 10,000
Socio-Economic Benchmarks	Program Value
Median Household Income (MHI) less than or equal to statewide average	≤ \$71,389
Individuals with income below 200% of poverty level greater than or equal to statewide average	≥29.3%
Unemployment Rate (civilian) greater than or equal to statewide average	≥4.8%

Percent population change between 2010 and 2020 decennial census	≤ 150%
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For program year 2027 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.

Socio-Economic Benchmarks	Program Value
Median Household Income (MHI) less than or equal to statewide average	≤ \$71,389
Individuals with income below 200% of poverty level greater than or equal to statewide average	≥29.3%
Unemployment Rate (civilian) greater than or equal to statewide average	≥4.8%
Percent population change between 2010 and 2020 decennial census	≤ 150%

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 disadvantaged community loan program principal forgiveness.

Socio-Economic Benchmarks

Statewide Average MHI	Poverty Level	Unemployment Rate	Population Change
≤\$71,389	≥ <u>29.3%</u>	≥ <u>4.8%</u>	≤150%

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.

2024 ACS 5-year Estimate of Ohio MHI	Benchmark
Median Household Income	<\$71,389

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.

2024 ACS 5-year Estimate of Ohio Poverty	Benchmark
Poverty Rate	29.3%

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.

2024 ACS 5-year Estimate of Ohio Unemployment	Benchmark
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Percent Population Change

Population change is the percentage of population change between the 2010 and 2020 decennial census. This benchmark indicates if a community has experienced tremendous population growth between decennial population counts.

Percent Population Change	Benchmark
% change in population	150%

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.

Readiness-to-proceed Criteria:

Background

Beginning in Program Year 2019, a phased approach was outlined for applying readiness-to-proceed rankings when distributing principal forgiveness funding to eligible projects. Each program year, readiness-to-proceed criteria is evaluated and updated, as needed, to include measures that best distinguish a project ready for construction.

High scoring projects eligible for principal forgiveness (i.e., disadvantaged community, regionalization, lead service line and emerging contaminant projects) are reviewed for readiness-to-proceed. This is a secondary evaluation to the project score using the Project Priority Ranking System (refer to Appendix D). The readiness-to-proceed ranking is based on project information readily available at the time of evaluation and provided with the project nomination.

Projects will be sorted by project score then by readiness-to-proceed ranking. Agency priorities, such as regionalization or projects addressing PFAS, will be used as a tie breaker for projects with the same project score and readiness-to-proceed ranking. Projects may also be sorted by lowest to highest estimated cost.

Program Year 2027 readiness-to-proceed criteria:

- Project planning information
 - Approvable project planning information submitted with project nomination (1 point)
- OR**
- Approved General Plan, if applicable (1 point)
- Design underway (1 point)
- Detail plans submitted/approved (1 point for plans submitted, 2 points for plans approved)
- Public participation (1 point)

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](#).

A General Plan is 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 general plan guidance document is available on the WSRLA 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.

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, include a written project update with the nomination.

To meet the readiness-to-proceed criteria, detailed plans or project plans must be submitted to the DDAGW by the end of the nomination period. Not all projects require formal plan submission. Formal submission includes detailed plans and review fee, and any supporting documentation, submitted to the DDAGW through the ePlan platform. For projects that do not require formal plan submission (e.g., lead service line replacement, water meter, 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 varies depending on the anticipated project. In general, the nomination should provide a description and supporting documentation of previous and current outreach to the impacted area (i.e., community, neighborhood, residents) and any responses received, as well as a description of any additional anticipated outreach efforts. As appropriate, public participation may include information available online, press releases or news articles, and mailings or direct contact with current or potential customers.

NOTE: 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 (LSL) 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.).

Disadvantaged Community Loan Program Data Sources

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

Population – B01003, Total Population, 2024 ACS 5-year estimates

MHI – B19013, Median Household Income in the Past 12 months, 2024 ACS 5-year Estimates

Unemployment Rate - B23025, Employment Status for Population 16 Years and Over, 2024 ACS 5-year Estimates, Unemployed Population 16 Years and Over in Civilian Labor Force Unemployment Rate

Poverty Rate - S1701, Poverty Status in the Past 12 months, 2024 ACS 5-year Estimates, Individuals with Income Below 200% of Poverty Level

Percent Population Change - DECENNIAL PL2010 and PL2020

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 reservoirs¹, 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. Permitting 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 (\$867,600) from the FFY 2026 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 6.5 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 as well as parts 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 providing assistance regarding treatment optimization 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 10.00 percent (\$5,620,300) from the FFY 2026 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 18.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to complete the program activities described in this section.

Return to Compliance Activities for PWS

Provide assistance to PWSs 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 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.

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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.

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 assistance needs of Ohio's small public water systems.

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. The following services will be performed by RCAP and Ohio EPA field staff.

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 2 self-paced online courses and 9 recorded webinars.

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 PWSs referred by Ohio EPA. Develop a 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 9.2 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 including 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

Annual Reports

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

Progress Statements

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 required, any existing compliance schedules, 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 of 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 the 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.

Lead Service Line Replacement: Small Systems Technical Assistance Grant

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

Ohio EPA will set-aside approximately \$1,000,000 (0.39%) of the lead service line capitalization grant to fund a Small System Technical Assistance Program (SSTAP) contract with the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership/Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP) to aid public water systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons in complying with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. The program will include identification and planning for future replacement of lead service lines.

Description of the Scope of Work to be Provided

The scope of the small system technical service providers will include, but is not limited to:

- Assist water systems in creating and updating initial LSL inventories.
- Assist systems to conduct, record, and track LSLs, and assist with public outreach.
- Reduce unknown service lines through visual inspections.
- Assist systems with validation of non-lead service lines.
- Assist systems in preparing LSL replacement plans.
- Prepare final inventories, maps, and project reports.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program is expected to begin on October 1, 2026, and run through September 30, 2029. 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.

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.

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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 \$867,600 (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 6.5 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 and susceptibility analyses.

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. Since 2024, SWAP staff have been working through updates for all source water assessment reports, because 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 protection 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 2026-2027 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 statewide 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 keep 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 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 \$4,500,000 (8.01%) 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.

Ohio EPA will utilize approximately \$2,500,000 to support an estimated 18.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions to complete the activities described in this section.

Emergency Generator Program

For PY 2027, Ohio EPA plans to utilize approximately \$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 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 must 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 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 \$1,000,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

Ohio EPA will target community public water systems serving 10,000 customers or fewer that are at risk of disruption of service due to power failures. The program will begin in the fall of 2026, 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.

Financial Capacity and Water Rate Evaluation Program

Ohio intends to use \$500,000 of the Local Assistance and Other State Programs set-aside to provide technical assistance to small community public water systems by providing grants to support third-party comprehensive water rate studies that directly strengthen their financial capacity and support long-term asset management implementation. Specifically, this work plan addresses:

1. Water rate study 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.

Water Rate Study Program Grant

Because financial capacity is essential for maintaining, rehabilitating, and replacing drinking water infrastructure, water rate studies play a critical role in ensuring systems have sufficient revenue to implement their asset management plans, meet regulatory requirements, and maintain long-term sustainability. Items eligible for reimbursement include:

1. Water rate studies conducted by a third-party contractor must include the following at a minimum:
 - a. Clear financial and asset management recommendations,
 - b. Capital planning considerations tied directly to asset management requirements,
 - c. Rate projections and revenue requirement analysis,
 - d. Financial capacity documentation that supports asset management compliance,
2. A final report that includes:
 - a. A summary of all analyses, assumptions, and data used;
 - b. Recommendations for rate adjustments with justification;
 - c. Capital planning considerations that support asset management implementation;
 - d. Multi-year financial planning outputs;
 - e. Future planning and next steps for the water system; and
 - f. All required 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 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 a comprehensive water rate study. The goal is to ensure that water systems understand the financial sufficiency of their current rates and have transparent, data-supported recommendations for future adjustments. Information generated through the rate study will support technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) capacity requirements and long-term system sustainability.

Funding Amount

The amount set-aside from the general supplemental grant is \$500,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program will begin in the fall of 2026, 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 water rate study documentation and closeout report, Ohio EPA will issue payment to the public water system reimbursing the cost of the study, 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.

Source Water Protection Grant Program

Under this grant program, Ohio EPA intends to use \$500,000 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 \$500,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program will begin in the fall of 2026, 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.

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

For PY 2027, Ohio EPA plans to utilize approximately \$18,500,000 (7.21%) 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 7.21% which is approximately \$18,500,000.

Schedule for Completing Activities

The program started in the fall of 2024, and applications were accepted in June 2024. A second round of applications will be accepted in the summer of 2026. 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 communities. 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% 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 2027 (June 2027), any unused LSL funding will be carried over into PY 2028.

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.

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 \$1,000,000 annually

Appendix B includes all nominated projects with an EC component. At the end of PY 2027 (June 2027), any unused EC funding will be carried over into PY 2028.

Additional funding from the Emerging Contaminant Small and Disadvantaged Community (EC-SDC) grant program will be used in PY 2027 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 available 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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Response to Comments

**Draft Program Year 2027 Drinking Water Assistance Fund (DWAF) Program Management Plan (PMP)
Appendix M**

On June 18, 2026, Ohio EPA released the Draft Program Year 2027 DWAF Program Management Plan (PMP) for public comment. The public comment period concluded with two in-person and virtual public hearings held on July 21, 2026. Comments were accepted via SmartComment from June 18, 2026 through 5:00pm EST July 21, 2026.

This document reflects substantive comments that were received. The comments have been grouped and paraphrased based on topic. Not all comments received are addressed herein. Some comments involved a minor change or correction, or were specific to a project, and did not require a detailed 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 inquired if the full funding request for the Trumbull County Stillwagon Rd project will be awarded through the Small Underserved Disadvantaged Community (SUDC) grant program.

Response 1: The Stillwagon project is a high-scoring regionalization project that will provide water service to 40 residences in an underserved area. SUDC awards are intended to cover the full cost of the construction, if sufficient funds are available. SUDC grant awards will be determined once construction costs are finalized.

Comment 2: Commenters requested Tappers Plains-Chester Water District Colburn Rd project and the Village of Oakwood's project be considered for disadvantaged and regionalization principal forgiveness.

Response 2: To be eligible for the disadvantaged community loan program, a public water system (PWS) must have a service population less than 10,000 and meet three out of four [socio-economic benchmarks](#). In the case of regionalization, the benefitted area benchmarks and population is evaluated to determine eligibility for principal forgiveness. Both projects were reevaluated and determined eligible for disadvantaged and regionalization principal forgiveness consideration. Appendix B has been updated accordingly.

Comment 3: Commenter requested Somerset's projects be evaluated for lead service line funding.

Response 3: The nomination forms submitted for the Village of Somerset Phase 1 through Phase 5 Waterline Replacement projects did not indicate lead service line replacement was part of the project scope. The nominations also did not provide an estimated cost for lead service line replacement. LSL funding is limited to service line replacements and work associated with the lead service line replacement. As lead service line funding is eligible for nomination throughout the program year, the Village may submit a revised nomination form with appropriate documentation for lead service line replacements and be added to the list for funding consideration.

Comment 4: Commenter requested Clear Water Corporation be reevaluated for disadvantaged community principal forgiveness using census tract level data.

Response 4: To be eligible for the disadvantaged community loan program, a public water system (PWS) must have a service population less than 10,000 and meet three out of four [socio-economic benchmarks](#). For water districts that provide service primarily within a single county, the county's benchmarks are used for disadvantaged criteria determination. For regionalization projects, the benefitted area census data is evaluated. The submitted project does not meet the definition of regionalization and Noble County does not meet 3 out of 4 socio-economic benchmarks. This project is eligible for small community interest rate financing.

Comment 5: Commenters submitted revised project nomination materials for the Indian Lake and Martins Ferry projects, increasing their estimated project costs.

Response 5: The revised increased costs for these projects are reflected in Appendix B.

Comment 6: Several commenters requested project nominations submitted after the deadline be considered for PY2027 funding.

Response 6: Conneaut, Hecla Water Association, Lima, Muskingum County, New Concord, Noble County Water Authority, Quaker City, Shelby, Silver Lake, and Willard submitted nominations after the submittal deadline. These projects have been included in Appendix B for funding consideration in PY2027.

Comment 7: Commenters requested increased transparency and clarity within the PMP project lists, funding amounts, and project details. Commenters also requested additional clarity on policy decisions surrounding total funds available.

Response 7: The PMP document including the project lists in Appendix B comprise the required components of an Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List (IPL/PPL) following 40 CFR 35.3555 and U.S. EPA SRF policies. At the time the PMP is prepared, the project information provided for each project is the best information available. The project cost estimates and description are provided by the public water system(s) (PWS) with their project nomination submission. The ‘Estimated Loan Award’ on the comprehensive funding list does not represent the maximum funding for that project and is subject to change based on post-bid construction costs and any other funding resources available for the project. The estimated loan amount is flexible because the DWAF program has historically been financially capable of providing funding assistance to all projects that are ready to proceed in the program year. Conversely, for the projects identified to receive principal forgiveness on subsequent project lists (DIS/REG and EC), the DIS/REG and EC project lists denote the limit of principal forgiveness allocated to those projects, regardless of changes to the total project cost. This is because loan funding is available to cover increases in project costs, whereas principal forgiveness funding is limited by the congressional appropriations and SDWA authorities for each cap grant. For LSL projects, the principal forgiveness and loan portion both come from the LSL capitalization grant and is issued as a combination loan and PF award (e.g., 53% PF and 47% loan). The final LSL funding denomination will be determined at the time of the loan award. For the purposes of the PMP, U.S. EPA requires that states demonstrate the total project requests for LSL funding are equal to or exceed the value of the cap grant allotment.

The DWAF program aims to finance all eligible projects that are ready to proceed for award each year. Typically, about 30% of nominated projects proceed to award. In program year 2026, over \$692 million was awarded for 182 projects accounting for about 33% of the 543 projects nominated and 18% of the estimated \$3.7 billion in funding requests. This correlates to Table 3, Sources in Uses of Funds, in that the ‘Loans’ value listed under the ‘Uses Table’ is an estimated figure based on the loan demand over the last several years. This value is also used for annual capacity projection and financial modeling. The descriptions that follow Table 3 help to further clarify those values. For example, the description for ‘Loans’ includes the following: “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 ready to proceed this program year. Annual loan awards range from \$350M to \$550M. For PY 2027, \$350M in estimated loan awards as well as a project specific bond issuance of \$500M is anticipated for this year. This amount is identified in the table as an estimated value. The actual needs of our customers vary from year to year.”

Comment 8: Commenters requested additional discussion regarding the intent and impact of Disadvantaged Community rule revisions and a spreadsheet of the disadvantaged

community factors for all applicants to improve transparency. Commenters also requested further clarification of Ohio EPA's goals to create parity and offer more transparency between the two SRF programs, including aligning dollar and percentage cap on principal forgiveness. Comments also recommended eliminating the population cap for the disadvantaged community definition.

Response 8: Appendix E Disadvantaged Community Loan Program identifies the disadvantaged community criteria for program year 2027, which includes the four [socio-economic benchmarks](#) and the service area population threshold. As in prior program years, the socio-economic benchmarks used for the disadvantaged community determination are in alignment with Ohio Administrative Code 3745-88 and U.S. EPA guidance, and relies on consistently available census data to offer a fair platform for evaluating communities across the state.

Revisions for Ohio Administrative Code 3745-88 were effective January 15, 2026. The administrative code revision, and changes to the disadvantaged community program for PY2027, is a first step toward improved transparency, increased access to funding, and fair evaluations for PWS statewide. The primary goal and intent of the revisions is to offer flexibility with selection of criteria, remove funding barriers, and improve transparency. Aligning the disadvantaged community criteria for the WSRLA with those of the clean water SRF (or Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF)), is the first step toward improved transparency and increased funding access. The fourth general eligibility factor was amended from a water and sewer rate analysis to an evaluation of the change in the percent of population, which creates a single set of census-based criteria that can be used in both programs. It also increased the number of PWS eligible for disadvantaged community assistance in PY2027 by 14% (as compared to PY2026). Additional steps are still necessary to ensure fair determinations. For example, U.S. EPA policy requires that states utilize the service area population for disadvantaged community determinations. Selection of the community census data that best defines each PWS's service area is completed following receipt of project nominations. Regionalization projects are evaluated with the benefiting community's data as determined from the project nomination materials. Emerging contaminants and lead service line eligibility is a separate determination for each PWS, apart from any of their other project submissions, as population is not an eligibility factor. The finalization of the evaluation is evidenced in both the funding lists and the rates set for each project. Ohio EPA will continue to refine the disadvantaged community review process and continue our efforts toward developing a comprehensive list of PWS eligible for the disadvantaged community program.

Similar to previous program years, the majority of requested funds are received from large system borrowers capable of assuming debt across their large user base. Approximately \$4.3B in funding requests for 550 projects were received for PY2027, of which more than \$3.6B

(or 83%), are from large PWS. The remaining 17% (or \$668M) of funding requests are from small systems, of which more than \$407M is eligible for disadvantaged community assistance. This data indicates that if large PWS were eligible for disadvantaged community assistance, the limited disadvantaged funding assistance would be depleted before smaller systems could access those funds. For PY2027, 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.

Ohio's drinking water SRF program has grown tremendously over the last ten years but remains significantly smaller than the clean water SRF program in terms of lending capacity (estimated \$750M annually for clean water and \$350M annually for drinking water). The drinking water program also has fewer standard rate borrowers with the ability to take on debt service. By balancing principal forgiveness awards with zero or 1% interest loan funding, and more likely grant funding from other programs (e.g., OPWC, ARC, CDBG, etc.), additional lending capacity is available for more projects and borrowers.

Comment 9: Commenters requested increased transparency regarding set-aside programs including PWS eligibility, available services, and third-party contractor opportunities. Commenters also requested expansion of technical assistance to systems with a service population of more than 10,000 and incorporating community-based organizations as technical assistance providers. Commenters also noted a discrepancy between Table 3 Sources and Uses and Appendix G, H, and I for lead service line and emerging contaminant set-aside funding.

Response 9: Ohio EPA was very pleased to receive the inaugural [Aquarius](#) state recognition award from U.S. EPA. One of the primary achievements identified was the use of set-aside funding to provide assistance and services to PWS where most needed. Over the course of IIJA cap grant funding, Ohio EPA increased set-aside usage by a factor of 10 (\$3.4M in 2021 and \$34.6M in 2027). Careful consideration is taken to balance the usage of set-asides with loan capacity, long-term sustainability of the fund, availability of providers, and system needs. Overall, system needs for technical, managerial, and financial assistance far outpace all available set-asides, subsidies, and loan funds. To help further Ohio EPA's work with set-asides, U.S. EPA's suite of technical assistance programs is often utilized when either our resources are at capacity or there is a targeted purpose, such as Get the Lead Out (GLO), where several systems were identified and connected to GLO service providers.

Ohio EPA follows the prescribed eligibilities for set-asides outlined by U.S. EPA ([About the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \(DWSRF\) Set-Asides | U.S. EPA](#)). For Technical Assistance, 2% of a cap grant may be utilized to assist small systems, defined as those with a service population less than 10,000. For the Local Assistance set-aside program, a system population

cap is not defined, and states are permitted to prioritize those resources. This is reflected in the LSL Local Assistance set-aside funding (refer to Appendix I), which offers free assistance for LSL planning, mapping, and inventorying.

The discrepancy noted between Table 3 and Appendix G, H, and I was corrected to reflect the set-asides amounts from each cap grant. No set-asides will be taken from the EC cap grant, as those dollars are in great demand to address PFAS contamination. To support the program and direct assistance to systems, the most significant funds will be taken from the LSL cap grant and supplemental cap grants.

Ohio EPA welcomes the opportunity to discuss new ideas and partnerships for providing technical assistance or direct assistance. Third-party providers and community-based organizations may refer to our [funding website](#) for future contracting opportunities.

End of Response to Comments