February 20, 2026

Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials,
Consulting Engineers, and Other Interested Parties

Re: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)
Call for Project Nominations for Program Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027)

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) is pleased to announce the WSRLA Program Year 2027 call for nominations and invite you to submit projects for financial assistance. In addition to low interest loan financing and discounts, we anticipate offering principal forgiveness for disadvantaged community, regionalization, emerging contaminants and lead service line projects. Principal forgiveness refers to the portion of a loan that does not require repayment and is contingent upon receipt of federal capitalization grants.

To be considered for WSRLA funding in 2027, nominations with all required supporting documents must be submitted to defamail@epa.ohio.gov by **March 20, 2026**. To submit nomination files larger than 10MB, use Ohio EPA's File Share system.

A presentation style document including highlights and updates for 2027 is available online along with additional nomination materials. Additional resources available with the nomination form include Disadvantaged Community Loan Program and Readiness-to-Proceed overview documents: WSRLA Nomination Materials.

Planning and design as well as lead service line replacement projects may be nominated throughout the program year. Ohio EPA strongly encourages applicants to submit project nominations for WSRLA as well as other funds that may become available during the program year (e.g. additional grants from USEPA, H2Ohio funding, etc.).

Thank you for your continued interest in improving Ohio's drinking water resources.

Sincerely,

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