

Drinking Water Revolving Fund

Accepting Submissions for 2025 Project Priority List

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is soliciting requests to place new projects on the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) Project Priority List (PPL). Projects must be on the list to be eligible for below-market rate DWRF loans and affordability grants to improve public drinking water systems. Typical projects include watermain, wells, water treatment plants, water towers and lead service lines. Funding is **not** for expansion of water systems to serve future growth or for fire suppression infrastructure.

- Submissions are easy to prepare. Go to <u>https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/dwrf/ppl.html</u> for instructions on what to submit, a general DWRF program overview and a simple example of a submission.
- Submissions are due at MDH by Friday, May 3, 2024 (health.dwrfapplication@state.mn.us)
- Water system owners planning to start construction <u>and</u> receive DWRF financing before June 30, 2025, must also submit a request to the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) to place the project on the 2025 Intended Use Plan (IUP).
- For drinking water systems serving populations greater than 1,000, an up-to-date Water Supply Plan (WSP) must be approved by DNR to be eligible for DWRF funding.
- Lead Service Line Projects: Currently, grant funding is available for replacement of the privately-owned portion of lead service lines (LSL). Public water systems need to apply for the funding. The funding cannot be provided directly to the property owner. LSL replacement projects must be listed on the PPL and IUP in order to get funding. LSL projects can be done in coordination with a watermain replacement project or can be funded as a stand-alone project. More information about applying for lead service line funding can be found at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/lslrfund.html
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