Dear Water Utility Manager,

The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) recognizes that water utilities are obligated to complete a Lead Service Line (LSL) inventory in order to comply with the US Environmental Protection Agency's <u>Lead & Copper Rule Revisions</u>. The IFA would like to be a resource for water utilities in completing their LSL Inventory.

The IFA offers three funding options:

- All Non-transient Non-Community Water Systems (NTNCWS) and Community Water Systems (CWS) with less than 1000 service connections continue to have access to the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water's free Lead Inventory Technical Assistance Program ("LITAP"). For more information, see the Alliance's LITAP website.
- 2. All CWS pursuing financial assistance from the <u>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program</u> can include the cost of LSL Inventory work to their applications.
- 3. Beginning in 2024, CWS with greater than **700 service connections** are eligible for **IFA's LSL Inventory Funding Program**, which is the focus of this email.

The **IFA's LSL Inventory Funding Program** began with Round 1 in 2023. Round 2 will be open from January 17 to February 29, 2024. A third round is not currently anticipated. Approximately \$7,000,000 was available for both rounds, with approximately \$5 million left to spend in Round 2.

The IFA's LSL Inventory Funding Program will award non-competitive funds to all eligible utilities for eligible work if appropriate application materials are submitted. The funds for the IFA LSL Inventory Funding Program will be distributed by Project Type and a utility's number of service connections. Beginning in 2024, non-competitive funding can be used for validation needs. However, equipment purchases are no longer eligible. For more information and to apply for the IFA's LSL Inventory Funding Program, visit our website: https://www.in.gov/ifa/lead-service-line-inventory-funding/

Coming in Spring 2024, the Alliance of Indiana Rural Water will assist utilities serving <1000 service connections with hydro-excavation needs related to validation. To apply, register for LITAP assistance at Alliance's website.

Please send questions to: <u>LSLIgrants@ifa.in.gov</u>

Thank you,

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