



Fact Sheet

DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Program

General Information

- **Eligible applicants** include Community Water Systems and Non-Profit Public Water Systems that regularly serve at least 25 of the same persons over six months per year.
- Water systems serving **disadvantaged communities** are eligible for up to **100% of the costs** for eligible activities **with no expectation of repayment** (Principal Forgiveness).
- Water systems serving **non-disadvantaged communities** are eligible for **0% interest loans for up to 100% of the costs** for eligible activities.

Eligible Projects

- **Preparing an LSL inventory** that meets the requirements of the US EPA's Lead and Copper Rules Revision (LCRR)
 - Historical records review
 - Physically inspecting lines*
 - Preparing and issuing public notices
 - Formatting the completed inventory and submitting it to Division of Drinking Water
 - Previously completed LSL inventories may also be eligible for reimbursement
- **Replacing LSLs*** on both the water system-owned side and customer-owned side
- **Replacing galvanized lines*** that are currently or were in the past downstream of a lead line

*Contact
DFA prior to
any ground-
disturbing
activities

Notable federal requirements include Build America, Buy America (BABA) domestic preference, Davis-Bacon prevailing wage, and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise good faith effort.



How to Apply

Eligible applicants can submit the [Lead Service Line Replacement Program Application](#) packages (see appendix R of the DWSRF Policy) via the [Financial Assistance Application Submittal Tool \(FAAST\)](#).

Technical Assistance is Available

Assistance includes:

- Historical Records Review
- Visual Inspections
- CCTV Inspections of Service Lines
- Customer Self-identification Surveying
- Inventory Procedure Training Materials
- Preparing Outreach Materials
- Template Access Agreements
- Completing LSL Inventory Forms
- Preparing LSL Replacement Plans
- Preparing Applications for LSL Replacement Funding

Priority will be given to community water systems with 500 service connections or less serving disadvantaged communities. Request technical assistance by completing the form located at: [Lead Service Line Assistance](#)

Additional Resources

- Reach out to DFA-LSLR@Waterboards.ca.gov if you have any additional questions regarding funding through this Program including public water system eligibility and project eligibility.
- Find more information regarding Lead Service Line inventory and replacement funding in the [Supplemental Intended Use Plan](#) or on the program website: [Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Program | California State Water Quality Control Board](#)

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