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FFY 22 Intended Use Plans for the BIL General Supplemental Fund are Ready for Public Review

The Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 Intended Use Plans (IUP) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) General Supplemental Fund are now available for public review and comment. Second quarter state fiscal year 2023 IUPs for the CWSRF and DWSRF Programs are also available for review.

The FFY 2022 IUPs for the CWSRF and DWSRF BIL General Supplemental Fund are available on the SRF website at the following location:

https://www.iowasrf.com/infrastructure-bill-funding-opportunities/

or by clicking on the individual links below:

- DRAFT-Annex A to CWSRF IUP- BIL General Supplemental Fund IUP
- DRAFT-Annex A to DWSRF IUP- BIL General Supplemental Fund IUP

Please note, Intended Use Plans for BIL PFAS/Emerging Contaminants and Lead Service Line Replacement Funds are still forthcoming and will be published as separate documents.

Public Hearing:

A virtual public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to record public comments regarding the FFY 2022 IUPs for the CWSRF and DWSRF BIL General Supplemental Fund (and for the second quarter FY 2023 IUPs for the CWSRF and DWSRF Programs).

Participants should use the following conference video or call in information to participate:

Meeting ID: <u>meet.google.com/qfe-yyik-ncf</u>

Phone Number: 240-457-9376

PIN: 670 973 501#

Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, August 18, 2022. It is anticipated that the Iowa Environmental Protection Commission will act on the FFY 2022 IUPs for the CSWRF and DWSRF BIL General Supplemental Fund at their September 20, 2022 meeting.

Direct questions and written comments to Water-infrastructure@dnr.iowa.gov

SFY 2023 Intended Use Plan Q2 Updates are Ready for Public Review

The second quarter updates to the state fiscal year 2023 Intended Use Plans (IUP) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and draft Project Priority Lists (PPL) are now available for public review and comment at the following locations:

Clean Water SRF IUP Information and Drinking Water SRF IUP Information

or by clicking on the individual links below:

- DRAFT-Base SRF Program IUP-Second Quarter Update
- DRAFT-CWSRF SFY23 Q2 and FFY 22 Gen Suppl Project Priority List
- DRAFT-DWSRF SFY23 Q2 and FFY 22 Gen Suppl Project Priority List

These IUPs cover the CWSRF and DWSRF programs for the period of July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

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EPA Releases Much Anticipated Lead Service Line Inventory Guidance

From EPA Website

On August 4, 2022, EPA released Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory to support water systems with their efforts to develop inventories and to provide states with needed information for oversight and reporting to EPA. The guidance provides essential information to help water systems comply with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions requirement to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials by October 16, 2024. Specifically, EPA's Lead Service Line Inventory guidance:

- Provides best practices for inventory development and communicating information to the public.
- Includes a template for water systems, states, and Tribes to use or adapt to create their own inventory.
- Contains case studies on developing, reviewing, and communicating about inventories.
- Highlights the importance of prioritizing inventory development in disadvantaged communities and where children live and play.

EPA is harmonizing regulatory requirements with unprecedented funding through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to make rapid progress on removing harmful lead from America's drinking water.

<u>Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory (pdf)</u> (6.98 MB, August 4, 2022, 816-B-22-001)

<u>Inventory Template (xlsx)</u> (1.53 MB, August 4, 2022)

Press Release

Upcoming Webinar- On August 10, 2022, EPA will host a webinar: Getting the Lead Out: Guidance for Developing Service Line Inventories and Funding Information on BIL (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EDT). This webinar will provide an overview of EPA's Guidance for Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory and provide information on addressing lead with the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Registration information available <u>Here</u>

**Note from Iowa DNR: We are currently reviewing the 160 page guidance document and performing a crosswalk of our draft lead service line inventory template with the example template that EPA has released. We will need time to ensure that we understand the guidance and make any modifications necessary to our template based upon pilot testing and the EPA guidance. We encourage you to review the guidance and register for the webinar, but as an agency we have not finalized our template or made decisions on items that EPA has left to the state's discretion.

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities are being created and offered through community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the Lowa DNR Operator Certification Database. Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.