Lead Line Removal Projects!!
PENNVEST Lead Line Removal Program

In order to target limited grant funds for the neediest systems, PENNVEST looks at the impact the potential principal forgiveness will have on the resulting residential user fees. This tends to eliminate the largest systems from principal forgiveness consideration, as project costs can be shared by a greater number of households spreading the cost impact across the entire system. However, the larger systems are also often those with the greatest lead service line replacement needs.

Due to the health risks associated with lead service lines and lack of progress in attracting systems to the PENNVEST program to obtain low-interest loans for lead service line replacement projects, a modification to the financial capacity analysis associated with drinking water systems with lead line replacement projects was completed to promote these projects in the neighborhoods that can least afford the cost to replace the necessary piping.

For those systems with lead service line replacement needs that have adequately mapped and designated high need areas, PENNVEST considers the rate impact on those specific areas or neighborhoods within the larger system in lieu of overall system users. This provides a more realistic picture of the consequence of the capital improvement on the specific community impacted and allow for these types of projects to be eligible for additional subsidy, thus expediting correction and addressing the public health and environmental hazard.
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- Program started in 2018
- Full lateral replacement required, including private side
PENNVEST Lead Line Removal Program Meets WI FTA

Water Infrastructure Fund Transfer Act (WI FTA) was passed in 2019. WI FTA allowed a one-time transfer from CWSRF to DWSRF for lead-related, DWSRF eligible projects, during a one year period ending October 4, 2020 in an amount up to 5% of the states cumulative CWSRF federal grant dollars.

PENNVEST transferred $90,685,685.

First come first serve basis limited to work able to be completed in one construction season.

WI FTA Funded 40 lead line removal projects, 100% Principal Forgiveness Loans.
PENNVEST Lead Line Removal Program Meets IIJA

- PENNVEST receiving $87,065,000 annually under IIJA for lead line removal
- 49% additional subsidy divided equally amongst each Board Meeting
- If demand exceeds available additional subsidy it gets prorated across the projects with the balance made up of low interest loan

APPLICATION CUT-OFF DATES
May 4, 2022
August 3, 2022
November 2, 2022
February 1, 2023
May 3, 2023

BOARD MEETING DATES
July 20, 2022
October 19, 2022
January 18, 2023
April 19, 2023
TBD
PROJECTS DISTRIBUTION STATEWIDE
HOW TO DEAL WITH PROPERTY ISSUES

• We do not require funding recipients to obtain Lead Service Line related real property interest prior to settlement.

• Funding recipient able to move down the street and obtain temporary easements to replace line as they determine where the lead is located.

• Easements provided for Lead Service Line related work at time of payment request.
PENNVEST Lead Line Removal Program Results

- 48 Lead Removal Projects Totaling $191M
- Smallest single project was 54 service lines totaling $390,763
- Largest single project was 7,900 service lines totaling $49,128,404
Things to think about…..

- Momentum works
- Some will still hide their heads in the sand
- Messaging counts
- OUTREACH, OUTREACH, OUTREACH
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