

Federal Funds for Drinking Water Infrastructure

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION SECTION

What the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) means for Minnesota

The IIJA, also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, provides five years of infrastructure funding. This funding will be delivered through the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF), which is jointly administered by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Public Facilities Authority.

To apply for these funds, states must submit a DWRF Intended Use Plan, which provides a list of infrastructure projects, to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

IIJA provides supplemental funds and new funding sources for drinking water infrastructure

Through the IIJA, the DWRF will receive supplemental base program funding. There will also be dedicated funding sources for inventory and replacement of lead service lines as well as management of emerging contaminants. The chart below represents the associated funding amounts for first of five years of funding.



More details about each of these funding streams can be found in the following table.

IIJA funding sources and requirements

Funding requirements	Supplemental DWRF Base Program Funding	Emerging Contaminants Funding	Lead Service Line Funding
Requires match?	10% State match	No	No
Current Intended Use Plan	82 projects for \$324 M above normal funding range	8 projects for \$56.7 M	20 projects for \$39.2 M
Statutory changes needed?	No, although legislative action needed for State match	Yes	Yes
Rule revisions needed?	No	Revisions to modify priority ranking in progress	Revisions to modify priority ranking in progress
Other	NA	Focus on PFAS and manganese	Remaining balance will provide technical assistance to public water systems with lead service line inventories

Projected timeline for IIJA funding

The projected timeline below follows the annual DWRF funding cycle. Before EPA awards IIJA funds, the State must provide the match for supplemental DWRF funding.



September 2022

• Draft Intended Use Plan for Minnesota published



December 2022

- Received comments that will be addressed in final Intended Use Plan
- Grant applications submitted to EPA



March 2023

•IIJA funds awarded for Emerging Contaminants and Lead Service Lines



Ongoing

• State match for supplemental DWRF funding required before EPA awards IIJA funds

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