
LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT SURVEY FUNDING

Financial Assistance Available – Increased Subsidy!

Community and non-community water systems are required to submit a Lead Service Line Inventory by October 16, 2024 to the New Mexico Environment Department to comply with a Federal EPA rule. The cost to complete a Lead Service Line Inventory may be prohibitive for smaller systems and those in disadvantaged communities.

To benefit New Mexico water systems and to help systems comply with the inventory requirement, the NMFA Board of Directors recently approved new increased subsidy terms for non-construction projects (surveys and inventories) through the Lead Service Line Replacement loan program.

Funding Available for Surveys

Disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities are eligible for a 0% interest rate. Disadvantaged and severely disadvantaged communities*, and systems that serve a population of 1,000 or less are also eligible for principal forgiveness as follows:

Disadvantaged:	Principal forgiveness of 30%
Severely Disadvantaged:	Principal forgiveness of 60%
Population less than 1,000:	Principal forgiveness of 25%

Subsidies can be combined if an applicant is in two categories. For instance, a community of less than 1,000 that is disadvantaged could receive principal forgiveness of 55%.

Application Process

Visit the NMED Drinking Water Bureau to complete the pre-application at:
https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/infrastructure-projects-and-funding/

More information is available at:
https://www.env.nm.gov/drinking_water/lead-and-copper-program/

Disadvantaged status is based on the same MHI percentages compared to the national average (disadvantaged 100%- 75%; severely disadvantaged 75% and below) by the BIL rule, non-disadvantaged communities are not eligible for subsidy. 2021: ACS 5 year Estimates national 5 year average \$69,021.