



City of Ashland Private Lead Water Service Replacement Grant Program – 2019 Continuation

The DNR has allocated \$14.4 million of SFY 2018 Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Principal Forgiveness (PF) funds for disadvantaged municipalities to use for replacing lead water service lines (LSL) on private property for projects that result in full LSL replacements. The City of Ashland received \$300,000 under this program to provide full LSL replacement for properties that have non-lead services on the public side. Commercial properties are not eligible for funding.

Funding from the 2018 program will support up to an additional 80 private lead water lateral replacements within the City of Ashland in 2019. The City will provide grants to cover 100% of the replacement costs. The following grant guidelines have been developed to prioritize funding:

- Properties must not be used for commercial use;
- The water service line must be comprised of lead and replacement of the private water service line must result in full LSL replacement on both the public and private side;
- Funding is available for those residential properties that do not have lead on the public side;+
- Current on all obligations to the City of Ashland

Am I eligible for funding?

Property owners of residential property within the City can qualify for the program if the following criteria are met:

1. Must have a confirmed private lead water service;
2. Must receive municipal City water;
3. Must not have commenced replacement of private lead water service prior to grant approval by the City; and
4. Must be current on all obligations owed to the City at both the time of application and commencement of work.

NOTE: All property owners who meet the qualifications above are eligible on a 'First Come First Served' basis. With limited funds and variations in cost there is no guarantee of replacement even if you have received a commitment letter from the city.

How do I apply?

In order to apply for the grant, the property owner must submit the following:

1. Determine whether you have a lead water service (please see ***“Lead Service Lines and Drinking Water Best Management Practices”*** informational guide).
2. Complete and sign the grant application form and return it to the LSL Administrator at 601 Main Street West, Ashland, WI. 54806 no later than April 1, 2019.



Frequently asked questions?

Why should I take advantage of this program?

The City of Ashland is committed to protecting the health and safety of its community. The City is giving a one-time lump sum. There is no interest and the grant does not have to be repaid. There are no application fees.

Can I use the grant to replace my water service line if it is not made of lead?

No. The grant can only be utilized toward the replacement of private water services that are substantially composed of lead and that result in full replacement of the service. Thus, copper and other services do not apply.

How do I know if I am a successful applicant?

Applications will be reviewed after the submission dead line. Successful applicants will receive a commitment letter from the City of Ashland along with 'next steps' required by the property owner.

Where can I find a contractor?

If grant funds are awarded, the City will require that grant recipients solicit at least (2) two contractors from the pre-qualified contractors list, included with the commitment letter. This requirement will be strictly enforced so that the City can ensure funding is available to as many residents as possible. Only contractors who are properly licensed to replace water services are qualified to perform this work. This includes licensed plumbing contractors and licensed drain or sewer contractors. At the time of the replacement of the service, the contractor must be eligible to obtain a City right-of-way permit and must meet the conditions of Chapter 923 of the Ashland Code of Ordinances that require anyone contracting with the City to be current on all obligations owed to the City. Please see the City's pre-qualified contractors list. The City does not provide recommendations on plumbing contractors. Verification of the qualifications of contractors on this list in respect of Plumbing Trade License, or Sewer or Drain Contractor License, and liability insurance coverage is the responsibility of the property owner.

What expenses can be covered by the grant?

The grant is available to cover costs of private lead water service replacement, which may include: excavation, pipe materials, internal plumbing modifications and restoration of property to near existing condition. The grant will not be available to cover any other associated costs that are deemed by the LSL Grant Administrator to be unnecessary for the replacement of the owner's private service.

What is the cost to me?

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The replacement of a private water service line can vary from \$900 to \$5,000. It also depends on the length of service line to be replaced, and the restoration required. The City of Ashland will pay the contractor directly for 100% of the cost, of the lowest bid, of the lead water service line replacement.

Why Replace a Lead Service?

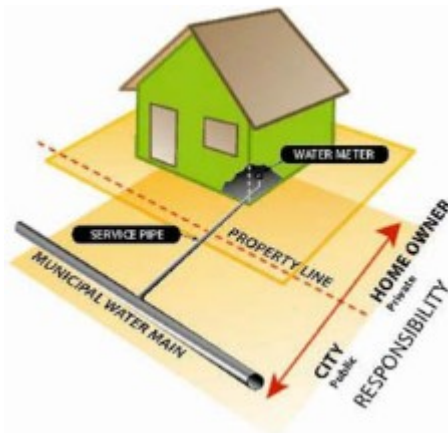
Lead is generally not present in source water, but can be present in tap water through corrosion of the water service pipe and plumbing materials that are made of lead. The effect of lead in drinking water is a concern for pregnant women and children under 6 years old, because lead can affect a child's neurological development. It's recommended that people with lead water service pipes flush their tap water for at least five minutes twice a day. For more information on protecting you and your family from the harmful effects of lead please see *"Lead in Drinking Water"* brochure for more information including helpful tips.

Who should I contact in the City if I have any comments or questions regarding the Program?

For questions/comments regarding the lead service replacement grant program, contact: LSL Grant Administrator Phil Wesner, City Hall, 601 Main Street West, PHONE: 715-292-2023.

What is a Private Lead Water Service?

It is the portion of the water service running from the property line into the building up to the water meter that is substantially composed of lead.



Do I have a lead water service?

If your home was built before the 1950s the water service line may be composed of lead. Please view the *"Lead Service Lines and Drinking Water Best Management Practices"* brochure for more information on identifying a lead service pipe. Prior to award of grant funds, verification of the lead service will need to occur. You will receive further direction if your application is approved.

What is the purpose of the Grant Program?

The DNR has allocated \$14.8 million of SFY 2018 Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) Principal Forgiveness (PF) funds for disadvantaged municipalities to use for replacing lead water service lines (LSL)

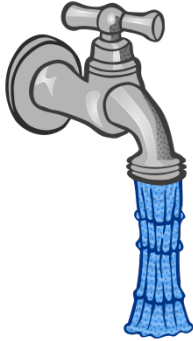
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on private property for projects that result in full LSL replacements. The City of Ashland was notified that it will be receiving \$300,000 under this program to provide full LSL replacement for properties that have non-lead services on the public side.

What else do I need to do?

If you are awarded grant dollars, you receive a commitment letter with an outline of steps required by the property owner



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