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Good Morning Pete,

Great question! We will be utilizing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding for the future of our LSL funding program, which will be creating several changes that we are still finalizing. The next cycle for the LSL funding program (which will be including private and public side LSL replacements) will be formally included in the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP).

As far as <u>deadlines</u> go, please be aware of the following:

- ITA's are due by October 31, 2022 through the Online System for SDWLP
- Applications are due by <u>June 30, 2023</u> through the <u>Online System</u> for SDWLP

We just published an <u>article</u> in our <u>E-Bulletin</u> yesterday about the new deadlines and information that will be specific the LSL funding for SFY 2024 as well as the Emerging Contaminants program. The page specific to the LSL Funding program is on page 4 of the article linked above.

We also has some more information about how BIL will be impacting our funding programs in our <a href="Intended Use Plan">Intended Use Plan</a> (IUP) for the <a href="SDWLP">SDWLP for SFY 2023</a>. There is a lot of information in the IUP about the changes BIL will be making, but you can start seeing a little bit of the breakdown we are getting with BIL funding on page 4, about half way down the page in section IV. SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS with more information about principal forgiveness. We are intending to post and amendment later this year that will provide more information about how we will be determining Principal Forgiveness for 2024 as we will not be able to offer the 100% principal forgiveness that was available to us through WIFTA.

If there are still some private side LSL replacements that Watertown is intending to continue replacing, I would strongly encourage Watertown to <u>apply to the PSC for approval</u> to use rate payer funds to make a revenue pledge to cover the loan funding. We cannot guarantee there will be enough principal forgiveness for all applicants to the SDWLP for LSL replacements for private side replacements, so getting the application in to PSC early will help make sure approval can be received in time to avoid any potential delays to getting Watertown an executed Financial Assistance Agreement.

Please read through the E-Bulletin newsletter for information about the deadlines for the future of the LSL funding program. The IUP also has more information about the financial changes to PF and how BIL is effecting our funding programs. Please note that there will be more information about ranking and the federal requirements for LSL projects to come.

Please reach out with any other questions or concerns. Thank you Pete!

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Hello Ben – I was wondering about the program for 2023. For the last 2 years the ITA, PERF and the application were due by end of September. We also had to designate the authorized representative from the city to submit. Looking online at the program I do not see any reference to the 2023 PLSL replacement program. I see the SDWL and CWFP fiscal year info but nothing on the private lead service line program.

Can you provide an update? I don't want to miss any deadlines.

**Thanks** 

Pete