

# New Funding Programs

- DWSRF – Lead Service Line
- DWSRF – Emerging Contaminants
- Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program

# DWSRF – Lead Service Lines (LSL)

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- MT can receive up to ~\$140M: \$28M/year over 5 years.
- Funding will be dispersed through State Revolving Fund Process.
- Have to complete a Project Priority Survey Form to be eligible for the Loan/Loan Forgiveness
- Loan/Loan Forgiveness Program (no match, 1.5% rate).
- If a system qualifies for forgiveness, they are eligible for up to 60% forgiveness up to a maximum of \$2 million
- Technical Assistance Set Aside managed by Dept of Commerce

# DWSRF – Emerging Contaminants

Emerging contaminants (ECs) are chemicals or materials characterized by a perceived, potential, or real threat to human health or the environment or by a lack of published health standards. A contaminant also may be "emerging" because of the discovery of a new source or a new pathway to humans. Emerging Contaminants can be found in pharmaceuticals, fragrances, fire retardants, detergents, insecticides, and industrial chemicals. ECs that Montana will be focusing on are PFOA/PFOS and Manganese.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) allocated \$15B for LSL efforts

- MT can receive up to ~\$37M: \$7.5M/year over 5 years.
- Funding will be dispersed through State Revolving Fund Process.
- Have to complete a Project Priority Survey Form to be eligible
- 100% Loan Forgiveness
- Project has to be primarily for addressing Emerging Contaminant

# ECs for Small or Disadvantaged Communities

- MT has been allocated a total of \$18.9 million for FFY22 and FFY23.
- Grant program with no match requirement.
- Have to complete a Project Priority Survey Form to be eligible
- Eligibility
  - Project has to be primarily for addressing Emerging Contaminant
  - Small System defined as serving less than 10,000 customers
  - Public and Private Community Water Systems and non-profit non community non transient water systems

# Eligible Projects for ECs

Eligible Projects include:

- Emerging contaminants costs associated with the construction of a new treatment facility or upgrade to an existing treatment facility that addresses emerging contaminants.
- Development of a new source (i.e., new/replacement well or intake for a public water system) that addresses an emerging contaminant issue [Note: water rights purchases must still meet the criteria in the Class Deviation for Water Rights].
- Consolidation with another water system that does not have emerging contaminants present or has removal capability.
- Costs for planning and design and associated pre-project costs.
- Infrastructure related to pilot testing for treatment alternatives.
- Creation of a new community water system to address unsafe drinking water provided by individual (i.e., privately-owned) wells or surface water sources.

# Questions?

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