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ADVOCACY UPDATE

Biden Administration Allocates $5.8 Billion for Nationwide Water Infrastructure Upgrades

On February 20, 2024, the Biden Administration announced an investment of $5.8 billion for states, Tribes, and territories to invest in water infrastructure for drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure upgrades. This announcement will support water infrastructure projects nationwide for cities and towns with aging systems with old, broken, or lead pipes carrying drinking water and wastewater treatment plants needing upgrades.

This investment will be run through the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Funds (CWSRF). The program will invest these funds through grants or principal forgiveness loans, with $2.6 billion going into the Clean Water SRF for wastewater and stormwater infrastructure and $3.2 billion going towards the Drinking Water SRF for drinking water infrastructure. Over half of the funding will be provided through state-run grants or principal forgiveness loans.

The Driving Water State Revolving Funds and the Clean Water State Revolving Funds have been used to help water infrastructure investments for over 30 years. The programs allow the nation to invest in water infrastructure and are designed to generate significant and sustainable water quality for citizens around the country.

This continues the $21.9 billion in investments into water infrastructure projects that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law brought along. Within that law, over $15 billion has been invested in replacing lead service lines through several programs. These include the Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan and Get the Lead Out Partnership.

For more information, including state-by-state allocation of 2023 funding and a breakdown of EPA State Revolving Fund funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, please visit the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund website and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund website.

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