

	Division of Water Infrastructure Funding Program Highlights <i>Last updated: July 2026</i>	Fall 2026
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The application deadline is a rolling deadline. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis by the State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA). Submit applications at <https://edocs.deq.nc.gov/Forms/RollingApplication>

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement (DWSRF-LSLR)

What types of projects can this program fund?

This program can fund drinking water construction projects related to replacing lead service lines from the house to the water main on the street. Projects that can be funded include lead service line replacement projects, lead service line find-and-replace projects, and lead service line inventories, to comply with the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and successive rule Improvements (LCRI).

Who can apply for this funding?

Any local government unit (LGU) may apply for this funding. LGUs include counties, cities, towns, sanitary districts, water and sewer authorities, etc. Non-profit Water Corporations and Investor-Owned Drinking Water Corporations may also apply.

When are applications due?

While Division of Water Infrastructure staff take applications for LSLR projects year-round, applications in-house at the due dates listed in the table below will go before the State Water Infrastructure Authority at the dates listed.

Expected Funding Round DWSRF-LSLR and DWSRF-EC Study Grant Fall and Winter 2026/2027	
Application Due date	SWIA Meeting (Award date)
August 3, 2026	September 16, 2026
November 2, 2026	December 9, 2026
January 11, 2027*	February 17, 2027*
March 1, 2027*	April 21-22, 2027*

**Dates subject to change when SWIA 2027 calendar is finalized*

How much funding is available this round?

Currently, about \$50 million are available for funding LSLR projects, including \$20 million in Principal Forgiveness (PF), from the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Capitalization Grants. Additional funds will be available from the FY 2026 cap grant to meet demand once all the funds currently available are awarded. Fifty percent of the available funds each round will be reserved for inventory projects.

What types of targeted funding are available?

The Division offers PF based upon the grant/PF percentage calculated by the Affordability Criteria (see Affordability Calculator under the Application Forms tab of the website), or if a project documents that it provides a direct benefit to a disadvantaged area. The PF portion of an SRF loan does not have to be repaid.

What are the interest rates related to the LSLR?

Interest rates are set at 0% for loans awarded from the LSLR program.

What are the funding limits for my LGU?

- \$5 million per round for replacing known LSLs
- \$2 million per round for verifying and replacing LSLs
 - Cap of \$1 million budgeted for inventory/verification of materials
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