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Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials,
Consulting Engineers, and Other Interested Parties

**Re: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)
Call for Project Nominations for Program Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)**

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) is pleased to announce the WSRLA Program Year 2023 call for nominations and invite you to submit projects for financial assistance. As in recent program years, it is anticipated sufficient loan funds will be available to award all eligible projects, with a continued focus on addressing human health issues and regionalization. In addition, we anticipate offering principal forgiveness funds this program year. Principal forgiveness refers to the portion of a loan that does not require repayment.

For all construction projects, nominations must be submitted to Ohio EPA DEFA by **March 4, 2022**. Planning and design, Harmful Algal Bloom, PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) or lead service line replacement projects may be nominated throughout the program year. **Ohio EPA strongly encourages applicants to submit project nominations for consideration of funding from WSRLA as well as other funds that may become available during the program year (e.g. additional grants from USEPA, H2Ohio funding, etc.).**

The nomination form and instructions are available on our [WSRLA webpage](#). Please note only electronic submissions will be accepted and must be received no later than **March 4, 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact our office at defamail@epa.ohio.gov.

On a separate, but related matter, the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed on November 15, 2021. The IIJA includes additional appropriations which may be available, and enhance, the WSRLA in program year 2023. Ohio EPA will be hosting a webinar on February 3, 2022 to explain the opportunities available under the IIJA. For more information and to register, visit Ohio EPA's training webpage: <https://epa.ohio.gov/about/media-center/events/infrastructure-funding-overview>.

Thank you for your continued interest in improving Ohio's drinking water resources.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bernstein

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