

May 24, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202301481

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Ordinance – GCWW: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Funding of \$10,000,000 for Private Lead Line Replacement

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$10,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority for the purpose of assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects.

This Ordinance authorizes the City Manager or her designee to apply for, accept, and appropriate Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSRLA”) loan funding in the amount of up to \$10,000,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) for the purpose of assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects. This Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to receive and deposit the loan funds into Private Lead Service Line Replacement Fund revenue account no. 312x8569.

The City of Cincinnati Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”) currently operates a program that aims to replace all public and private lead service lines within the utility’s service area to reduce the risk of lead in water.

WSRLA funding is being offered to public water systems at a proportion of 53% principal forgiveness to 47% zero-interest loan funding. GCWW desires to apply for up to \$10,000,000 in WSRLA funding for the replacement of private lead service lines in the form of up to \$5,300,000 in principal forgiveness and \$4,700,000 in zero-interest loan funding.

This funding will be used for the private lead service line replacements associated with the Apple, Cooper, Hanfield; Burch, East Hill, Shaw; Cappel, Carnation, Clearview, Hermosa; Carson, Del Monte, Fairbanks; CUF-McMicken, Tafel, Enslin; Fire Flow Collection; Hyde Park-Erie, Burch, Mooney; and McMillan, Wm. H. Taft, Auburn, Classen, Scioto, Dennis, Calhoun water main projects as part of GCWW’s water main replacement program, as well as the Beech, Eighth, St. Lawrence; and Jonathan, Ruth, Woodburn private lead service line branch-only replacement projects

Assisting with the cost of private lead service line replacement projects is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to "Become a healthier Cincinnati" and strategy to "Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption" as described on page 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Andrea Yang, GCWW, Interim Director
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Attachment