

Lead Service Line Financing Designed to Meet your Compliance Needs

It's time to get the lead out! Water systems are required to submit a completed lead service line inventory to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by October 16, 2024.

Are you prepared to meet the EPA deadline? Here is why you should consider GEFA for your compliance needs!

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) will provide GEFA's Water Resources Division with \$66.8 million per year in funding over the next five years. The funding is dedicated to help communities and local authorities complete lead service line inventory projects and lead service line replacement projects.

How it Works:

To be eligible for any potential funding, please submit a Request for Interest (RFI) pre-application via GEFA's website by Friday, April 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Pre-applications received after this time will not be eligible. A pre-application does not obligate you to apply or guarantee funding.

The pre-application and additional guidance are available at gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects.

Potential Funding:

BIL requires 49 percent of the lead service line funding be provided as grants and loans with principal forgiveness to disadvantaged communities that meet the state's affordability criteria. Based on community interest, the following funding will be available:

1. Grant funding for lead service line inventory projects in disadvantaged communities.
2. Loan funding for lead service line inventory and/or lead service line replacement projects.



GEFA provides affordable financing options that will help you meet your compliance needs. Don't be left unprepared on October 16, 2024! Submit your RFI before the April 14, 2023, deadline.

For more information on projects eligible for lead service line funding, please visit us at gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects or scan the quick and easy QR code to submit an RFI.



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Frequently Asked Questions

1. [Why do I need to submit a Lead Service Line Inventory \(LSLI\) by October 16, 2024?](#)
On December 16, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the development of a new lead service line regulation under the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR).
2. [Who will be responsible for ensuring compliance to this federal mandate?](#)
The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) Watershed Protection Branch will be responsible for ensuring that all public and private water systems meet the requirements of 40 CFR 141.84(a)(1) by submitting an electronic lead service line inventory by October 16, 2024. For more information, please contact the Georgia EPD Watershed Protection Branch at 470-524-0585 or manny.patel@dnr.ga.gov.
3. [What lead service line projects are eligible under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law?](#)
 - **Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI)** projects that aid in the modeling, mapping, and identification of lead and galvanized service lines to meet the requirements of the 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR).
 - **Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR)** projects that provide public water systems with a roadmap for identification, prioritization, and replacement of all lead service lines (to include all related appurtenances or fixtures, such as goosenecks, pigtails, connectors, lead solders).
 - **Community engagement and outreach projects, educational workshops, and programs** that provide educational resources and inform the community while identifying and replacing lead service lines.
 - For more information on the complete listing of eligible projects and eligibility requirements, please visit gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects.
4. [Is principal forgiveness available and how does my project qualify to receive principal forgiveness?](#)
Yes, principal forgiveness is available for both LSLI and LSLR eligible projects.
5. [How will principal forgiveness eligibility be determined?](#)
GEFA will score pre-applications and rank projects based on affordability criteria data that considers median household income, unemployment rate, percentage not in labor force, poverty rate, percentage on Social Security, percentage on Supplemental Security Income (SSI), percentage with cash public assistance, percentage with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), age dependency ratio, and population trend from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 American Community Survey.

Available Resources:

- [GEFA | Call for Projects](https://gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects) – gefa.georgia.gov/call-for-projects
- [EPA | Lead Service Line Replacement](https://epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-service-line-replacement) – epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-service-line-replacement
- [EPA | Understanding the Lead and Copper Rule](https://epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/documents/lcr101_factsheet_10.9.19.final_.2.pdf) – epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-10/documents/lcr101_factsheet_10.9.19.final_.2.pdf
- [IB Environmental | Lead Service Lines: The Good, the Bad, the Money](https://ibenvironmental.com/blog/2021/5/21/lead-service-lines-the-good-the-bad-the-money) – ibenvironmental.com/blog/2021/5/21/lead-service-lines-the-good-the-bad-the-money