

Funding Sources for Managing Lead in Drinking Water in Georgia

Fact Sheet for Georgia Schools and Child Care Centers | August 2022

If lead is found in drinking water sources in your school, there are local and federal resources that can help. This flyer is a quick reference guide to the major funding sources and steps you can take.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loans



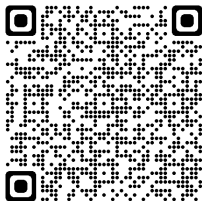
The DWSRF is a federally funded loan program for drinking water infrastructure projects. Loans are available to public water utilities. The 2021 federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law also provides over \$60 million per year for the next five years for lead service line replacement.

How to get started: You can contact your water utility and make them aware of your lead testing results, or your plans to test. If you have high lead levels in many locations of your building or if you suspect your building has lead service lines, request that the water utility pursue DWSRF funding to mitigate lead. For more information on the Georgia DWSRF scan the QR code or visit: <https://gefa.georgia.gov/water-and-sewer-financing/drinking-water-state-revolving-fund>.

What kind of projects can be funded through the DWSRF for mitigating lead in schools?

- Rehabilitating or replacing aging infrastructure
- Rehabilitating or replacing contaminated sources of drinking water, including private wells or public water supplies
- Installing or upgrading treatment facilities to improve drinking water quality

Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grants



The ARC provides grants to a variety of organizations to support community and economic development, including schools, to improve critical infrastructure. There are cost-sharing requirements for grant recipients. The ARC administers grant funding for infrastructure improvement projects through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

How to get started: For more information or to apply scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/community-economic-development/funding-programs/appalachian-regional-commission-arc>.

Other Grant and Loan Programs



In addition to operating funds, school facilities may be eligible for capital outlay funds for some plumbing-related renovations. Schools and child care facilities may be eligible for several other community development grant and loan funds, including Blue Hub Capital (loans for private businesses, including private schools), the Business Development Organization (small business loans for renovation costs), and Kaiser Permanente (grants for community health projects). For more information on funding sources for lead mitigation compiled by the EPA, scan the QR code or visit: <https://bit.ly/3An2RKJ>.



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