

LEAD ELIMINATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Virginia is "leaping" forward to replace LSLs



INTRODUCTION

The Financial & Construction Assistance Programs (FCAP) in ODW at VDH established its **Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR)** Program in 2017.



The **Lead Elimination Assistance Program "LEAP"** campaign was recently launched to promote the program and to educate both localities and homeowners about the dangers of lead service lines.

PARTNERSHIPS

As of 2022, LEAP is currently partnered with the following for LSL removal:

- **City of Richmond** (Department of Public Utilities)
- **City of Alexandria** (VA American Water)
- **Henry County** (Fieldale)
- **City of Chesapeake** (Department of Public Utilities)

To apply or learn more, please contact:
May.Fornari@vdh.virginia.gov
804-584-8412 | LEAP Manager

Eligibility:

- Funding is available for **community waterworks** or **non-profit non-transient waterworks** owners with confirmed or suspected LSLs (includes utility and/or customer portion of the service line)
- **Single family homes** and **apartments** are both eligible. For apartments, documentation is needed for each unit even if the plumbing is identical
- **Schools** and **daycares** are eligible but are targeted through **WIIN funding**. Contact Kendall.Scott@vdh.virginia.gov for more information regarding the **Lead Testing Program**: (804) 316-2136

Funding Available:

- Up to **\$5,000 in grant rebates** for each service line replaced on the homeowner's side of the meter
- VDH reserves the right to limit the grant to **\$500,000 for LSL replacement** and **\$250,000 for LSL inventory** per applicant per funding year. Additional loan funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) for LSL projects is now available through FY26.
- **\$2M is allocated** for LEAP per funding application cycle and **~\$45M** under BIL.

Restrictions:

- Must be a **complete replacement**
- Partial replacements are only allowed if it **results in a complete replacement**
- **Excludes premise plumbing** (sinks, toilets, etc.) - however, it does include pipe entry at or into the structure, up to and including the shut off valve