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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Allotments of FY 2024 Appropriation for the *Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program*, authorized by Section 1464(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act

FROM: Marietta Echeverria, Director
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TO: Water Division Directors, Regions I-X

OVERVIEW

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the FY 2024 allotments for the *Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program* for states, the District of Columbia (DC), and participating territories. Congress authorized the grant program under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) 1464(d), as amended by section 2107 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act, to reduce children's exposure to lead. Through the enactment of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), P.L. 117-58, in November 2021, the grant program was further amended to allow grant recipients to address lead exposure in drinking water at school and child care facilities through remediation (e.g., plumbing replacement, lead reduction certified point-of-use filters) in addition to testing. Working collaboratively through investments like these, the EPA and state partners are making progress towards President Biden's Justice40 commitment, which aims to ensure that federal agencies deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from certain investments to disadvantaged communities.

The total amount available for this allotment is \$26,198,000. Included as part of this memo are the individual allotments for the participating states, DC, and territories. The EPA intends to release a separate memo pertaining to the funding designated for Tribal Consortia to support lead testing and remediation activities in schools and child care facilities serving Tribes. Eligibility to apply for and receive funding under this grant program is limited to the fifty states, DC, and U.S. territories. Grantees must prioritize assistance with lead testing and remediation in drinking water at schools and child care

programs in low-income communities. The Northern Mariana Islands provided the EPA with its Notice of Intent to Participate (NOIP) in 2024 and is receiving their first allotment. All fifty states, DC, and four territories (American Samoa, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands), are grant participants.

Grantees must continue to work with the EPA regional offices in the implementation of eligible activities under their respective grant awards. The EPA is committed to working with states, Tribes, and territories to maximize the impact of these funds in addressing lead in drinking water.

To support the implementation of this grant, an implementation document is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-voluntary-school-and-child-care-lead-testing-and-reduction-grant-program>. The implementation document contains detailed information on how the EPA will award and administer grants that support eligible activities, such as those for remediation or replacement activities.

Further information about this grant program, including the grant implementation document, eligibilities, and frequently asked questions, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/wiin-grant-voluntary-school-and-child-care-lead-testing-and-reduction-grant-program>.

If you have any questions about the allotments, please contact Ying Tan at tan.ying@epa.gov or (202) 564-2392.

ATTACHMENT

1. FY 2024 *Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program* allotments

**Final FY 2024 Allotments for States, DC, and U.S. Territories
Voluntary School and Child Care Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program**

Based on Appropriations of \$26,198,000

State/Territory	Allotments		State/Territory	Allotments
Alabama	\$341,000		Nebraska	\$233,000
Alaska	\$74,000		Nevada	\$179,000
American Samoa	\$39,000		New Hampshire	\$210,000
Arizona	\$456,000		New Jersey	\$559,000
Arkansas	\$267,000		New Mexico	\$191,000
California	\$2,317,000		New York	\$1,260,000
Colorado	\$380,000		North Carolina	\$612,000
Connecticut	\$418,000		North Dakota	\$88,000
Delaware	\$73,000		Northern Mariana Islands	\$39,000
District of Columbia	\$78,000		Ohio	\$817,000
Florida	\$1,085,000		Oklahoma	\$388,000
Georgia	\$629,000		Oregon	\$804,000
Hawaii	\$86,000		Pennsylvania	\$884,000
Idaho	\$153,000		Puerto Rico	\$196,000
Illinois	\$1,032,000		Rhode Island	\$336,000
Indiana	\$635,000		South Carolina	\$311,000
Iowa	\$295,000		South Dakota	\$168,000
Kansas	\$393,000		Tennessee	\$401,000
Kentucky	\$335,000		Texas	\$2,123,000
Louisiana	\$352,000		Utah	\$242,000
Maine	\$298,000		Vermont	\$368,000
Maryland	\$332,000		Virgin Islands	\$60,000
Massachusetts	\$1,285,000		Virginia	\$478,000
Michigan	\$864,000		Washington	\$480,000
Minnesota	\$732,000		West Virginia	\$210,000
Mississippi	\$297,000		Wisconsin	\$583,000
Missouri	\$468,000		Wyoming	\$82,000
Montana	\$182,000			