



Common Council Report

Agenda Item: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Continuation of a Private Lead Service Line Replacement Program and Filing an Application for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund.

Meeting Date: January 4th, 2022

Presenter: Mark Langer

Department: Department of Public Works – Water Utility

Conformance with Strategic Plan:

- Affordability & Financial Stability
- Safe, Inclusive, Welcoming Community
- Diverse Opportunities for Fun and Life-Long Learning
- High Performing Organization with Professional Staff
- Environment for Business Success with Thoughtful Growth and Development

Summary

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has made funding available for 2022 for Wisconsin Municipalities to replace lead service lines (LSLs) on private property.

Analysis and Key Issues

The 2021 Lead Service Line replacement program accomplished the replacement of 40 private lead service lines and 26 galvanized/iron service lines. The total value of this work was \$306,901 and is included as part of the 2021 LSL program financial assistance with the WDNR. Additionally the utility funded the replacement of 26 utility owned lead or galvanized/iron service lines.

Continuation of the LSL replacement program requires applying for funding from WDNR or providing another funding source. Program operations in 2022 would be similar to 2021. The program documents are attached. The City of Milton private LSL replacement program provides eligible properties funding on a first come first served basis for 100% of the cost if grant funding is available. Eligible properties are residential and owned by an individual(s). Public Service Commission (PSC) limits the use of Utility funds for private LSL replacements and requires a mandatory replacement ordinance be implemented. Additionally the PSC limits Utility funding of a private LSLs to a maximum of 50% of the total cost. Because the funding source for this program is a grant and not Utility funds, 100% of the costs to eligible properties can be covered by the grant.

Fiscal Impact



Program funding is principle forgiveness for the private LSL. The DNR LSL program requires that full LSL replacement occur when using the grant funds for private LSL replacement. Any Utility owned LSL replacement will be required to be funded with Utility funds.

Recommended Motions

Approval to continue the private lead service line replacement program as presented on the condition of grant funding being awarded and based on available utility funding, or if changes are desired with those changes.

Approval to submit an application for Financial Assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund.

Attachments

- Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Private Lead Service Line Replacement Program Application
- City of Milton Lead Service Line Program documents
- Lead Service Line Information and program guidance from WDNR