



MANITOWOC PUBLIC UTILITIES

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November 2, 2020

Honorable Mayor Justin Nickels
And Members of Manitowoc Common Council
Manitowoc City Hall
900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Re: Private Lead Water Service Line Replacement – 2021 Program Application

Honorable Mayor and Members of Council:

The Wisconsin DNR, in collaboration with the Department of Administration and the Public Service Commission, established the Private Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Program to assist municipalities in their efforts to replace private LSLs. This program builds on the past success of the two-year Private LSL Replacement Programs in 2017 and 2018. Funding for LSL replacements on private property will be awarded as principal forgiveness, which means no debt is incurred on behalf of the municipality for these funds.

MPU applied for and received \$650,000 of WDNR principal forgiveness loans in 2017 and 2018. In mid-2020, the WDNR announced a new funding source for replacing private LSLs that would be available for the 2021 construction season. MPU intends on applying for this new funding to assist homeowners in replacing their lead and galvanized iron service line, similar to the previous LSL programs. Applications are due before February 2021; awards will be 100% principal forgiveness and will be made for one construction season at a time.

It is important to note that the WDNR funding for Private LSL Replacements can only be used for the homeowner's portion of the water service (from the curb stop to the building meter). The homeowner would be responsible for the LSL replacement cost in the street (from the watermain to the curb stop).

As part of the application process, the WDNR requires the City to adopt an Authorized Representative Resolution for the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). Since the previous WDNR LSL funding program resolution named Nilaksh Kothari, a new resolution is needed. The WDNR recommends that the municipality authorize a person by "title" rather than by "name".

The Resolution naming the Authorized Representative is attached, for Council consideration and adoption. The MPU Commission approved a similar resolution on October 12, 2020.

Your approval is requested. Please feel free to call me at (920) 686-4377 for additional information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy Adams, P.E.
General Manager

Attachments

cc: Steve Corbeille, Finance Director, City of Manitowoc
Attorney Kathleen McDaniel, City Attorney
Rob Michaelson, Water Systems Manager, MPU

RESOLUTION #20-1101
By: Manitowoc Common Council

**AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE APPLICATIONS
FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM
STATE OF WISCONSIN SAFE DRINKING WATER LOAN PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, a municipal corporation, to file several applications for state financial assistance for its water facilities under the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate a representative for filing said applications;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by Mayor Justin Nickels and the Manitowoc Common Council that the Water Systems Manager is hereby appointed as the authorized representative for the City of Manitowoc for the purpose of filing these applications, and that the representative is further authorized and empowered to do all things necessary in connection with said applications.

Adopted the 16th day of November, 2020

City of Manitowoc
Manitowoc County, WISCONSIN

Mayor Justin Nickels

Attest: _____
Deborah Neuser, City Clerk

Date: _____