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RE: Survey
Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities (EC-SDC) Grant Program

Dear Public Water Supplier:

On February 13, 2023, EPA announced the availability of the EC-SDC grant program. This program provides states with grants for Public Water Suppliers in small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants, including PFAS. EPA allotted \$38 million to Massachusetts for the next two fiscal years. Work may include but is not limited to testing, planning & design, treatment, and PWS consolidation & creation. Small systems are PWS serving less than 10,000 persons and disadvantaged communities are those that meet the criteria at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/the-disadvantaged-community-program>.

MassDEP is currently developing the statewide workplan for this grant program and is surveying PWS to collect information about their system needs to address emerging contaminants. We would greatly appreciate it if you could complete a brief survey on your needs. MassDEP Drinking Water Program will use the information collected by this brief survey to add to already available information documenting the statewide needs for Public Water Suppliers in small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants.

Please complete the survey at <https://www.mass.gov/forms/emerging-contaminants-in-small-or-disadvantaged-communities-ec-sdc-grant-program-survey> by Wednesday April 28th.

Please note: the funding provided by the EC-SDC grant is not sufficient to address the needs of all eligible Public Water Suppliers in small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants and therefore there will be a cap on the size of any single grant awarded to a PWS based on the statewide need. Public Water Systems will also have access to Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) and MassDEP encourages you to apply to DWSRF if you are planning to construct a large water treatment facility to address PFAS contamination. The DWSRF program provides 0% interest loans for construction projects to address PFAS contamination as well as a percent of principal forgiveness on the loans. See Information about the PFAS loans at [Zero Interest PFAS Mitigation Loans | Mass.gov](#) and how to apply for a loan at [State Revolving Fund Applications & Forms | Mass.gov](#).

If you have any questions on this information, you may also contact the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at program.director-dwp@mass.gov Subject: PFAS Survey or 617-292-5770.

Sincerely,



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RESOURCES:

USEPA information on the EC-SDC grant program: [Emerging Contaminants \(EC\) in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant \(SDC\) | US EPA](#)