



Mike DeWine, Governor  
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor  
Laurie A. Stevenson, Director

February 1, 2021

Mayors, County Commissioners, Regional Authority Officials,  
Consulting Engineers, and Other Interested Parties

**Re: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA)  
Call for Project Nominations for Program Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)**

The Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) is pleased to announce the WSRLA Program Year 2022 call for nominations and invite you to submit projects for financial assistance. As in recent program years, it is anticipated sufficient loan funds will be available to award **all** eligible projects, with a continued focus on addressing human health issues and regionalization. In addition, we anticipate administering approximately \$10 million in principal forgiveness funds this program year. Principal forgiveness funds will be awarded to eligible projects based on a competitive ranking system further described in the Program Management Plan (PMP) including a continued focus on readiness to proceed.

For all construction projects, nominations must be submitted to Ohio EPA DEFA by **March 3, 2021**. Planning and design projects may be nominated at any time during the program year. Additionally, Harmful Algal Bloom, PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) or lead service line replacement projects may be nominated throughout the program year. **Ohio EPA strongly encourages applicants to submit project nominations for consideration of funding from WSRLA as well as other funds that may become available during the program year (e.g. additional grants from USEPA, H2Ohio funding, etc.).**

The nomination form and instructions are available on our website <http://epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa>. Please note only electronic submissions will be accepted and must be received no later than **March 3, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact our office at [defamail@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:defamail@epa.ohio.gov).

Thank you for your continued interest in improving Ohio's drinking water resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Rouch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jerry Rouch

Chief

Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance