

Bristol Town Administrator

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Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2020 2:20 PM
To: Alan Huizenga; Bristol Town Administrator
Cc: Bristol Clerk; Thomas, Terisa; Raymond, Tim
Subject: RE: Town of Bristol DWSRF Planning Loan application >> received?

Alan,

I appreciate that this is disappointing news for Bristol. If you'd like to discuss how the conclusion about lead subsidy eligibility was reached, you can speak directly with Tim Raymond from the DWGWPD, who is copied here. I'll note that we don't have any remaining lead subsidy for this year.

You might consider submitting a Priority List application for this year (FY20, due 2/24) if your timing can work, as we anticipate being able to offer some very attractive subsidy, better than this past year.

I'm happy to discuss.

Regards,

Celia

From: Alan Huizenga <ahuizenga@gmeinc.biz>
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Hi Celia-

I can't begin to explain how disappointed I am to hear this information. Please do not take this personally, but GME hosted training at our office with Ashley Lucht this fall when we were told the lead-packed joints would make the project eligible for the subsidy. We even made follow-up calls to confirm the information, before sharing it with our clients (see attached record of telephone conversation). I understand that there are many changes on an annual basis to how the program is administered and there has been a LOT of turnover in both your division and the DWGWP Division, but we received the information **first hand** from a **very experienced** member of the division staff and **confirmed** the information and now we look like we don't know what we're doing. I, personally, made a presentation to the Select Board regarding this funding availability, after it was confirmed. This is not the first time someone from a funding agency has offered funding to the Town of Bristol, then later could not deliver and I am sure they will be as disappointed as I am. Could you please let me know who I can speak to at the DWGWP Division to follow-up on this matter?

Also, would you be able to tell me how much more time will be needed to process the planning loan application, assuming it is not withdrawn by the Town?

Thank you,
Alan

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Valerie,

I wanted to let you know that we consulted with our Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division and have determined that lead-oakum joints are not eligible for the lead abatement subsidy because the leaded components of the cast iron pipe is not in direct contact with the drinking water.

However, the work is absolutely still eligible under the normal DWSRF terms and subsidy, and we encourage you to prepare the PER to evaluate the cast iron distribution main line. I'll continue to proceed with processing your loan application, and am happy to discuss this or any other questions you may have.

Regards,

Celia

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