

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Jill Marsano <jill@vtums.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 3:34 PM
To: Bristol Town Administrator; Ian Albinson
Cc: Bristol Clerk; Treasurer
Subject: How/When to Ask for Selectboard Approval to Apply for \$91,339 Service Line Inventory 100% Forgivable Loan = Grant
Attachments: DWSRF loans for service line inventories email 12-16-2022.pdf; DWSRF IUP FFY2022 Amended 2023-01-05.pdf

Valerie & Ian,

Bristol is eligible for \$91,339 of 100% forgivable loan (which means grant) for service line identification and inventory required to be completed by October 2024 (see page 50 of 51 in the attached IUP).

VTUMS, as your water operations consultant, is very well qualified and will be the most efficient in completing this required task prior to the October 2024 deadline. This task includes going through all of the water service records line records, drawings, photos of recent repair projects and performing surveys and house visits at most of the connected users of the water system to complete this inventory in this first phase.

We can further assist with the next steps (after this phase) of visually identifying the lead and galvanized service lines by pot holing at the curb stop and in future phases, assist with the replacement of any service lines deemed a danger to public health.

I'm checking in to see what needs to go to the board to proceed with the loan (grant) application that I'm happy to complete for you? This borrowing does not need any type of bond vote as it is not a construction project. It does need Selectboard approval.

As funds are spent, reimbursement requests (that I'm happy to assist with) will pay you back, and when the loan is fully disbursed or the project completed (whichever comes first), the forgiveness can be processed by the State.

Please let me know how you'd like to proceed.

Jill Marsano

Owner/President

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From: Galford, Amy <Amy.Galford@vermont.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 2:51 PM
To: Jill Marsano <jill@vtums.com>
Cc: Koss, Meagan <Meagan.Koss@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: Service line inventory loans offered to systems with user population >1000 and >250 connections

Hi Jill,

These are similar to other planning loans in that they don't need to go through the priority list process and can go straight to a loan application. However, I made a shorter loan application since most of the larger systems have already submitted financial info to us recently, and the project scopes are a little different than most DWSRF loans – but we don't need 70 unique long explanations of why these loan applications are coming in. Links in the attached PDF should work but let me know if they don't. Slightly different form for municipalities including fire districts vs. private water system like HOAs.

I updated the form this morning to have Meagan Koss's name and phone # rather than mine because she's going to be taking the lead on most of these loan applications. These loan applications get submitted to a shared email box that multiple staff in WID and DWGPD can access. You can submit a draft contract or draft ESA in advance of the loan application and that box is also the best place to send it – DWGPD will review those and give feedback.

Amy

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[SRF Intended Use Plans and funding cycle and link to SLI loan applications](#)
[other SRF Loan Applications in ANRonline](#)

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From: Jill Marsano <jill@vtums.com>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 2:42 PM
To: Galford, Amy <Amy.Galford@vermont.gov>
Subject: Service line inventory loans offered to systems with user population >1000 and >250 connections

Amy,

Regarding the "Service line inventory loans offered to systems with user population >1000 and >250 connections" on pages 49-50 of DWSRF IPY FFY 2022 , can you please let me know if these require an SRF Loan application under the current DWSRF projects or if these have open dates similar to the planning loans?

Also is the loan forgiveness still as presented in this report?

Your quick reply is appreciated as I understand the February application date is fast approaching.

Thanks,

Jill Marsano

Owner/President

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From: [ANR - DWSRF Inventory Loan Applications](#)
To: [ANR - DWSRF Inventory Loan Applications](#)
Subject: DWSRF loans for service line inventories
Date: Friday, December 16, 2022 1:07:10 PM

The Vermont DEC Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ([DWSRF](#)) is offering a new category of federal funding for service line inventories that are required under the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions. More information on this inventory [requirement](#) is available from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division and in their upcoming [trainings](#) via the Vermont Rural Water Association.

We are offering loans to the 70 largest water systems in the state, including yours, to hire contractors to help to complete service line inventories. Details are in the annual DWSRF [Intended Use Plan](#) (IUP) and in the loan applications below. Loans will be 0% interest with repayment starting in 5 years, and divided into 5 subsequent annual payments. Under our proposed forthcoming changes to the IUP, water systems with a local median household income (MHI) up to 120.1% of the state MHI will be eligible to have part of the loan forgiven. For eligible water systems, there will initially be 100% forgiveness for loans up to \$100,000 plus 50% forgiveness of the remainder over \$100,000.

For service line inventory (SLI) loans only, there is a new short form of the DWSRF loan application, that may be submitted as an email attachment to anr.dwsrfinvloan@vermont.gov (rather than via ANRonline).

[Municipal system SLI loan application](#)

[Private system SLI loan application](#)

Please send questions about SLI loans to anr.dwsrfinvloan@vermont.gov

A draft IUP amendment with updated SLI loan forgiveness information was posted to the IUP website today and a link to that information will also be sent via the Vermont SRF Constant Contact email list. To join that list, send an email to ANR.CWSRFplist@vermont.gov

This email was sent to water system Administrative Contacts in the DWGPD contact database. Please forward to other water system staff as needed.