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Environmental Quality awards five Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loans in April

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) awarded five loans for water projects to two cities and three water districts through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program in April of 2022.

- **Bismarck** received a \$1,500,000 loan to replace lead service lines and to reduce the potential source of lead in drinking water.
- **Bowbells** received a \$218,000 loan towards the construction of four blocks of water transmission line to directly link the Upper Souris Water District meter vault to the water tower. The new line will improve water cycling efficiency through the water tower to keep the chlorine levels at an optimal level.
- **Cass Rural Water Users District** received a \$1,015,000 loan towards upgrades to address water pressure problems and to increase storage at multiple reservoirs.
- **East Central Regional Water District** received a \$4,125,000 loan towards constructing six miles of pipeline to address flow and pressure issues. Other improvements include capacity for peak day demands, providing backup emergency flows, and potentially a connection with Hillsboro.
- **Upper Souris Water District** received a \$1,274,000 loan towards distribution system improvements, including parallel lines, pump station improvements, and increased flow and pressure throughout the system. These projects will allow the district to provide higher quality drinking water for residents.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides part of the DWSRF Program funding, which offers below-market interest rate loans to political subdivisions for financing projects authorized under the Safe Drinking Water Act. DWSRF programs operate nationwide to provide funding to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our vital water resources.

Loans are awarded to projects listed on the NDDEQ project priority list based on project eligibility and repayment ability. Please contact the NDDEQ at ndsrf@nd.gov regarding specific detail on any of the projects mentioned above.

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