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\$15.2 million in state water loans awarded for infrastructure upgrades in North Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. — The State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs, jointly administered by the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality and the North Dakota Public Finance Authority, awarded six loans to four communities in July to support critical water infrastructure.

- **Almont** was awarded a \$149,000 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan and a \$162,000 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan to replace the asbestos-cement pipe water mains and vitrified clay pipe sanitary sewer mains that have reached the end of their useful life which will reduce operation and maintenance costs and improve system reliability.
- **Bottineau** received a \$3.6 million DWSRF loan to replace lead drinking water service lines. This project will remove a potential source of lead in drinking water and improve long-term public health.
- **Cass Rural Water District** was granted a \$1.5 million DWSRF loan to install rural and regional water main which will enhance system performance and reliability.
- **West Fargo** received a \$5.1 million CWSRF loan and a \$4.7 million DWSRF loan to replace water main, storm and sanitary sewer, and streets in the First Avenue and Meadow Ridge developments which will reduce operation and maintenance costs and improve system reliability.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides part of the SRF programs' funding, which offers below-market interest rate loans to political subdivisions for financing projects authorized under the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act. SRF 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 project priority list based on project eligibility determined by the Department of Environmental Quality and the Public Finance Authority's review of repayment ability. The Public Finance Authority is overseen by the North Dakota Industrial Commission, consisting of Governor Kelly Armstrong as chairman, Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley, and Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring. Please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at ndsrf@nd.gov regarding specific detail on any of the projects mentioned above.

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