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\$18.9 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 five communities in September to support critical water infrastructure.

- **Drayton** was awarded a \$5.1 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) loan and an \$8.3 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan to replace the vitrified clay sanitary sewer mains, asbestos cement water mains, undersized storm sewers, and deteriorated roads. This project is phase 1 of a three-phase effort to bring the utility system into compliance and enhance overall system performance and reliability.
- **Harwood** was awarded a \$1.3 million DWSRF loan to replace and construct a new section of water main that will connect dead ends within the north subdivisions. This will increase water volume, improve water quality and water pressure, and reduce stagnation issues which will reduce operation and maintenance costs and improve system reliability.
- **Cando** was awarded \$1.5 million, **Washburn** received \$732,000, and **Williston** was awarded \$2 million from the DWSRF. These loans will allow the cities to replace their lead service lines and remove a potential source of lead in drinking water and improve long-term public health.

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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