



# LEAD TESTING AND REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

For Schools and Licensed Child Care Facilities

## **Program Overview**

The Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment's (DWEE) Lead Testing and Reduction Grant Program provides funding assistance to schools, local educational agencies, and licensed child care facilities to support their efforts to test for and reduce lead in drinking water. The program is designed to reduce children's exposure to lead in drinking water. Children aged 6 and younger are the most vulnerable to lead's effects.



## **Testing**

Public, private and parochial schools, and licensed child care programs that wish to sample their drinking water can do so by contacting the DWEE to request test kits. Educational material can be supplied to support schools and child care programs with interpreting results and guidance on the following steps of action.

## **Remediation Eligibilities**

Eligible recipients for remediation activities must have completed drinking water testing through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Public Health Environmental Laboratory and include:

- Public schools,
- Private and parochial<sup>1</sup> schools, and
- Licensed child care programs.

Remediation activities include the removal and replacement of:

- Faucets and similar fixtures,
- Water fountains, and
- Water filler stations.

Eligible facilities interested in funds to address lead remediation can contact the DWEE Lead Contact.

<sup>1</sup> Currently private and parochial schools are eligible to receive grant funding by entering into an agreement with their respective local educational agency or other eligible entity, as the "pass through" entity. The pass-through entity would then enter into an agreement with DWEE for the remediation activities of the private and parochial school.

## **Remediation Award**

Recipients receiving this federal funding are required to comply with pre- and post-installation program, state, and federal regulations, which will be detailed in writing to awarded recipients.

Once project remediation activities have concluded, awarded funds will be disbursed on eligible project costs submitted by the recipient for reimbursement.

## **Contact**

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