

# Clean Water Ambassador Webinar

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# Our Agenda

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## Welcome and Recap

Ninah Sasy, Clean Water Public Advocate



## Ambassador Priorities for 2021

Ninah Sasy



## MI Clean Water Plan: A Historic Investment to Rebuild Michigan's Water Infrastructure

Kelly Green



## Update from Ambassadors

Clean Water Ambassadors



## Feedback & Questions from Ambassadors

We want to hear from you



## Looking Ahead

Upcoming initiatives and timeline



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# Recap of the previous Clean Water Ambassador Meeting

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Ninah Sasy, Clean Water Public Advocate

# Ambassador Webinar #3 Take-aways

- Ambassadors were presented with information and a toolkit for supporting the School Drinking Water Program
- The Drinking Water Concern System has launched; Ambassadors should share this resource with their communities and promote it via social media

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# **MI Clean Water Plan:** A Historic Investment to Rebuild Michigan's Water Infrastructure

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Kelly Green,  
EGLE Administrator in Water Infrastructure  
Financing

# Funding and Financing Opportunities for Drinking Water Systems

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Water Infrastructure Financing Section  
Finance Division



# Financing Opportunities



- Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF)
- Projects for water suppliers to satisfy the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act
- Federal/State low interest loan program
- Provided over \$1 Billion since program inception

# How to Apply to DWSRF

## Minimum Municipality Requirements

- Municipality submits Intent-to-Apply form to EGLE by January 31
- Draft Project Plan prepared, municipality holds local public hearing
- Final Project Plan submitted to EGLE
- Applicant negotiates milestone schedule with EGLE

# Milestone Schedule

	QUARTER 1	QUARTER 2	QUARTER 3	QUARTER 4
Rate Methodology Approved	08/14/2020	11/16/2020	01/29/2021	04/23/2021
EAs Published No Later Than	08/17/2020	11/20/2020	02/08/2021	04/26/2021
Part I and Part II Application Due	08/31/2020	11/30/2020	02/16/2021	05/17/2021
FNSI Clearance Plans & Specs Approved	09/18/2020	12/21/2020	03/10/2021	05/26/2021
Bid Ad Published No Later Than	09/18/2020	12/21/2020	03/08/2021	05/28/2021
Part III of Application Due Bid Data Submittal (With Tentative Contract Award)	11/02/2020	02/01/2021	04/16/2021	07/07/2021
EGLE Order of Approval Issued*	11/16/2020	02/26/2021	05/17/2021	08/09/2021
Borrower's Pre-Closing with the MFA	11/30/2020	03/15/2021	05/28/2021	08/23/2021
MFA CLOSING	12/11/2020	03/26/2021	06/07/2021	08/30/2021
Notice to Proceed Issued No Later Than	02/09/2021	05/25/2021	08/06/2021	10/29/2021

# Michigan's Clean Water Plan

- Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM)
- Consolidation and Contamination Risk Reduction Grants (C2R2)
- Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants (DWI)
- Disadvantaged Community Lead Service Line Replacement Program (DWSRF loan forgiveness)



# Drinking Water Asset Management Grant

## Activities

- Asset Management Program Development
  - Creating or updating a local asset management plan
- Distribution System Materials Inventory
  - Locating lead service lines

## Overview

- \$36.5 million total available in program
- \$1 million max per applicant
- Applications scored quarterly
- Funding available till exhausted

# Consolidation and Contamination Risk Reduction

## Activities

- Connecting private contaminated wells to local drinking water system
- Treatment technologies to reduce or remove contaminants (other than lead)

## Overview

- \$25 million available in program
- \$5 million max award per applicant
- Applicants scored quarterly
  - Priority given to water supplies with high PFAS levels

# Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants

- Grants to cover planning and design costs related to DWSRF loan process
- Timeline and specifics TBD



# Disadvantaged Community Lead Service Line Replacement Program

- For DWSRF loan principal forgiveness
  - Must submit DWSRF loan application
- Only for communities that qualify as disadvantaged under the DWSRF program for lead service line removal/replacement construction work
- Funding available for fiscal year 2022 projects (intent-to-apply due Jan 31, 2021)





Kelly Green, Administrator  
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# MI Clean Water Plan

“The health of our communities and the strength of our economy depend on the fundamentals of safe water.”

**Governor Gretchen Whitmer**



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**October 1, 2020**

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**Governor Whitmer Announces MI Clean Water: A Historic \$500 Million Investment To Rebuild Michigan’s Water Infrastructure**

*MI Clean Water will provide clean, affordable water to Michiganders, direct investments into communities, and support over 7,500 clean water-based jobs; Governor Whitmer calls on the legislature to work together to improve water quality Michigan*

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# 2021 Clean Water Ambassador Priorities

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Ninah Sasy,  
Clean Water Public Advocate

# Goal 1: Increase awareness and transparency regarding drinking water quality

## 1.1 Drinking Water 101 Ambassador Key Messages

- Community Water Supply Residents
- Private Residential Well Residents

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# Goal 1: Increase awareness and transparency regarding drinking water quality

## 1.2 Consumer Confidence Report (community water supply)

- Host webinar: CCR 101 by April 2020
  - Number of webinar attendees
  - Location of webinar attendees
  - Post-webinar survey
- Develop Ambassador key messages regarding CCR
  - Number of social media likes and shares
  - Number of partners sharing key messages through non-social media channels
- Provide Recommendations on Improving Readability of CCRs

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# Goal 1: Increase awareness and transparency regarding drinking water quality

## 1.3 Self-monitoring (private well residents)

- Host webinar for private residential well owners
  - Number of webinar attendees
  - Location of webinar attendees
  - Post-webinar survey
- Develop recommended testing guide and where to find certified labs
  - Number of social media likes and shares
  - Number of partners (realtor organizations, housing partners, etc.) that agree to share recommendations

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# Goal 2: Increase awareness of how to report drinking water quality concerns

**Community water supply, local health departments**

**Michigan Dept. of EGLE Drinking Water Concern System**

- Number of concerns received
- Number of visits to webpage
- Number of social media likes and shares

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**Goal 3: Support and promote policies and legislation that protect our most vulnerable community residents (pregnant women, children, and immunocompromised) in regard to drinking water quality**

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# Ambassador Projects



## Citizen Science Project

- Action Level Exceedance (ALE) communities
- Private well residents



## Ambassador Awareness Campaign

- Key messages during Drinking Water Awareness Week (May 3-9, 2021)

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A high-speed photograph of water being poured into a clear glass. The water is captured mid-pour, creating a dynamic splash and ripples inside the glass. The background is a soft, light blue gradient. The surface the glass sits on is wet, with numerous water droplets and a larger puddle reflecting the light. The overall mood is clean and refreshing.

# Ambassador Updates

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Clean Water Ambassadors

# Feedback and Questions from Ambassadors

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