

LEAD REMEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

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What is the purpose of the WIIN Remediation Grant?

The purpose of the grant is to provide funds to the districts, Educational Service Districts (ESDs), and Charter Schools to cover the remediation costs with fixtures that contain elevated levels of lead.

How much Remediation Grant fund is available for each recipient?

The remediation cap is determined based on district size. The district size is taken from the existing testing schedule. Based on that below is the maximum grant amount allotted to each district, ESD and charter school-

- Up to \$5,000 for school districts with 1 to 3 schools and charter schools;
- Up to \$10,000 for school districts with 4 to 6 schools and ESDs; and
- Up to \$15,000 for school districts with 7 or more schools.

What remediation actions are covered under the grant?

- Removal and replacement of Fixtures such as faucets, water fountains and related components
- Removal and replacement of shutoff valve
- Replacement or installation of filter stations with POU devices certified to remove lead (Recipient must periodic maintenance plan along with other required documents)
- Other removal, replacements, and reduction of lead source activities in drinking water as according to work plan

Are water filters covered?

Yes. However, POU filters need to be periodically maintained to ensure to absence of lead in the water. Districts must ensure that they have a maintenance plan.

What costs are covered under the remediation grant?

1. Actual costs of fixtures including materials equipment
2. Installation costs/labor cost

What labor costs are covered?

Staff time or plumber labor fees for persons conducting the remediation. If the district uses in-house staff for the remediation, staff time will be reimbursed. That includes other personnel costs (i.e. payroll tax, PERS, Health care). The district must submit the timesheet and hourly rate. If the district hires a certified plumber, the plumber labor cost that is listed in the receipt will be reimbursed.

What are the criteria that ODE used to create the priority list for the WIIN Remediation Grant?

Districts were given a preference point for each of the following 6 criteria. Districts with score 6 will get first priority, followed by districts with score 5 and so on, until ODE has awarded up to the available grant amount.

- District has 2,500 ADMr or less according to 2023-24 SSF data
- 10% or more students are in poverty according to the 2023-24 SSF data
- District has K-12 school built on or before 1988
- District has 50% or more building built on or before 1988
- The facility with the high lead fixture serves K-5 students.
- District already submitted their completed lead testing documents to ODE

ESDs were given a preference point for each of the following 6 criteria. ESDs with score 6 will be first priority, followed by districts with score 5 and so on, until ODE has awarded up to the available grant amount.

- ESD serves component school districts with a total of 20,000 ADMr or less according to the 23-24 SSF data
- 10% or more cumulative student population of the ESD is in poverty according to the 23-24 SSF data
- ESD has component school districts that have buildings built on or before 1988
- ESD has 50% or more building built on or before 1988
- The facility with the high lead fixture serves children aged 6 or under.
- ESD already submitted their completed lead testing documents to ODE

Can all facilities be remediated with this grant?

Facilities serving k-12 students will be given priority. After remediating those facilities, if the funds remain, other facilities can be covered.

What if the actual reimbursement cost exceeds the grant fund limit?

ODE will reimburse the district up to the district fund limit.

What if the actual cost is less than the grant fund limit?

ODE will reimburse the district up to the actual cost incurred.

Is there a deadline for completion of remediation action?

Districts must complete all the remediation and follow-up draw tests to ensure lead is eliminated from the fixture within 6 months of approval of the fund allocation.

Is charter school/ESD eligible for funding?

Yes. Charter schools and ESDs are eligible under WIIN Remediation Grant.

What costs will be covered if a fixture is rebuilt, not replaced?

If there is no cost of fixtures or equipment, ODE will reimburse only the labor/installation cost. If there are costs of equipment associated with rebuilding the fixture, it will be reimbursed. Also, the labor costs will be covered. For equipment, districts need to submit the receipt of the equipment and for labor the receipt/timesheet and hourly rate.

What is the remediation threshold to apply for this grant?

Remediation is required for fixtures at or greater than 15 ppb. For this grant, any fixture that shows a lead level at or greater than **10-15 ppb** is eligible for reimbursement.

Are marginal fixtures eligible for remediation grant?

Yes. Marginal fixtures that show lead levels at or greater than 10 ppb, but less than 15 ppb are eligible for remediation grant.