

SITE CLEANUP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



OKLAHOMA DRINKING WATER LEAD TESTING IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities Drinking Water Program (LWSC) is offering free sampling of school and childcare facilities drinking water for lead. Public schools and childcare centers who participate receive free sampling materials, laboratory testing, and guidance on what steps to take to eliminate lead from the drinking water being served at their facilities.

DEQ's Site Cleanup Assistance Program (SCAP) is partnering with the LWSC Program in order to offer monetary assistance to public schools and public childcare facilities that are identified as significantly lead impacted (drinking water samples showing lead greater than 10ppb). This program will provide reimbursement of up to \$50,000 to qualifying entities to address the lead issue identified. This program has limited funding. Schools and child care facilities will be selected on a first come, first served basis.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FUNDING

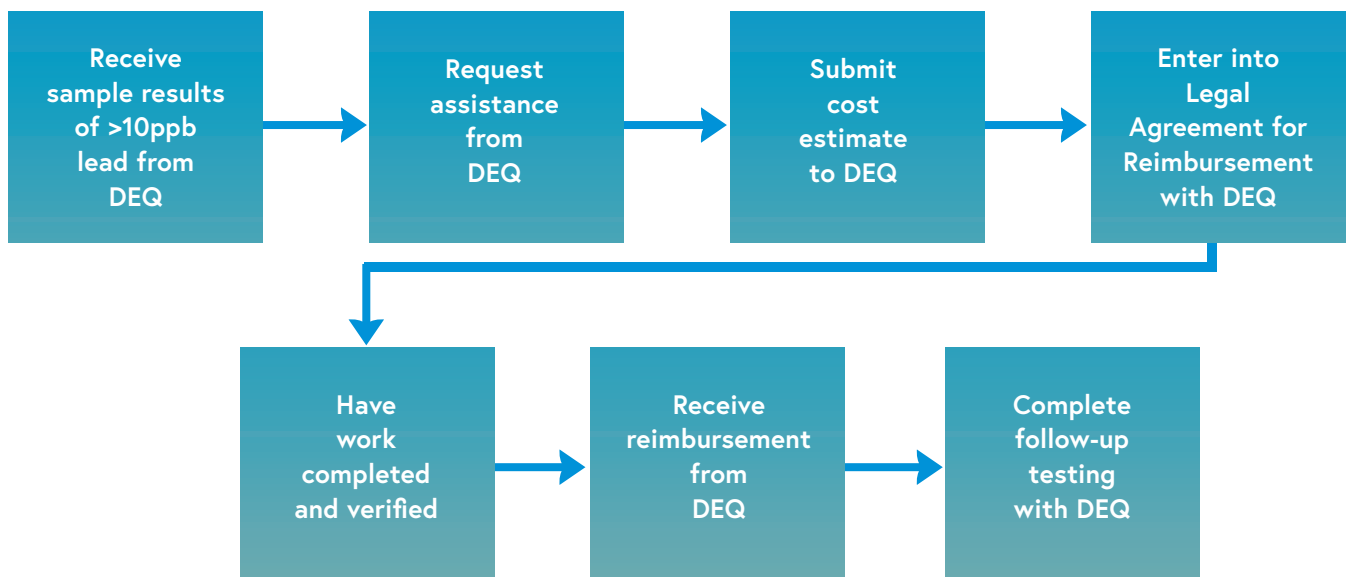
To be eligible to receive monetary reimbursement from DEQ for abatement and/or removal and replacement of lead impacted plumbing, the school or childcare facility must:

- Be a public school or public childcare facility.
- Have completed all requirements of the Lead Testing in School and Child Care Facility Drinking Water Program (<https://www.deq.ok.gov/state-environmental-laboratory-services/environmental-public-health-information/lwsc/>).
- Received confirmation from DEQ of lead impacted plumbing or fixtures (Pb > 10ppb).
- Provide a cost estimate of work needed to remove and replace and/or abate lead impacted plumbing or plumbing fixtures.
- Cost of work must be greater than \$3,000.

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- School or childcare facility must willingly enter into a formal Reimbursement Agreement that will outline the requirements and responsibilities of parties.
- The school or childcare facility must complete abatement and/or removal and replacement of plumbing fixtures within 6 months of entering into a reimbursement agreement with DEQ.
- The school or childcare facility must provide verification that the abatement and/or removal and replacement of plumbing fixtures has been completed before DEQ will reimburse the funds. Examples of verification include, but is not limited to, paid invoices, building/plumbing code compliance certifications, photos, and a site visit by DEQ.
- The school or childcare facility must be able to provide certification that work has been completed in compliance with all applicable plumbing regulations or codes and was performed by appropriately licensed professionals or personnel (if applicable). All newly installed plumbing piping and fixtures must be certified to meet the NSF/ANSI 61 standard.
- Follow-up testing by the LWSC program will be conducted to confirm reduction and/or elimination of lead in facility drinking water.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS



Contact Information

For more information about this opportunity, please contact:

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