

	<p>Agenda Item: Resolution</p> <p>Title: Resolution 2026-09, Authorizing Submission of an Application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a Loan Through the State Revolving Fund on Behalf of the Governing Body for the City of Laramie for the Purchase of a Hydro Excavator Truck</p>
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Recommended Council MOTION:

I move to approve Resolution 2026-09, authorizing submission of an application to the State Loan and Investment Board for a loan through the State Revolving Fund on behalf of the governing body for the City of Laramie for the purchase of a Hydro Excavator Truck, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign.

Administrative or Policy Goal:

- Provide safe and reliable drinking water to the residents, businesses and visitors in and around the City of Laramie.
- Comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act – Lead and Copper Rule.

Background:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has implemented additional mandates to the original Lead and Copper Rule. The first stage of the mandate was to identify both customer service line and city system service line material types. This was completed by City staff and submitted within the compliance range and time. This rule was known as the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions or LCRR.

The next phase of the mandate, known as Lead and Copper Rule Improvements or LCRI, was issued by the U.S. EPA in October 2024 after the LCRR. This rule requires inspection for connectors to the mainline on the city side of the service to identify if lead was used in connectors. Also, in many instances where galvanized lines were previously identified, identification at the curb stop may also be required.

This loan application is to acquire funding for a hydro-excavation truck so staff can complete inspections as required by the LCRI. The loan request will be for \$640,000. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Program Loans provide a 0% interest rate over a 7-year term. The loan is also eligible for a minimum of 25% principal forgiveness.

A hydro-excavation truck is a very specialized vehicle that uses high-pressure water jets to break up soil and a powerful vacuum to suck it up, creating a slurry that is collected within a debris tank, allowing for non-invasive, precise excavation around underground utilities and for tasks like exposing lines, trenching, and debris removal.

A hydro-excavation truck will provide the most efficient, less invasive method to inspect and identify connectors in the system. Hydro-excavation creates a small pothole rather than more invasive processes such as a backhoe.

Currently, as the rule states, within the city system 8,591 connections to the main will need inspection within the next 10 years. The city’s current vacuum truck does not have the ability to effectively excavate for this amount of work.

Additional Background from The Office of State Lands and Investments

Beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2022, Wyoming received a grant of twenty-eight million three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$28,350,000.00), which does not require state matching funds. This grant aims to provide loans to disadvantaged public water systems for lead service line inventories and subsequent full replacement of identified lead service lines.

All public water systems were required to submit a records-based service line inventory to the EPA by October 16, 2024. Final system inventories, including identification of all unknown service lines, are due to the EPA by November 1, 2027. The ultimate deadline for the full replacement of all identified lead service lines is November 1, 2037.

Under the Lead Service Line grants, the program is required to provide 49% of each grant as principal forgiveness to systems deemed disadvantaged by State program rules. Chapter 16 rules establish scoring metrics allowing Wyoming public water systems to qualify from 25% up to 100% principal forgiveness. Each loan will have a 0% interest rate and no origination fee. This structure encourages public water systems to replace identified lead service lines at no cost to property owners, particularly in older properties located in financially disadvantaged areas where lead service lines are most found.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Wyoming Statute §§ 16-1-301 through -305.

State Loan and Investment Board's Rules and Regulations, Chapter 16

BUDGET/FISCAL INFORMATION:

REVENUE

Source	Amount	Type
Fees/Charges for Service		
Grants for Projects		
Loans on Project	\$640,000.00	DWSRF Lead Service Line Program Loan
Other		
Total	\$640,000.00	

Responsible Staff:

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Attachments:

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