Water Fluoridation Equipment Grants Now Available

The New York State Department of Health has released two funding opportunities to support counties, cities, towns, or villages (municipalities) that own their public water system, for costs related to the construction, installation, repair, replacement, or upgrade of fluoride equipment in drinking water facilities.

One opportunity supports municipalities with funding up to $50,000 for the planning and implementation of community water fluoridation. Component 1 of this opportunity will pay for development of an engineering report to initiate or maintain water fluoridation. Component 2 will pay for the upgrade, replacement, repair or purchase of equipment to initiate or maintain water fluoridation.

Applications for both components will be accepted on a rolling basis from October 22, 2015 until February 29, 2016. It is anticipated that applications received on or before November 15, 2015 will be reviewed and contracts executed by February 15, 2016. It is anticipated that applications received November 16, 2015–February 29, 2016 will be reviewed by May 1, 2016. Additional details on both components can be found at: Grants Gateway ID: DOH01-DWFC1-2015/ID: DOH01-DWFC2-2015.

The second opportunity is an RFA which will support municipalities seeking between $50,001 and $1 million to upgrade, replace or repair existing water fluoridation equipment or install fluoridation systems in public water systems that have authorized the implementation of fluoridation. An applicant conference for this RFA will be held on November 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm. See the RFA for more information. Applications are being accepted until February 29, 2016. Additional details can be found at: RFA- Grants Gateway # DOH01-DWF3-2015.

Both opportunities are now posted on the NYS Grants Gateway.

The funding for these opportunities was included in the 2015-2016 New York State Budget.