How the Safe Drinking Water Fee Supports Drinking Water Protection Efforts

Total Budget for the Drinking Water Protection Program

- The increase in the Safe Drinking Water Fee restores funding to the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) for drinking water infrastructure projects. Moving 25 current staff from DWRF as a funding source to the fee as a funding source restores about $3 million to DWRF.
- The fee increase has also expanded our capacity to provide expert assistance to public water suppliers through the addition of three new staff.

Total Budget: Before Fee Increase

Total: $18.8 million

- Fee: $2,007,000
- Federal: $7,440,372
- Clean Water Fund: $8,480,000

Total Budget: After Fee Increase

Total: $20.9 million

- Fee: $3,297,052 restored to DWRF
- Federal: $12,714,000
- Clean Water Fund: $4,842,880

What the Safe Drinking Water Fee Funds

Projected for fiscal year 2021
Restoring Funding to DWRF Increases Dollars for Local Infrastructure

Reducing MDH program dependence on DWRF through the fee increase is estimated to restore $80 million over 20 years for local infrastructure needs.