

The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission offers funding to reimburse schools for the sampling and replacement of eligible drinking fountains, water coolers, plumbing fixtures, and limited connected piping. School buildings that were constructed prior to 1990 are the target facilities for this grant program. The program reserves \$15,000 per school for the assessment of eligible fixtures and the material costs to replace those fixtures if they are found to be the cause of lead over the federal action level (15 parts per billion) in drinking water.

Grant Status as of December 31, 2017

More than
296,443 students served



\$499,494 reimbursed to date



Requires the use of Ohio EPA-certified laboratories and approved methods



Tests performed **14,629**



Samples over action level **9.6%**



Fixtures replaced **676**

“By conducting the water quality testing, our parents, staff and students were assured that only a few older drinking fountains and faucets needed to be replaced. It also assured our community that our school district will take every measure to keep our most precious asset (our students) safe.”

- Jim Presot, Assistant Superintendent, North Royalton School District



721 school buildings with approved grants

The grant program is a partnership between the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Water Development Authority, and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission.