



## Township of Belleville *New Jersey*

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### **Belleville Will Use \$300,000 in Federal Funds to Replace Lead Service Lines on Charles, Center Streets**

**BELLEVILLE, NJ – February 7, 2025** – The township will use \$300,000 in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to help meet the state-mandated deadline to identify and replace lead service lines.

The funding is earmarked to replace the water main and lead service lines on Charles and Center streets.

“We are grateful for this federal funding that will help ensure that Belleville residents continue to enjoy safe, clean, drinkable water,” Mayor Michael Melham said.

Belleville is among the 12 municipalities and 36 community organizations to receive a total of about \$5.7 million from the CDBG program, Essex County officials said.

The CDBG program, funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and administered by the Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development, supports community development initiatives, such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs and infrastructure development.

Gov. Phil Murphy in 2021 signed a package of bills into law that require the identification and replacement of lead service lines by 2031.

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