

Directors of Utilities

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Data on CARES assistance programs

During the August Utility Directors meeting, we talked about collecting data on utility assistance programs for the next few months to learn more about the need and effectiveness. Do you think this data would be reasonable to track?

- 1) Number of applications received.
- 2) Number of applications rejected and why.
- 3) Amount of utility assistance requested and amount received.
- 4) How did the applicant find out about the program

Lead and Copper Subcommittee

The Directors of Utilities committee recommended that HRPDC pull together a subcommittee to focus on the revised Lead and Copper Rule and the state legislation (SB392 below) requiring schools to test for lead. In the next few months, the subcommittee will consider the following:

- 1) **Determine if any data collection or information gathering would be useful to support the utilities' response to the revised Lead and Copper Rule**
- 2) **Determine if new policies or programs should be developed at the regional level to support or align utility responses based on the revised Lead and Copper Rule**
- 3) **Evaluate the need for summary materials to explain impacts of the revised rule to the public, city councils/boards or CAOS (i.e. lead service line replacement)**
- 4) **Identify methods to support schools with technical expertise and improve communication as they develop plans to test for lead and notify parents of the results.**