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### **AwwaRF Funds Research for Small Water Utilities**

(Denver, CO) — Awwa Research Foundation (AwwaRF), the leading nonprofit water research foundation dedicated to advancing the science of drinking water, is funding three new research projects that will be of particular benefit to smaller water utilities.

The three projects, which are being funded for a total of \$250,000, are the first to be funded through the new AwwaRF Small Systems Initiative, which was launched in January. Under the initiative, AwwaRF is focusing resources on the specific needs of small water utilities.

“Research targeted toward smaller water suppliers will help address issues that are unique to their size and limited resources,” said Robert C. Renner, Executive Director of AwwaRF. “The findings will assist them in delivering safe and affordable drinking water to the public, which ultimately benefits the nation’s drinking water community as a whole.”

The projects will develop new applications for determining the most cost-effective water treatment methods and for critically evaluating the cost and benefits of implementing a source water protection program. The research will also produce a guidance document on

locating and proactively managing leaks from underground pipes, with particular emphasis on pipe materials and conditions that are relevant to small systems.

**About the Awwa Research Foundation (AwwaRF)**

The Awwa Research Foundation (AwwaRF) is a member-supported, international, nonprofit organization that sponsors research to enable water utilities, public health agencies, and other professionals to provide safe and affordable drinking water to consumers. With more than 900 subscriber members in the U.S. and abroad, AwwaRF has funded and managed more than 1,000 projects valued at more than \$400 million. More information on the Awwa Research Foundation is available at [www.AwwaRF.org](http://www.AwwaRF.org) .

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