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Gov. Christie Whitman has signed the following piece of legislation:

S-1518, sponsored by Senator Henry P. McNamara (R-Bergen/Passaic) and Assembly Members Larry Chatzidakis (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden) and Sam Thompson (R-Middlesex/Monmouth), appropriates \$24, 206, 832 from the Water Supply Bond Act of 1981 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for loans to local governments to upgrade water supply facilities. The legislation will enable the DEP to provide 20 low-interest loans to 18 separate local government units for the planning, design and construction of water supply facilities, and to rehabilitate, repair or consolidate antiquated, damaged or inadequately operated water facilities. The appropriations are part of the DEP's water supply program, which assists publicly owned water utilities to rehabilitate existing facilities and to conserve water by elimination of leakage and inefficiency.