LANSING, Michigan – Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA), a state-wide membership organization dedicated to serving the nonprofit sector, applauds the passing of an agreement to provide $170 million in assistance for Flint and other communities affected by lead.

The bipartisan agreement provides access to $100 million in funding to help fix Flint’s drinking water infrastructure; funding to activate at least $200 million in low-interest loans to upgrade water infrastructure in communities in Michigan and across the country; $50 million to address the health care needs of children who have been exposed to lead; authority for the State of Michigan to forgive $20 million in past drinking water loans to Flint; and a requirement that EPA warn the public within 24 hours of high lead levels in drinking water if a state fails to do so. It now goes to the President for his signature.

“I am pleased that this important step has been taken to protect the public’s health and ensure the safety of the water supply in Flint and other communities,” said MNA President & CEO Donna Murray-Brown. “I applaud the nonprofits that have been working diligently in the Flint area, and hope these funds will enable them to do more.”

About MNA

Incorporated in 1990, MNA is a statewide membership organization dedicated to serving the diverse nonprofit sector through civic engagement, capacity-building, data and technology, training, and advocacy. MNA manages multiple programs and is a sponsoring organization for AmeriCorps VISTA. For more information, visit www.mnaonline.org.

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