

PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE!

The Erie County Health Department through an awards from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund is making available \$290,000 in assistance to income-eligible homeowners to repair or replace their home sewage treatment system. Funds are available to residents of Erie County and the City of Vermilion including the annexed portion of Brownhelm Township with failing private sewage treatment systems. The assistance will cover the cost to install the home sewage treatment system and to abandon the old septic system. All funds must be expended by September 30, 2017.

In order to qualify for assistance the applicant must own and live in the home as their primary residence. (rental properties are not eligible for assistance.) In addition, the total gross yearly anticipated household income (based on income from all residents of the house) must be below 300% of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines. Dependent upon household income applicants could be eligible for 50, 85 or 100% of the system cost.

2016 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Income levels for Household at or below 100% poverty based on number of household occupants:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$36,730	\$40,890

Income levels for Household at or below 200% poverty based on number of household occupants:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$23,540	\$31,860	\$40,180	\$48,500	\$56,820	\$65,140	\$73,460	\$81,780

Income levels for Household at or below 300% poverty based on number of household occupants:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
\$35,310	\$47,790	\$60,270	\$72,750	\$85,230	\$97,710	\$110,190	\$122,670

Income documentation must be submitted for all household members over 18 years of age. One of the following forms of verification is required with the application:

Employment Copies of four (4) weeks pay stubs reflecting year-to-date totals and signed Employment Verification form. If you need additional forms, please make copies or call to request forms.

Fixed Income A statement from the agency verifying the amount of monthly income received.
Unemployment, Social Security, Disability, SSI, Child Support, Pension, etc.

Self-Employment A copy of last year's federal filed income taxes, including Profit and Loss Statement.

Interest Income A copy of bank statement reflecting the amount of interest earned last year.

Participants in the program must:

1. Pay a \$1,000 administration fee (if approved for participation).
2. Grant Permission to anyone involved in this project to enter the property. This includes but is not limited to: health department officials, soil evaluator, system designer, all contractors bidding on installation, installation contractor and employees.
3. Not contract with any local sewage installation contractor or designer as all work is contracted through the local Health Department. Contractors registered with the local health department for sewer installation and design will be contacted to bid each system.
4. Pay the administrative fee before the system is designed or installed.
5. Pay all program matching dollars before installation may begin.

It is important that all applicants be aware, this program **WILL NOT** cover the following costs:

1. Abandonment of drinking water wells, even if required by the local Health Dept. for an Operation Permit
2. Administrative costs
3. Connection of a home with a failing system to public sewer system
4. Installation of a sewer system for a new home

**LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE
CALL TODAY FOR AN APPLICATION!**

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