

Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program

Funding to Repair and Replace Failing On-Site Sewage Facilities

Clean Waters Initiative Workshop

February 26, 2019



Project Description

- ▶ H-GAC's Homeowner Wastewater Assistance Program provides assistance to qualifying homeowners to repair or replace malfunctioning or failing on-site sewage facilities (OSSFs).
- ▶ Funding may also be used to provide extension of first-time sewer service, pump-out and sludge hauling, etc.
- ▶ Eligible homeowners are not charged for any portion of the cost of the project (no homeowner cost share).



Estimated Costs

Item	Approximate Cost
OSSF Installation	\$9,000 - \$15,000
Tie-In to Existing Sewer Service Lines	\$5,200
Aerator or Effluent Pump Replacement	\$500 - \$900
Pump-Out and Sludge Hauling	\$500 - \$700
2-Year Maintenance Agreement	\$300 - \$500
Other OSSF Repairs	Varies

Applicant Qualifications

- The applicant must reside in one of the eligible counties:



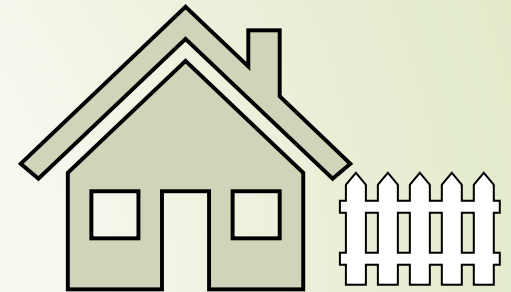
Applicant Qualifications

- ▶ The applicant must have a failing OSSF or no OSSF



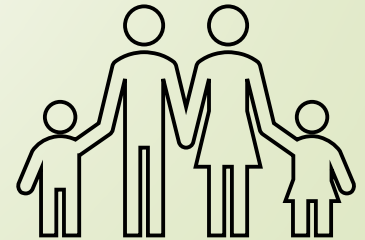
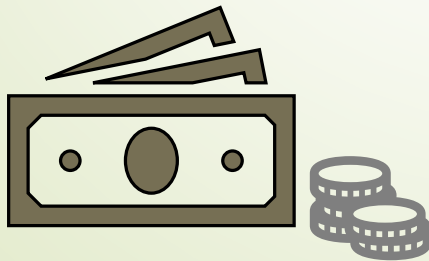
Applicant Qualifications

- ▶ The applicant must **own and reside** in the home
 - No new construction
 - But can be repairing existing home (i.e., hurricane damage)
 - No rental properties
 - No vacation homes
 - No multi-family complexes
 - No commercial properties
- ▶ The applicant must own both the **home** and the **property**.



Applicant Qualifications

- ▶ The applicant must meet financial eligibility requirements
 - The combined household adjusted gross income must not exceed 80% of the median income for the county in which they reside
 - Income requirements are based on the number of people residing in the home



Household Income Requirements

2018 HUD median income limits for Texas counties - 80%

<u>County Name</u>	<u>Area Income</u>	<u>1 Person</u>	<u>2 People</u>	<u>3 People</u>	<u>4 People</u>	<u>5 People</u>	<u>6 People</u>	<u>7 People</u>	<u>8 People</u>
Austin	72,400	40,550	46,350	52,150	57,900	62,550	67,200	71,800	76,450
Brazoria	91,100	50,350	57,550	64,750	71,900	77,700	83,450	89,200	94,950
Chambers	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Colorado	59,900	33,550	38,350	43,150	47,900	51,750	55,600	59,400	63,250
Fort Bend	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Galveston	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Harris	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Liberty	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Matagorda	53,000	31,650	36,200	40,700	45,200	48,850	52,450	56,050	59,700
Montgomery	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Walker	63,700	35,700	40,800	45,900	50,950	55,050	59,150	63,200	67,300
Waller	74,900	41,950	47,950	53,950	59,900	64,700	69,500	74,300	79,100
Wharton	56,000	31,650	36,200	40,700	45,200	48,850	52,450	56,050	59,700



Required Documentation

In order to verify that applicants meet the requirements for this program, applicants must provide:

- ▶ Documentation of income (income tax returns, Social Security benefits letters, bank statements showing deposits, pay stubs, etc.)
- ▶ Documentation of home/property ownership (copy of deed, property tax records, etc.)
- ▶ Documentation that system is failing (photographs, etc.) is acquired through an inspection

Project Successes

- Installation of new aerobic OSSF in Baytown (Harris County)
- Referred by Harris County Engineering – Watershed Protection Group



Failing conventional system



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- ▶ Referred by Waller County Environmental Division



Pipe discharging to field



Installation of new aerobic system

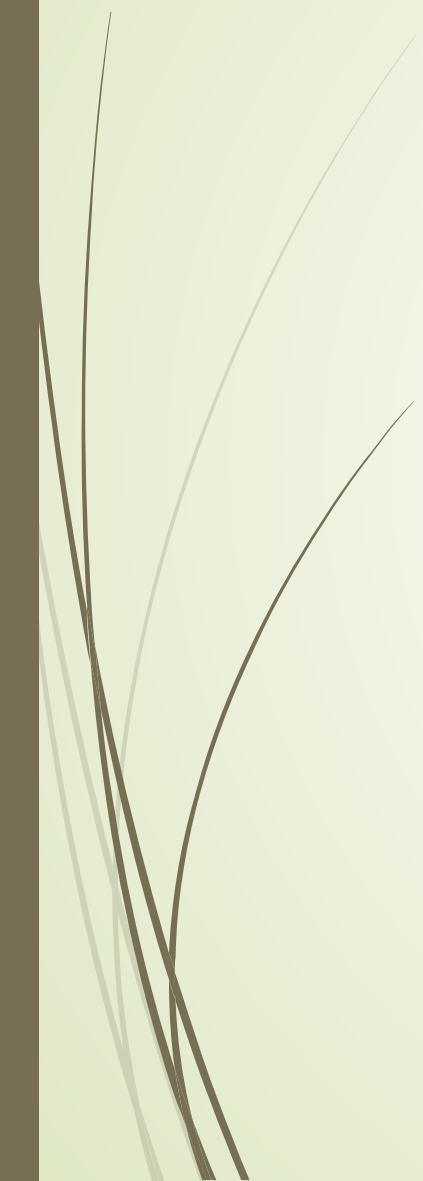
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- ▶ Installation of aerobic OSSF in Brookshire (Waller County)





Program Funding

- ▶ Funding for this project is provided through a Supplemental Environmental Project from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
 - ▶ Additional funding is received from the Harris County District Attorney's Office.
 - ▶ Funds are made available from municipal or industrial wastewater dischargers who are under enforcement action and have received fines/penalties related to water quality violations.
 - ▶ These entities have voluntarily chosen to have all or a portion of their fine go to our program for the purposes of protecting and improving water quality.
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Program Funding

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for SEPTIC or AEROBIC SEWAGE
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