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

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<td>OSSF Installation</td>
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<td>Tie-In to Existing Sewer Service Lines</td>
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<td>Aerator or Effluent Pump Replacement</td>
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<td>Pump-Out and Sludge Hauling</td>
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<td>2-Year Maintenance Agreement</td>
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<td>Other OSSF Repairs</td>
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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%

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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

New aerobic OSSF
Project Successes

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- Installation of new aerobic OSSF in Hempstead (Waller County)
- Referred by Waller County Environmental Division

Pipe discharging to field

Installation of new aerobic system
Project Successes

- 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.
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FUNDING for SEPTIC or AEROBIC SEWAGE FACILITY REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

WORK PERFORMED WITH PENALTY MONIES FROM A TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENFORCEMENT ACTION

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FUNDING SEPTIC or AEROBIC SEWAGE FACILITY REPAIR/REPLACEMENT DONATED BY

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