

Waseca County Septic System Replacement Program

Program Summary

The Waseca County Septic System Replacement Program will utilize funds from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment Program to complete replacement of individual, on-site septic systems. The program will pay up to \$20,000 of the total cost of a new system. Permit fees and any costs above the awarded amount are the responsibility of the applicant. Low-Income standards are sourced from USDA County specific criteria. Special consideration will be given to Very Low-Income Standards.

- **Eligibility for the program will be based upon an applicant's income.** To be eligible, your gross annual income must be less than the following limits, (effective September 2025):

| <u>Family Size</u> | <u>Annual Income</u> | <u>Family Size</u> | <u>Annual Income</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 76,100 | 5 | 100,500 |
| 2 | 76,100 | 6 | 100,500 |
| 3 | 76,100 | 7 | 100,500 |
| 4 | 76,100 | 8 | 100,500 |

- **To qualify:**
 - **Property owners must have a sewage treatment system which has been deemed “noncompliant” by a certified inspector.**
 - **You must have qualifying property ownership** in the property to be approved. With the application you must submit a copy of the Warranty Deed or Contract for Deed or other proof of ownership.
 - **You must be able to provide a copy of an approved payment plan with your contractor.**
 - **Your Real Estate taxes and city debt must be current.**
 - **All work must be performed by a certified septic system installer.**
- **You will be responsible for:**
 - Locating contractors to give you a bid.

- Opening and award the bids.
- Paying contractors for costs above the award
- Applying and paying for any applicable permits
- **County staff and program consultants will:**
 - Make sure that the work is done in a professional manner.
 - Pay the contractors for the grant awarded funds.

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How the program works:

- Applications will be available for individuals with non-complying systems. The application will collect minimal information on income, property location and title verification.
- Income will be verified using the prior year's tax return.
- Once the application has been approved, the homeowner will be required to provide a minimum of two cost estimates from certified installers. The contractor and the homeowner sign a contract with warranty, and the contractor is given the Proceed to Work notice.
- The homeowner will also be required to provide a copy of the payment plan, prior to work authorization, for the owner's share of the project cost.
- Upon work completion, the system will be inspected and funds will be disbursed to the contractor when the contractor, homeowner and county representative all sign the Completion Certificate.

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Please mail or drop off applications to:

Chris Howard
Waseca County Land & Water Resources Director
900 3rd St NE
Waseca, MN 56093

*****Make sure the required documents on the application are included to avoid any delay in processing.***

CONTACT
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FOR MORE INFORMATION