



Water Infrastructure Fund

Eligibility and Instructions – Onsite Wastewater Systems in Unsewered Communities Grant

Eligible Applicants and Properties

- Applicant must be owner of record of property
- Max one grant award per person and one per property
- Property must currently be occupied as a primary residence or place of business
- For onsite systems that have not yet been installed - if a permit has been issued and construction has not commenced, the project is still eligible
- Must be a residential or commercial property that is not served by a centralized system

Priority Properties (Phase 1)

- Property must be located in an unsewered community
- Properties constructed after July 1, 1983 are not eligible in Phase 1
- Properties that have transferred ownership since July 1, 2009 are not eligible unless the transfer was exempt from time of transfer requirements

Awards and Conditions

- Grant awards may fund all costs directly related to the design, permitting and construction of the private sewage disposal system. Eligible costs include the removal of existing structures, such as abandoned septic tanks and earth moving related to proper wastewater treatment
- Depending on demand and available funding a cap per grant award may be implemented
- Assistance can be provided only for the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing private sewage disposal systems as defined by Chapter 69 IAC 567
- A system serving an equivalent of 16 individuals or more (with an average daily flow of 1,500 gallons or more) is considered a public system (requiring permitting by the DNR) and is not eligible under this program
- **Some uses of American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds may trigger tax consequences. In general, any grant payment(s) received must be included in the calculation of gross income unless an exclusion applies. For further information, please consult with a tax advisor**

Application Process

1. Applicant works with county sanitarian to determine eligibility
2. If eligible, applicant works with county sanitarian to complete application after construction permit has been issued by the county
3. Submission of application material to Iowa Finance Authority (IFA) at waterinfrastructure@iowafinance.com
 - a) County sanitarian submits application and construction permit
 - b) Applicant completes and submits ACH form
4. Application reviewed by IFA and;
 - a) If approved, notifies applicant and county sanitarian of award amount
 - b) If denied, notifies applicant and county sanitarian of denial and reason for denial
5. Applicant works with contractor to construct project as permitted by the county sanitarian
6. County sanitarian inspects work and reviews expenses – determines final actual costs
7. County sanitarian sends certification and supporting documents (map, permit, invoice(s)) to Jane Larson at waterinfrastructure@iowafinance.com
8. Iowa Finance Authority reimburses documented eligible costs, not to exceed the grant award. Awards will be disbursed to applicant via ACH
9. **Iowa Finance Authority will issue a 1099G and send to award recipients**