

UN-SEWERED AREA ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Program Guidelines

Section 1 – Program Description

- 1.1 The Ohio Water Development Authority created the Un-Sewered Area Assistance Program to provide grants for construction of a publicly owned sewer system for un-sewered areas that have failing on-lot sanitary systems.
- 1.2 Program is funded from the Strategic Initiatives Fund, dependent upon available funds.

Section 2 – Eligible Applicants

- 2.1 Eligible borrowers include departments, divisions, or other units of state government, watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts, municipal corporations, counties, and other political subdivisions, special water districts, including county and regional sewer and water districts, conservancy districts, sanitary districts, sewer districts, or any other public corporation or agency having the authority to acquire, construct, or operate waste water or water management facilities in un-sewered areas being served by documented failing individual septic systems.
- 2.2 Median Household Income (MHI) of area is below the State MHI using the most current American Community Survey (ACS) available on the United States Census Bureau website.
- 2.3 If connecting to an existing system, must be greater than 10 miles from location of nearest connection.

Section 3 – Eligible Project Costs

- 3.1 Eligible project costs include: planning, engineering, construction, land and easement acquisition, and legal and inspection fees

Section 4 – Grant Terms

- 4.1 Grant Amount

Customers	Median Household Income (MHI)*		
	Less than \$20,000	\$20,001 to \$35,000	\$35,001 to State MHI
Less than 100	\$1,000,000	\$750,000	\$500,000
100 to 200	\$750,000	\$500,000	\$250,000
More than 200	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$250,000

* Lowest MHI reported on United States Census Bureau website within the last three years from the date of application

- 4.2 Application Fee
- No application fee

- 4.3 Loan Administration Fee
- No charge for grant-based funding

Section 5 – Application Process

- 5.1 Grant application and supporting documentation is due by the deadline posted on the OWDA website.
- 5.2 Application requirements
- Receive bids and tentatively approve contract awards
 - Certified Engineer's Estimate for project costs if application is being submitted prior to bid date. Bid tabs are required to be submitted prior to project approval.
 - Map that shows un-sewered area, 10-mile radius, proposed connection points, and any nearby treatment systems
 - Letter from local health department documenting failing on-site systems
 - Detailed estimate for Equipment and Force Account if applicable
 - Plan approval by OEPA and obtained Permit to Install
 - Pass legislation authorizing signing of the Cooperative Agreement
 - Complete any necessary assessment, tap-in and/or rate legislation

Section 6 – Authorization

Ohio Revised Code Section 6121

OWDA Board Action Resolution

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