Funding Options for SSTS Replacements

Please see our website for more information at: www.co.houston.mn.us/departments/zoning-planning/

| | Ag BMP Loan | CWF Low Income Fix-up Septic Grant |
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| Permit Fees | Yes | No |
| Interest | 3% | This is a grant and will not need to be paid back. |
| Systems that program covers | New septic systems Septic system upgrades or repairs Septic cluster systems Connection or repair to central sewer Privy and tanks Septic pumping, application and hauling equipment | •Single family homes located entirely within Houston County that are not serviced by a municipal waste treatment facility. •Property must be homesteaded. •Have a failing septic system with a Certificate of Noncompliance on file with Houston County prior to or at the time of application submission. •Must meet low income requirements. •Occupy the home for a minimum of 6 months prior to application. •Household income must be at or lower than the limits listed below. •Applicants will provide Houston County with the information requested and required in order for the application to be reviewed for eligibility. |
| Maximum funding | \$200,000 | \$10,000 |
| Maximum amount of time to repay funds | 10 years | This is a grant and will not need to be paid back. |
| Percentage of system costs eligible | 100% | 50% |
| Competitive contractor bids required | No | Yes |
| Restrictions | None | •Grant Funds cannot be used for the purpose of property transfer. Land owner is to repay cost-share funds paid by Houston County for the system if a property transfer occurs in less than 12 months from the issuance of funds. •Construction of the septic system must not be started prior to the applicant(s) entering into a contract with Houston County. •Grant funds cannot be used on rental properties. •Must submit additional information if changes occur within the household during the application process, prior to entering into cost-share contract. (Loss of job, change in income, change in number of members in household). •Priority will not be given for cost-share funds to be used for increasing the square footage of the home, building or re-placing of a home onto the property. •Information provided to the Department must be true and complete. |