

## Direct Financial Assistance for the Repair/Replacement of Failing Household Sewage Treatment Systems

### What are the eligibility criteria for homeowners to receive funding?

Homeowners may qualify for one of three tiers of funding, depending upon the size of their households, and their aggregate household incomes. The three tiers are based on U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines for 2021 which can be found at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/povertyguidelines>.

Homeowners whose incomes are at or below 100% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2021 Poverty Guidelines will receive 100% of the eligible repair/replacement cost for the HSTS.

Homeowners whose incomes are between 100% and 200% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2021 Poverty Guidelines will receive 85% of the eligible repair/replacement cost for the HSTS.

Homeowners whose incomes are between 200% and 300% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2021 Poverty Guidelines will receive 50% of the eligible repair/replacement cost for the HSTS.

**Table H-2. 2021 U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines for Households**

Persons in Family/Household	100% Poverty Guideline (100% PF)	100%-200% Poverty Guideline (85% PF)	200%-300% Poverty Guideline (50% PF)
1-4	\$26,500	\$53,000	\$79,500
5	\$31,040	\$62,080	\$93,120
6	\$35,580	\$71,160	\$106,740
7	\$40,120	\$80,240	\$120,360
8	\$44,660	\$89,320	\$133,980

**For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each person.**

The local government agency has conducted a documented verification of the homeowner's household size and income using established processes for similar grant programs. The local health district must document that the HSTS serving the home where the owner resides is



failing or has failed. The homeowner(s) receiving the assistance has provided documentation that they are the titled owner(s) of the property where the sewage system will be improved.

**Where will local homeowners apply for these funds?**

A homeowner will apply to the local government agency that has entered into the WPCLF assistance agreement with the Ohio EPA to receive WPCLF funds for this project.

**Who will determine if the HSTS is failing?**

The local health district where the system is located will evaluate the sewage system and document whether it meets the criteria for system failure established in the Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code, and by the Ohio Department of Health.

**What criteria will local government agencies use to verify homeowner income?**

Local government agencies must use methods accepted by federal government programs to verify income, and each homeowner(s) must demonstrate that their household income levels do not exceed the applicable program eligibility criteria.