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LAKE COUNTY LAUCHES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEM REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS

The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have implemented a financial assistance program for the repair or replacement of failing household sewage treatment systems. The purpose of the program is to provide 13.3 million dollars in funding to Ohio for the repair and replacement of failing household sewage treatment systems. The Funds will be distributed by the Ohio EPA through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF).

The Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) is approved to receive up to \$200,000 and will solicit potential participants, determine eligibility, and implement this program. The grant will provide 100% of the total system improvement costs for eligible systems where the homeowner is at the 100% of the federal poverty level. The grant will provide 85% of the cost when the homeowner is at 200% of the poverty level with a 15% homeowner match, and 50% of the cost when the homeowner is at 300% of the poverty level with a 50% homeowner match. It is anticipated that between 10-15 systems can be repaired or replaced depending on the number of qualified applicants and the cost of each project.

Homeowner Income Eligibility Requirements:

Homeowner at 100% of the poverty level or under

WPCLF HSTS Income Guidelines http://aspe.hhs.gov/2015-poverty-guidelines	
Persons in Household	Poverty Guideline*
1-4	\$24,250
5	\$28,410
6	\$32,570
7	\$36,730
8	\$40,890
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person	
* Based on total family income of all occupants who are 18 or older	

Homeowner between 100% and 200% of the poverty level

WPCLF HSTS Income Guidelines with incomes over \$48,500

Persons in Household	Poverty Guideline*
1-4	\$48,500
5	\$56,820
6	\$65,140
7	\$73,460
8	\$81,780
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person	
* Based on total family income of all occupants who are 18 or older	

Homeowner between 200% and 300% of the poverty level

WPCLF HSTS Income Guidelines with incomes over \$72,750

Persons in Household	Poverty Guideline*
1-4	\$72,750
5	\$85,230
6	\$97,710
7	\$110,190
8	\$122,670
*Homeowners with aggregate income exceeding \$122,670 are not eligible for WPCLF Assistance	
* Based on total family income of all occupants who are 18 or older	

Additional Requirements:

- Sewage system serving the home where owner resides is failing as determined by LCGHD.
- May fund abandonment of Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) and connect to sanitary sewer.
- Owner of the home receives system at no cost when at 100% of poverty level, receives 85% of cost with 15% match when at 200% of poverty level and 50% of cost with 50% match when at 300% of poverty level.
- Homeowners whose total annual household incomes exceed \$122,670 are not eligible for this program.
- The system installation and approval must be completed within one year.
- The homeowner receiving the assistance is the titled owner and lives at the property where the sewage system will be repaired or replaced.
- A registered Lake County Installer will repair or replace the failing sewage system in accordance with the WPCLF specifications.

In addition to soliciting participants who qualify for this program, LCGHD is generating a list of Lake County registered installers who wish to participate in this program. This is an excellent opportunity for eligible homeowners that have been dealing with a failing system and have limited resources to be able to repair or replace their sewage system.

The deadline for homeowners to apply for funding is September 30, 2017. Funding will be determined on a first come/first served basis, so homeowners who believe they meet the income limits and other qualifications are encouraged to contact Chris Loxterman at 440-350-2543 to begin the prequalification process.