

FACT SHEET



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

LOW INCOME FIX-UP GRANT FOR FAILING SEPTIC SYSTEMS DAKOTA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT



Who is eligible to receive grant funds?

Any homeowner in Dakota County serviced by a septic system who meets income eligibility requirements can apply for the grant.

What is the income eligibility requirement?

The homeowner(s) combined adjusted gross income plus the number of dependents on their current income tax form must be equal to or less than the dollar amount shown below. *(Income limits are based on 2014 USDA Rural Development data for the twin cities area including Dakota County.)*

1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person	8 person
45,500	52,000	58,500	65,000	70,200	75,400	80,600	85,800

What are the program guidelines?

The homeowner must complete an application and provide the following information:

- A copy of the Notice of Non-Compliance (failed compliance inspection report)
- A copy of your current Minnesota Tax Return (proof of income requirement –**please block out your SSN**)
- A septic design by a state licensed septic designer

What is the maximum amount of the grant?

The County will reimburse homeowner(s) up to \$3,161.50. Once the new system has been installed and the installer has been paid in full, or a payment arrangement has been agreed upon between the homeowner and installer the grant funds will be paid out.

Not including the installation, what additional costs can I expect to pay when I upgrade my failing septic system?

There will be a cost for the septic design, township or city permit fee and final inspection fee of the new system. *(If your property is located in the County Shoreland District, the City of Randolph, the City of New Trier or Randolph Township, your permit and final inspection fee will be waived by Dakota County.)*

Are there any additional programs to help me upgrade my failing septic system?

The Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District has low interest loans available for upgrading failing septic systems. For information on the loan program call Todd Matzke at 651.480.7777.

Who provided the grant money?

Grant funds were provided through a grant from the Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment and distributed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to Dakota County.

Now that you know my septic system is failing, what happens if I decide not to upgrade at this time?

Dakota County Ordinance 113 requires failing septic systems be upgraded within 10 months of the "Notice of Non-compliance" or at the time of property sale. Your city or township has adopted the County Ordinance 113 standards, and is responsible for making sure all non-compliant systems get upgraded within the 10 month period. Dakota County is responsible for compliance in the shoreland overlay district, the City of Randolph, the City of New Trier and Randolph Township.

Where can I get an application?

To receive an application, please call Dee McDaniels at 952.891.7024 or email at dee.mcdaniels@co.dakota.mn.us.