

### ***Grant Money IS NOT Guaranteed***

If approved applications exceed available funding, the State is required to prioritize funds based on potential environmental harm associated with different types of system failures. System failures are divided into three categories:

Category 1: Systems that fail by discharging sewage to the surface water, groundwater, drain tiles, bedrock or zones of seasonally saturated soils. These are considered the most serious types of failure and are given the highest priority for grant assistance.

Category 2: Systems that fail by discharging sewage to the surface of the ground. This type of failure is eligible for a grant ONLY after all Category 1 systems have been funded.

Category 3: Systems that fail by causing the backup of sewage into the structure served. [*This type of failure is not eligible for assistance*].

**NOTE:** If the system is causing a backup into the structure, you may still be eligible IF the system also meets the criteria under Category 1 or Category 2 listed above.

**If the total request of all eligible applicants in the State exceeds the amount allocated for the program in the fiscal year you apply, ALL applications will be prorated.**

### ***Grant Program Timetable***

January 31 - All eligible applications submitted to the State must be postmarked by January 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered for funding in the following fiscal year.

February 1 - State reviews applications that have been submitted.

Mid-Summer - The State sends an e-mail to the governmental unit requesting additional info, if needed, on the applications that have been reviewed. A list of applications is sent to each governmental that have been submitted, the status of each application, and the amount of funding that is pending for each applicant. The governmental unit reviews this information and notifies the State if there are any corrections needed.

July 1 - The beginning of the Fiscal Year that applications submitted prior to February 1 will be funded.

Mid-Fall - Grant award notices are sent to the governmental unit during this time unless there is a delay in that portion of the budget funding this program. As soon as the governmental unit has signed/accepted and returned the grant award notice to the State, payment requests can then be submitted for those applicants who have had their system replaced **and have provided proof of payment (copies of all Paid Invoices AND cancelled checks).**

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## THE WISCONSIN FUND GRANT PROGRAM

*Financial Assistance  
For  
Homes and Small Businesses*

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*Revised: January 2020*



## APPLICATION FEE

**WOOD COUNTY CHARGES AN APPLICATION FEE OF \$150 OR 10% OF THE GRANT AWARD, WHICHEVER IS LESS.**

**THIS FEE IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR GRANT AWARD.**

The Wis. Fund Replacement or Rehabilitation Financial Assistance Program is a State-funded program which provides grants to homeowners and owners of small businesses that need to replace a failing private onsite wastewater treatment system. A farm of 35 acres or more may also be considered a small business.

As part of this program, Wisconsin counties apply to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) for financial assistance to help owners of principal residences or small businesses in replacing a failing system. This brochure explains how this program works and who is eligible for financial assistance.

### ***How Do I Apply?***

Review the list of eligibility criteria to the right and if you feel you are eligible to apply, contact the Wood Co. Planning & Zoning Office to obtain an Owner's Application. A Sanitary Permit **MUST** be issued prior to the submittal of your completed application for this grant.

*If you are applying for a grant for your **PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE**, you may be eligible if **ALL** of the following criteria are met:*

- The County verifies that you have a failing system **BEFORE** installation of the replacement system.
- Your residence is **NOT** located in an area serviced by municipal sewer.
- The failing system serving your residence was constructed prior to **JULY 1, 1978**.
- The **FEDERAL ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME** of all owners [and spouse] is less than \$45,000 in the year of or the year prior to the year the County verifies the failure.
- Your residence is served by a Category 1 or 2 failing system. (Types of category failure are explained on the back of this brochure).
- The residence is occupied 51% of the year by one of the owners. (Rental property or seasonal homes are not eligible).
- Your completed Owner's Application and Evidence of Income are submitted to the County within three years from the date of the verification of failure.

**NOTE:** Grant awards for a principal residence are reduced by \$.30 for each \$1.00 earned over \$32,000.

*If you are applying for a grant for your **BUSINESS**, you may be eligible if **ALL** of the following criteria are met:*

- The County verifies that you have a failing system **BEFORE** installation of the replacement system.
- Your business is **NOT** located in an area serviced by municipal sewer.
- The failing system serving your business was constructed prior to **JULY 1, 1978**.
- The **GROSS INCOME** of the business is less than \$362,500 in the year of or the year prior to the year the County verifies the failure. (Schedule C or F – Profit or Loss)
- Your business is serviced by a Category 1 or 2 failing system. (Types of category failure are explained on the back of this brochure).
- The business is operated by the owner and has a daily wastewater flow rate less than 5,000 gallons per day.
- Your completed Owner's Application and Evidence of Income are submitted to the County within three years from the date of the verification of failure.

**NOTE:** Each year, businesses are limited to 10% of the State funds available.