

# PICKAWAY COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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The Pickaway County General Health District is proud to announce the availability of 2017 Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Funding for homeowners in Pickaway County that are in need of replacing their sewage treatment system due to failure.

Under the Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Funds (WPCLF), the Ohio EPA provided funding opportunity for local health departments to coordinate repair or replacement projects for homeowners who have failing household sewage treatment systems. The funding is targeted to homeowner occupied homes, has income based eligibility, and is for repair or replacement of failing sewage systems that potentially are contaminating surface or ground waters within the county or are a risk to public health. The Pickaway County General Health District was awarded \$200,000 to be utilized by November of 2017 and another \$300,000 to be used by November of 2018. The money must be used to fund household sewage system replacement and repair projects for homes in Pickaway County. The health department is responsible for reviewing applications, prioritizing projects depending upon environmental impact the systems has on the environment and public health risks, and coordinating the bids and projects. Here is how a homeowner who has a failing household sewage system can apply if interested:

1. To be eligible, the house must be homeowner occupied, cannot be a rental, or be on the market or intended to be sold in near future.
2. Interested homeowners can submit the intake application to the health department which must include w-2s, copy of income tax, or other method of determining total household income.
3. Health district will review intake applications and contact eligible homeowners to arrange for a site inspection of the system to determine priority level for repair or replacement.
4. Health District will select high risk projects first. Example of a high risk project is a system that has a direct discharge of sewage into a creek, stream or body of water or has discharge to the surface of the ground.
5. Once a project is selected, the health department will coordinate the replacement or repair plan with help from a soil scientist. Once a replacement or repair plan is completed, health department will bid out the project to sewage system contractors.
6. Once a bid is selected and contract is secured, the contractor will carryout the project and complete the repair or replacement.
7. Once the project is completed by the contractor, health district will complete final inspections, and once approved, Ohio EPA will release funding to contractor to pay for repair or replacement.

Income eligibility is based on 3 tiers:

1. Low income households, if eligible and a high risk priority, and if selected may receive 100% of project cost paid for by the funding

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2. Medium to low income households, if eligible and a high risk priority, and if selected may receive 85% of project cost paid for by funding, homeowner would be responsible for 15% of cost
3. Medium to moderate income households, if eligible and a high risk priority, and if selected may receive 50% of project cost paid for by funding and homeowner will be responsible for 50% of cost.

The health district is reserving a portion of the funding for households who are part of the annual aeration inspection program who need mechanicals replaced or repaired. These systems are inspected by the health district annually due to high risk of failure if mechanical components are found non-functioning or in poor repair.

This is a great opportunity to reduce sewage pollution of our ground and surface waters and prevent sewage nuisances in our county. If you have a failing sewage system, we encourage interested homeowners to contact the health district to get more information. Please visit our website at [www.pchd.org](http://www.pchd.org) to get more information or give us a call at 740-477-97667 ext 225.