



Allen County, Indiana: Connection Assistance Program for Sanitary Sewer Connections

Program Description

The ACRWSD and the Board of Commissioners of Allen County ("Commissioners") recognize situations may exist in where tap fees and/or connection costs associated with a lateral sewer connection to a new municipal sanitary sewer presents a financial hardship situation to a homeowner. Therefore, the Commissioners and the ACRWSD have developed a program to provide a financing option for homeowners who apply, meet the requirements of the program, and are selected and approved by the ACRSWD in administering this program.

Applicants must submit a:

- **Financial Assistance Application and**
- **provide a copy of most recently filed federal and state income tax return**

Financial information provided would remain confidential and shared within the ACRWSD only on a need to know basis.

Loan Assistance Parameters:

\$2,500 is the maximum loan amount per home to be used for new lateral connection costs. Eligible costs include:

- Lateral installation by contractor
- Decommissioning expenses for existing septic system by contractor.
- Electrical Connection Work (for grinder pump stations) by contractor
- Permit fees to agencies

Eligible costs **do not include** sewer bill, connection fees, homeowner labor or personal expenses.

Eligibility: Applicants for the ACRWSD Connection Assistance Program must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible for consideration for the Program:

- Yes No** The existing septic system is determined to be out of compliance, obsolete, failed or failing by the Fort Wayne-Allen County Department of Health or the home is being required to connect to an ACRSWD sanitary sewer line.
- Yes No** The home is an owner-occupied single-family home (excludes rentals, land contracts and duplexes, mortgages are acceptable) and the homeowner has no present intention to sell or move out of the home for a minimum of 2 years.
- Yes No** The property is less than 10 acres.
- Yes No** The current Assessed Value of the Land and Improvements is less than \$150,000, as determined by the Allen County assessor's records for the property.

Eligibility Determination:

Determination of program eligibility is at the discretion of the Program Governing Board. Eligibility will be made within 60 days of the application submission. For newly constructed sanitary sewer lines, the application deadline will be one hundred eighty (180) days after the "notice to proceed" is issued to the contractor construction the project.



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Payment/Repayment Process:

Approved applicants will be required to pay \$50 per month, until the loan amount is paid in full. The loan will be evidenced by a promissory note payable to the ACRWSD without interest.

The promissory note can be paid at any time without penalty, and shall be due and payable in full in the event of any sale or transfer of the property or the institution of any mortgage foreclosure proceedings against the property owner or default in the monthly payments of the loan or the normal monthly sewer user charge.

The first \$50 from the monthly payments will be applied towards the loan repayment due and any remaining balances will be applied to the monthly sewer bill.

Financial Assistance Application

Personal Information			
Last Name		First Name	Today's Date
Property Street Address		City	State Zip Code
Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____		Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____	
Work Phone: (____) _____ - _____		Date of Birth: ____/____/____	
Other: (____) _____ - _____			
Prior year's AGI (Adjusted Gross Income) reported to the IRS (found on Form 1040):		\$ _____	
Are you the occupant of the home that is in need of septic connection?		____ Yes ____ No	
Do you have any intentions to sell or move out of your home in the next 2 years?		____ Yes ____ No	
Is the size of your property less than 10 acres?		____ Yes ____ No	
Is the assessed value of the land and improvements for the property less than \$150,000?		____ Yes ____ No	

I certify that the facts set forth in this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Date