



SEWER LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROGRAM GUIDELINES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Program Background:

The City of Johnstown has identified the need for a Sewage Lateral Assistance Program, (hereinafter referred to as the *Program*), eligibility is limited to income-qualifying homeowners located within the City's corporate limits (21 City Wards). The City has developed this program designed to assist owner-occupied homeowners who are required to make sewer lateral repairs and/or replacement lines for their existing homes within the City's corporate limits.

The City of Johnstown has received financial assistance from the *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development* to operate the Sewage Lateral Assistance Program which primarily benefits low and very low-income persons and families owning residential properties within the City's corporate limits who have sanitary sewage flows exceeding the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) specified design criteria following the City of Johnstown Phase completion of the sewer construction.

Objectives of the Program:

The *Program* is intended to provide financial assistance to qualifying low and very-low-income persons and families who are mandated, under Ordinance No. 5152 enacted by City Council on August 13, 2014, to televise and/or pressure test their sewer lines and remediation of all private side lateral lines failing to pass said tests. **Radon testing will need to be completed, and radon mitigation performed if required, for an applicant to receive the \$1,000 lateral assistance. Radon testing and mitigation are covered expenses under the Program.** Program funds shall only be used to make sewer lateral repairs and/or replacements at applicant's principal residence.

Eligible Program Costs:

The assistance permissible under the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program shall be limited to those sewer lateral costs, repairs, and/or replacements mandated by Ordinance No. 5152 and as described and illustrated with the City of Johnstown Sewage Compliance Form. Said costs, repairs, and/or replacements shall include, within the minimum allowances, the repair and/or replacement of the sewer service lateral from the property line (viewport) through and including all underground (no basement service) piping subject to pressure testing. **Radon testing and radon mitigation are eligible Program costs if required and must be completed to receive the \$1,000 sewer lateral assistance.**

Eligible *Program* costs for properties that require the repair and/or replacement of underground and under slab (basement service) sewage lateral piping shall be limited to those contractor costs directly associated with the installation of piping, bedding, fill, and/or concrete whereas it's subject to mandated pressure testing. For said property, the owner(s) have the option to eliminate existing basement service points within *Program* costs. The relocation and/or addition of basement service points, the replacement, reconstruction, or repair of homeowner improvements above the basement slab are not eligible *Program* costs.

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Ineligible Program Costs:

The *Program* funds **will not** pay for televising, initial or prior testing for lateral installation. Instead, this funding is specifically for the remedial construction and final pressure test to certify the private side lateral has passed the pressure testing specifications.

The property owner(s) shall be responsible for all application, inspection, and closing cost fees designated within the Sewage Compliance Form.

Funding is limited. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. **This funding is not available to complete the televising or initial pressure testing.** Program guidelines are subject to change without prior notice.
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Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program the applicant must:

1. Be the person(s) or family owning a residential dwelling and occupying said property as their primary residence.
2. Applicant must have household income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income as per current HUD guidelines. HUD has established Income limits for our area based on household size. The income limits are subject to change without notice. Proof of income must accompany application.

Household Income Limits Summary for FY 2025

| Household Members: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Maximum Income | \$47,250 | \$54,000 | \$60,750 | \$67,500 | \$72,900 | \$78,300 | \$83,700 | \$89,100 |

If your household income exceeds the maximum allowance indicated on the chart, you are not qualified to receive assistance under this program.

To determine whether households are eligible for participation in this program, the City of Johnstown selected to use HUD's definition of income "Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1040 Adjusted Gross Income." Household income counted must be 6-months current or anticipated to be received during the 12-month period of actual application review. Therefore, additional information will be required to verify, support and document income reported on your application and reported on your IRS 1040 tax return.

An example of income inclusions are Wages, salaries, tips, taxable interest income, dividends, taxable refunds, alimony, business income or loss, taxable IRA amounts, taxable pension and annuity, taxable social security benefits, prizes and awards such as gambling, lottery raffle winnings, rental real estate, unemployment compensation payments, and capital gains, etc. Your application will not be approved if sufficient supporting documentation is not provided in a timely manner. **Examples of exclusions are** Child support, money or property that was inherited, willed

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or given as a gift, life insurance proceeds received as a result of someone's death.

1. The applicant must provide a full copy of the recorded property deed.
2. Applicant must show proof that their property taxes are paid for the previous two-years. The property tax includes City, County and School taxes. Those homeowners who are delinquent on their taxes cannot participate in the program.
3. Applicant must provide (3) bids for (sewer lateral installation) from certified contractors with the application for assistance. All participating contractors must be registered with the Pennsylvania Attorney General and carry general liability insurance. Contractor must provide EIN # to the City of Johnstown. **If applicant is participating with the Johnstown Redevelopment Authority's Sewer Compliance program, no bids should accompany this application. JRA will supply bids to the City of Johnstown on behalf of the owner.**

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Funding Limits:

1. Eligible households are qualified for 50% match of the total project cost, with a maximum grant amount of \$1,000.

Program Procedures:

1. Applications for the Sewer Lateral Assistance Program may be obtained from the **Department of Community and Economic Development; City Hall; 2nd Floor, 401 Main Street; Johnstown, PA 15901;** or by scheduling an appointment to apply for the program at (814) 533- 2504 ext. 118.
2. Applications must be supported by all applicable required documentation and will not be considered for funding until all documentation has been received. The application must be completed in its entirety, legible, using ink pen, and signed by the applicant(s).
3. Upon approval for *Program* funding the applicant(s) will then schedule a closing date with the City of Johnstown. Applicant will be required to bring their matching funds via check made payable to City of Johnstown.
4. The homeowner is responsible to monitor all work performed by their contractor each day and to work with their contractor while sewer lateral work is underway. The homeowner shall immediately report concerns or construction questions to the Sewer Compliance Officer with the EADS Group. The Sewer Compliance Officer will monitor the work as required and stated in the Sewage Compliance Form Instructions.
5. The City of Johnstown Department of Community and Economic Development will issue the approved contractor a check for 50% of the total project costs (if requested) once the *Program* application documentation has been completed and approved. Upon homeowner approval of project completion, signature of closeout documentation, and receipt of Certificate of Sewage Compliance, the City will issue the final 50% check to the

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contractor. Contractor must notify City that the work has been completed to request payment. The Director of the Community and Economic Development Department will have final approval to release payment to the contractor for all acceptable work completed.

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CHECKLIST FOR SEWAGE LATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

_____ APPLICATION

_____ (3) BIDS FOR LATERAL INSTALLATION {IF USING THE JOHNSTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S SEWER LATERAL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY BIDS. JRA WILL SUPPLY BIDS TO THE CITY OF JOHNSTOWN ON BEHALF OF OWNER}.

_____ IRS Form 1040 Adjusted Gross Income (or)

_____ Social Security Award Letter/Pension Statement

_____ Full Copy of Recorded Property Deed

_____ TWO years of PAID tax receipts for CITY, COUNTY & SCHOOL 2017-2018

_____ Copy of personal I.D (Front and Back)

- APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WITHOUT THE ABOVE DOCUMENTATION WILL NOT BE **PROCESSED.**

If your household adjusted gross income exceeds the maximum allowance indicated on the chart, you are not qualified to receive assistance under this program.

Please call The City of Johnstown with any questions:
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SEWER LATERAL CONTRACTORS Updated 08/28/2025

The City is making available the following list of Contractors in order to assist residents with sewer lateral testing and/or work they may need to perform in conjunction with the City's sewer project and related ordinances. The City is not endorsing any specific contractor or making any specific representation or warranty regarding its/their qualifications, products, or workmanship. The City disclaims any liability that may be alleged to arise from the work of any contractor on any City resident's property.

The City of Johnstown has not performed background checks on any of these contractors.

Contractors not included in the list below may be utilized for purposes of residents' sewer lateral testing and work, as long as they meet the City's requirements set forth in Ordinance No. 5152.

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Contact Person</u> | <u>Phone Number</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Remmco Contr. Inc. | Anthony J. Falduto JR. | (814) 535-1054 |
| O'Connor | Kenneth Burkett | (814) 536-3883 |
| B. Hale | Walter Churchey | (814) 288-6613 |
| B. Hale | Brian Hale | (814) 288-6613 |
| Mcfeaters Plumbing | Edward McFeaters | (814) 242-6819 |
| L.U. 354 | Ricky L. Hudson | (724) 925-7238 |
| Eads | Donald F. Buday | (814) 535-5388 |
| St. Vincent DePaul | Donald Tedjeske | (814) 535-3315 |
| Roto Rooter | Brian A. Somerville | (814) 831-2221 |
| Christians Plumbing | Jerrod Christian | (814) 248-9568 |
| Laurel Mngt Co. | Bradley S. Miller | (814) 533-5782 |
| RDM Johnstown LLC. | Mark A. Friedman | (814) 533-4300 |
| Paros Plumb & Heat | Daniel T. Paros | (814) 262-6155 |
| L.U. 354 | Ryan Soflarsky | (724) 925-7238 |
| Remmco Contr. Inc. | Anthony J. Falduto III | (814) 535-1054 |
| Paros Plumb & Heat | Joshua Paros | (814) 262-6155 |
| Paros Plumb & Heat | Matthew Paros | (814) 262-6155 |
| Oppy Const. | Chad Oppy | (814) 535-3248 |
| Shawley Plumb & Heat | Gary Shawley | (814) 266-4559 |
| L.U. 354 | Raymond R. Jastrzab | (724) 925-7238 |
| RDM Johnstown LLC. | Mike McCarty | (814) 533-4300 |