

**What are the eligibility criteria for homeowners to receive funding?**

Homeowners may qualify for one of three tiers of funding, depending upon the size of their households, and their aggregate household incomes. The three tiers are based on U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines for 2025 which can be found at: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines/prior-hhs-poverty-guidelines-federal-register-references/2025-poverty-guidelines-computations>.

Homeowners whose incomes are at or below 100% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2026 Poverty Guidelines will receive 100% of the eligible repair/replacement cost for the HSTS.

Homeowners whose incomes are between 100% and 200% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2026 Poverty Guidelines will receive 85% of the eligible repair/replacement cost for the HSTS.

Homeowners whose incomes are between 200% and 300% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 2026 Poverty Guidelines will receive 50% of the eligible repair/replacement cost for the HSTS.

**Table H-2. 2026 U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines for Households**

<b>Persons in Family/Household</b>	<b>100% Poverty Guideline (100% PF)</b>	<b>100%-200% Poverty Guideline (85% PF)</b>	<b>200%-300% Poverty Guideline (50% PF)</b>
<b>1-4</b>	<b>\$ 33,000</b>	<b>\$ 66,000</b>	<b>\$ 99,000</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$ 38,680</b>	<b>\$ 77,360</b>	<b>\$ 116,040</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$ 44,360</b>	<b>\$ 88,720</b>	<b>\$ 133,080</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$ 50,040</b>	<b>\$ 100,080</b>	<b>\$ 150,120</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$ 55,720</b>	<b>\$ 111,440</b>	<b>\$ 167,160</b>

**For families with more than 8 persons, add \$5,680 for each person.**

The local government agency has conducted a documented verification of the homeowner’s household size and income using established processes for similar grant programs. The local health district must document that the HSTS serving the home where the owner resides is failing or has failed. The homeowner(s) receiving the assistance has provided documentation that they are the titled owner(s) of the property where the sewage system will be improved.