



## Septic Tank Remediation Program Training Takeaways

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This training resource is designed to help conservation district directors and employees stay informed of key points discussed in recent web-based training. The document should be listed on the district's meeting agenda for discussion and review.

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### Basic Program Information

- Statewide program to assist residents with the repair or replacement of failing septic systems located near Oklahoma water bodies to improve and protect water quality.
- The program is a joint effort of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC), the Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), and the Oklahoma Water Resource Board (OWRB).
- Funding is provided by the OWRB with implementation of the program being a joint effort between the OCC, GRDA, and local conservation districts.
- A homeowner may be eligible for up to \$15,000 for repair or replacement of a failing septic system.

### Eligibility

- The system must be deemed as failing by a certified septic tank installer or by ODEQ and must be located within 1320' of a stream, river, or lake.
- The homeowner must reside full-time in the home.
- Household income must be \$150,000 or less
  - The allowable reimbursement percentage is based on a graduated income scale; homeowners whose household income is less than \$50,000/year are eligible for a 100% grant.
- Repair or replacement of the failing system may not have commenced before acceptance into the program.

### What's Not Eligible

- Second homes, rental properties, new construction/major remodel, or commercial properties.
- Systems that are located near drainage ditches, ponds without outlets, etc.
  - GRDA program staff will make all decisions regarding eligibility based on water body proximity.
- Systems already in the process of being remediated.

### District Responsibilities

- Take action to choose to participate in the program. Email Jeri Fleming with the district's decision regarding participation.
  - If a district chooses not to participate, any interested homeowners should be connected with GRDA program staff who will then work with a neighboring participating district to assist the homeowners.
- Advertise the program and answer homeowner questions; help homeowners connect with GRDA if there are questions the district cannot answer.
- Accept applications and submit them to GRDA.
  - Applications will be reviewed and approved by GRDA program staff on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are expended.
- Provide program staff with any homeowner-supplied documentation.

- Make reimbursement payment to the homeowner after receiving a completed payment packet from GRDA program staff.
- Obtain a W-9 from any participating homeowners and issue a 1099 at the end of the tax year.

#### **Additional Resources**

- GRDA Program Staff
  - Jeri Fleming, [jeri.fleming@grda.com](mailto:jeri.fleming@grda.com)
- OCC Water Quality Division
  - Shanon Phillips, Division Director
- Septic Tank Remediation Program page on the OCC website:  
<https://conservation.ok.gov/oklahoma-septic-tank-remediation-program/>
- Training Resources section of the OCC website
- District Employees Team on Teams