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### **Tuscarawas County Health Department Receives Ohio EPA Funding for Home Septic Systems**

DOVER—Tuscarawas County homeowners who need to repair or replace failing septic systems could qualify for help with their expenses thanks to the Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD). TCHD has received a \$150,000 loan from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) Program. This is the fourth year that funds have been awarded to Tuscarawas County for this purpose, and the loan is principal forgiveness and does not require repayment.

TCHD utilizes WPCLF Program funds to improve the quality of life for low-to-moderate income homeowners by assisting with the repair and replacement of home sewage treatment systems or the costs to connect a home to a sanitary sewer. In addition to addressing potential health concerns, local water quality benefits from home septic system improvements. Applicants must meet the Ohio EPA income criteria and the septic system must be in failing condition as verified by TCHD sanitarians. Applicants can be awarded 50% to 100% of the system’s cost based on household income.

“There is no cost to apply for help, and we encourage homeowners to complete an application,” explained Katie Seward, MPH, CHES, CRHCP, Tuscarawas County Health Commissioner. “We will award assistance based upon financial need, the severity of the sewage system failure, and the order in which the application was received. We look forward to working with area residents to help with this process.”

### **Who is eligible to apply?**

The following criteria must be met:

- The sewage system must be failing and verified by TCHD.
- The applicant must be the homeowner.
- Property taxes must be current.
- Rental property, new-build homes and homes advertised for sale are not eligible.
- The gross household income must meet the program criteria. (See guidelines on page 2.)

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**2021 U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Poverty Guidelines for Households**

("PF" indicates the percentage of coverage a household may qualify to receive.)

Persons in Family/Household	100% Poverty Guideline (100% PF)	100%-200% Poverty Guideline (85% PF)	200%-300% Poverty Guideline (50% PF)
1-4	\$26,500	\$53,000	\$79,500
5	\$31,040	\$62,080	\$93,120
6	\$35,580	\$71,160	\$106,740
7	\$40,120	\$80,240	\$120,360
8	\$44,660	\$89,320	\$133,980

(\*For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,540 for each person.)

For more information or to get an application for assistance, visit <http://www.tchdnow.org/water-pollution-control-loan-fund.html> or call 330-343-5550.

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