

## ARPA Healthy Homes On-Site Program Update: Pre-Qualification Application is now open!

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Dear Town Health Officers,

Please see the message below from the Agency of Natural Resources about funding for low- and moderate-income Vermont homeowners to repair or replace their failed or inadequate on-site drinking water or wastewater systems. Please share this information within your community.

Questions can be directed to the ANR Healthy Homes Team at (802) 828-0141 or (877) 344-0354 (Toll Free), or via email at [ANR.HealthyHomes@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.HealthyHomes@vermont.gov).

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**Importance:** High

Hello ANR Partners,

You are receiving this email because you are a partner in the Agency of Natural Resources' efforts to provide American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to low- and moderate-income Vermont homeowners to repair or replace their failed or inadequate on-site drinking water or wastewater systems. We are reopening the pre-qualification application for the ARPA Healthy Homes Initiative On-Site Program, please see below for further details on the current application cycle.

### **Pre-Qualification Application Process and Deadlines:**

**As of Thursday, August 24, 2023, the pre-qualification application for the ARPA Healthy Homes Initiative On-Site Program is open.** Homeowners can apply to receive funding to repair or replace a failed or inadequate on-site water or wastewater system. Applications must be submitted by 3:00 pm EST on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. Please note that the funding is competitive and limited. Submission of a pre-qualification application does not guarantee a homeowner will receive funding.

### **To be eligible for funding, applicants must:**

- Have a failed or inadequate on-site drinking water or wastewater system (also known as wells, springs, septic systems or tanks, leach fields, drywells, or cesspools)

- Own and live on a residential property with either a single-family home or an owner-occupied, multi-family home with up to four units
- Earn a household income of less than \$80,835 per year

### **Funding Types:**

#### **Households Earning Less than \$65,000 per year (Tier 1 Beneficiaries):**

- Receive 100% of the reasonable cost of design/permitting and construction up to \$25,000. Within the \$25,000 standard award amount, up to \$5,000 is available for design and permitting costs and the remaining balance is available for construction costs.
- Limited funding is available for Tier 1 applicants whose projects cost more than the standard award amount of \$25,000. To access additional funding above \$25,000 the applicant must submit reasonable justification for the high-cost project and receive approval from the State.
- Payments will be made directly to the consultant(s) and/or contractor(s) who perform the work upon submission of invoice(s). Payments for systems that have been already installed will be paid to the homeowner upon proof of payment.

#### **Households Earning Between \$65,000 and \$80,835 per year (Tier 2 Beneficiaries):**

- Receive 100% of the reasonable cost of design/permitting and construction up to \$20,000. Within the \$20,000 standard award amount, up to \$5,000 is available for design and permitting costs and the remaining balance is available for construction costs.
  - Receive a rebate check upon completion of the work and proof of payment.

### **How to Apply and More Information:**

The pre-qualification application is available here –

<https://forms.office.com/g/NNzgNCtNYR>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the pre-qualification application and ARPA Healthy Homes On-Site funding are available here - <https://anr.vermont.gov/document/faqs-healthy-homes-site>

If homeowners need assistance with filling out an application, they can apply over the phone. Please have them leave a message for the ANR Healthy Homes Team at (802) 828-0141 or (877) 344-0354 (Toll Free). They can also reach out to the ANR Healthy Homes Team by e-mail at [ANR.HealthyHomes@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.HealthyHomes@vermont.gov) or by phone with questions.

If you have any questions, please contact our team using the information above. Thank you for working with us on this initiative and forwarding along the information to individuals that may qualify for the program.



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