# PRIVATE PROPERTY

## INFLOW AND INFILTRATION GRANT PROGRAM

**Local governments, through their comprehensive plans**, have estimated that at least half the inflow and infiltration in the wastewater conveyance system comes from private property. Investment in reducing private property inflow and infiltration remains an underfunded area and would benefit from consistent financial support. Supporting this reduction in your community also can count as credit toward your inflow and infiltration work plan.

The Met Council has set aside funds to help private property owners with costs related to repairs that remove inflow and infiltration from the wastewater collection system. For 2024, the Met Council is making \$1.5 million of wastewater revenue available to help with this important work.

In this pilot grant program, a city or township is eligible to participate if the Met Council has designated it an excessive inflow and infiltration contributor, or the community has had a measurable flow rate within 20% of the permitted peak flow limit. Cities and townships must pre-apply for grant funding to participate in the program. Once approved, the community will be able to distribute funding to vendors.



#### **Eligibility**

Grant reimbursement for residents is recommended to be 50% of eligible costs, up to \$5,000, for applicants not meeting any equity criteria set by the participating municipalities. Eligible work includes:

- Private lateral repair and/or replacement
- Foundation drain disconnections and new sump pump, if associated with the foundation drain disconnect
- Lateral televising and cleaning costs if:
  - Applicant meets the equity need or
  - Televising and cleaning result in repair or replacement of sewer lateral

### **Equity**

The Met Council allows higher grant funds for residents in participating communities who meet equity criteria. If a resident is eligible, as determined by a city or township staff based on that community's equity goals, up to a \$10,000 grant may be awarded to that resident. Each city or township knows the needs of their residents best; therefore, this grant program allows the flexibility for each community to distribute funds where the need is greatest.



#### **Metropolitan Council Environmental Services**

For more information and application documents, visit the Private Property Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program web page. https://metcouncil.mn/PPiandigrantprogram

