

Onsite Wastewater Opportunity



Opportunity Available for the Expansion of Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program

This opportunity comes from the EPA and USDA on the expansion of the Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program. Originally [launched as a pilot](#), this initiative helps underserved communities access federal wastewater infrastructure funding. The pilot initiative has been assisting 11 communities since 2022 and will now serve an additional 150 communities.

Who can qualify?

If any of these conditions apply in a community, assistance may be available.

Communities – including homeowners and utilities – and all states, Tribes, and territories can request no-cost technical assistance.

- Do septic systems back up into homes or cause sewage to pool in yards?
- Does the town struggle to provide adequate sanitation services to their residents?
- Does the community struggle to rebuild wastewater and septic systems damaged by natural disasters?

Examples of technical assistance provided through the Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Program:

- Conduct an assessment of the community's wastewater needs.
- Evaluate the feasibility of wastewater solutions, including performing a rate study.
- Identify funding options, such as grants and financing.
- Help with completing the preliminary engineering and paperwork requirements for funding applications.
- Assist community/county with establishing an ordinance for wastewater management.

Request no-cost assistance by completing the [WaterTA request form](#).

*Communities will be selected on a rolling basis; there is no deadline to apply. **For questions, email SepticHelp@epa.gov**. Language translation services may be available; please reach out directly with your needs.*

Important Links:

- **EPA Press Release:** <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-expands-epa-program-bring-wastewater-services-150-more>
- The latest webpage with information regarding the types of technical assistance available, how to apply, Solutions Plans from the pilot communities, fact sheets, and other pertinent information can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/water-infrastructure/closing-americas-wastewater-access-gap>