



**Title:** Overhead Sewer Grant Program

**Date:** September 21, 2020

**Purpose:** To prevent flooding in basements associated with sanitary sewer back-ups.

**Description:** This program is designed to help eligible residents offset the cost of plumbing improvements needed to prevent future flooding associated with sanitary sewer back-ups.

**Policy:** The Village will offer eligible residents a percentage of the project costs to transition the existing plumbing system into an overhead sewer system. The Village will offer 75% of the cost of the project up to \$6,000 to all residents

This grant is specific to the improvements necessary to convert the existing plumbing into an overhead sewer system. While there are other alternatives to prevent flooding including, but not limited to: plugs, caps, standpipes, and backflow prevention devices (check valves); they are NOT eligible for grant funding under this program. Restoration costs are not eligible for reimbursement. This would include costs for carpet, tile, dry wall etc.

This program is for residential properties only. It is first come first served until the funds budgeted for the program are used. The Village of North Aurora will cover all costs derived through administrative time and inspections by Village staff. Each property is only eligible to participate in the program one time. If the property changes ownership and the property has participated in the program in the past they the new owners are not eligible to participate again.

Residents qualify for the program by meeting the below criteria:

- a. Have a basement inspection performed by the Village Plumbing Inspector to confirm the residence qualifies for the program. The Village will cover the cost of this inspection.
- b. Comply with inflow and infiltration inspection at time of Plumbing Inspection and bring the home into compliance prior to qualification.
- c. At the time of inspection the homeowner must also pass an Inflow and Infiltration Inspection. If a violation exists, such as an illegal sump pump connection, the resident must correct the sources of inflow and infiltration at their own expense prior to qualifying for this program.
- d. Submit two quotes from contractors outlining the scope of work to be performed. The Village would typically pay 75% of the lowest quoted price. If the resident

chose to select a quote from a higher priced contractor, the Village would still pay the agreed percentage of the lowest quote.

The selected contractor is required to register with the Village of North Aurora. The contractor registration form can be found on the Village website.

The homeowner is required to secure a Building Permit from the Village of North Aurora for which the fee will be waived. A permit is also required from Fox Metropolitan Reclamation District.

At completion of the project the work performed must pass a plumbing inspection performed by the Village and Fox Metro Reclamation District. After passing inspections the Village will then reimburse the resident the agreed percentage of cost.

The Village of North Aurora assumes no responsibility for any defective work or other damage, injury or loss resulting from any act of negligence by the contractor or property owner while installing, operating, or maintaining the sewerage ejector system with overhead plumbing. An unexpected sewer collapse or obstruction, power failure, extreme weather conditions or other unforeseen factors could cause a backup. Therefore, the Village of North Aurora does not guarantee that a sanitary sewer backup will never occur.