GUIDELINES

Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) is accepting rebate applications for up to \$30,000 per septic system at existing mobile home parks (MHP) or up to \$15,000 per septic system at existing individual residences in Disadvantaged Communities to rehabilitate failing septic systems to extend their useful life. The maximum total award per MHP shall not exceed \$60,000.

This Rebate Program is sponsored by CVWD with funding from a Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Round 4 Implementation Grant secured by the Coachella Valley Regional Water Management Group. Up to \$250,000 in rebates will be awarded to qualifying applicants until funds have been exhausted. Applications will be considered on a first-in, first-served basis.

An application must be submitted for each septic rehabilitation project. No more than two rebates will be awarded per applicant for an existing MHP. Applications will be evaluated to ensure that the proposed project is feasible and meets all program requirements. Additional criteria used to evaluate the project include estimated water savings, potential groundwater quality protection benefits, and funding amount requested. An example of a project that would receive a strong evaluation is one that has a lower cost relative to the number of residents benefitted. CVWD may conduct site visits during the project evaluation phase.

Applicants will be notified by mail once the project evaluation is complete to confirm eligibility. Accepted applications will have funds reserved, which will be disbursed when the project is complete and all rebate program requirements have been met.

For septic system rehabilitations, perform soil percolation tests, to determine overall percolation findings and depth to groundwater, which will be used to determine the appropriate location for the rehabilitated septic system as well as the necessary leach field size to allow for percolation; to acquire permit(s), and to develop the engineering design for proposed septic system. Once design parameters have been determined, a site plan will indicate the location of proposed new septic system, and the location of the failing septic system for proper abandonment (when applicable). After excavation, the piping, septic tanks, and other appurtenances will be installed according to local codes. After the equipment has been installed, the system will be inspected and tested to ensure that it is operating properly. The abandonment of failing systems will be done in compliance and in coordination with the local environmental health department.

REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be the property owner.
- Applicant must not have reasonable access to public sewer infrastructure.
- Applicant must be located within a Disadvantaged Community as mapped by the Department of Water Resources Mapping Tool, (<u>https://gis.water.ca.gov/app/dacs/</u>)
- Applicant must grant CVWD access to the property for pre and post project inspection of the septic system and surface conditions.

- Applicant must document pre-project conditions, provide scope of work, estimated project cost, and expected completion date. Contractor cost estimate is preferred.
- Applicant is responsible for any required permitting from the County of Riverside.
- Applicant must provide invoices, receipts, and proof of payment to support all reimbursable costs.
- Applicant must attend a one-day septic system best management practices training program which will be provided in cooperation with Pueblo Unido Community Development Corporation.
- All rebates (i.e. awards) over \$600.00 require the completion and submittal of a W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification form. CVWD will use the applicant's W-9 information to report the award to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and issue a 1099-MISC Miscellaneous Income form to the award recipient on or before January 31st of each year. All individuals or entities are obligated to report awards to the IRS which may have tax implications.

SUBMIT APLICATION TO:

- Randy Vorster, Environmental Services Coordinator
 - In person: Steve Robbins Administration Bldg. 75515 Hovley Lane East, Palm Desert, CA
 - By mail: P.O. Box 1058, Coachella, CA 92236
 - By email: rvorster@CVWD.org
 - Applications must include the following information:
 - Location of septic system.
 - Description of work to be performed and estimated cost.
 - Name of proposed contractor.
 - Application must include signatures of all property owners. Use the additional signatures page, if more than one owner.

For any questions about the DAC Septic Rehabilitation and Demand Reduction Program, contact Randy Vorster, Environmental Services Coordinator, at (760) 398-2651 extension 2233.

APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Property Owner Name:	Email Address:	
Mailing Address:		
City:	Zip Code:	
Daytime Phone:	Cell Phone:	
PROJECT INFORMATION		
Project Site Address:		
Description of Work (include supporting information as an attachment, e.g., contractor proposal or design, photographs of failing septic system surface conditions, etc.):		
Contractor Name:	License No:	
Estimated Project Cost:	Frequency of Overflows (per year):	
SIGNATURE		
I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct and that I have read, understand, and agree to the rebate program guidelines and requirements on this application. Signature:		
Print Name:	Date:	

ADDITIONAL SIGNATURE PAGE – Additional property owners must sign, print name, and date below		
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