



Sewer Lateral Replacement Grant Program

*Partner with the City of Petaluma's Public Works & Utilities Department
to replace your old leaky sewer lateral.*



The Sewer Lateral Replacement Grant Program (SLRGP) provides financial assistance to property owners for the replacement of their private sewer lateral, in an effort to reduce inflow and infiltration into the Sewer System.

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Partnering

PURPOSE

The Sewer Lateral Replacement Grant Program (SLRGP) provides financial assistance to property owners for the replacement of their private sewer lateral, which, due to their age or condition, are often a source of groundwater infiltration and surface water inflow (I&I) to the sewer collection system.

AMOUNT OF GRANT

The maximum amount of assistance for a sewer lateral replacement or repair is 50% of the approved cost, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$2,000. Only complete replacement of the sewer lateral or a repair that completely eliminates infiltration and inflow is eligible for the program. All SLRGP applications are subject to approval by the Utilities Division.

Payment shall be made to the owner(s) following inspection and approval of completed work.

Ownership

RESPONSIBILITY

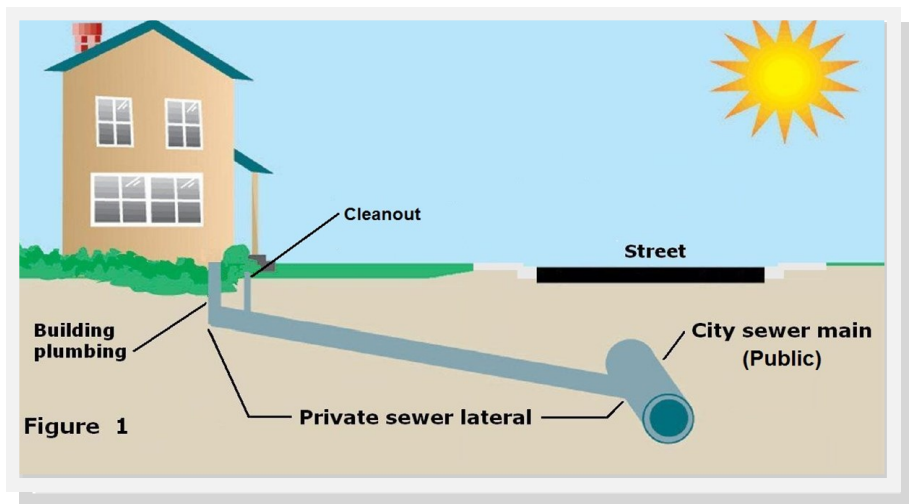
All sewer laterals belong to the property owner from the home or building to, and including, the connection at the City main. Property owners are responsible for all costs relating to their sewer lateral, including; installation, connection, maintenance, repair, reconstruction, alteration, abandonment or removal to prevent inflow and infiltration. (See figure 1)

(Ord. 2282 NCS §3 (part), 2007)

DEFINITION

Sewer Lateral: The sewer lateral consists of the pipe that begins at the house/building plumbing system connection, usually a sewer cleanout located approximately two (2) feet from the home foundation, and extends to, and includes, the connection at the public (city) sewer main.

Infiltration and Inflow: Infiltration is usually the seepage of groundwater into the sewer and sewer lateral pipelines through holes, cracks, joint failures and faulty connections. Inflow occurs when stormwater runoff flows into sewer pipes at points of direct connections such as roof downspouts, yard drain inlets, and foundation/basement sump drainage systems.



IN ORDER FOR GRANT FUNDING TO BE AUTHORIZED

Warning: If program qualifications are not met prior to commencement of any construction work, the property owner may not be eligible for funding from the City. Any work to repair or replace the sewer lateral prior to receiving an approval-obligation letter from the Utilities Division is performed at the owner’s risk and cost.

APPLICATION

Submit a completed application along with a minimum of one (1) quote (three (3) recommended) obtained from properly licensed contractors to the Utilities Division for review and determination of eligibility.

Grant funds are available beginning July 1 of each fiscal year. Funds will be obligated on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds are allocated or the end of the fiscal year June 30. Funds will be allotted for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from approval. This shall include all work, inspection, and payment to Contractor by Applicant. Work not completed by June 30 of the current fiscal year may not be eligible for payment.

For consideration of the SLRGP, applicants must complete and submit the application form. Applications are available at the Department of Public Works & Utilities Water Field Office, 202 N. McDowell Blvd., or on the City’s website at: <https://cityofpetaluma.org/sewer-lateral-replacement-grant/>



Qualifications

CHECK LIST - Before beginning ANY construction work:

1. **OPTIONAL:** Schedule a closed circuit televised video (CCTV) inspection with a licensed contractor.
2. Submit a completed application along with a minimum of one (1) quote obtained from a properly licensed contractor to the Utilities Division for review and determination of eligibility and approval.
3. Receive a letter of approval and obligation. Obligorating funds will only be issued by the Utilities Division to the property owner.
4. Acquire the necessary encroachment permit from the Department of Public Works & Utilities at 11 English Street, (707) 778-4303 (<https://cityofpetaluma.org/encroachment-permit/>).
5. Notify the Public Works and Utilities Inspection Division of scheduled work (707) 778-4303.