



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-038

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-002 WHICH ESTABLISHED A SEWER COST SHARE PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas:

The Sewer Cost Share Program previously adopted by Resolution No. 2020-002, is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety by the Sewer Cost Share Program attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Independence, Kansas, on the 23rd day of December, 2021.



Louis Ysusi

LOUIS YSUSI, Mayor

ATTEST:

David W. Schwenker

DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk



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Marilyn Calhoun, Register of Deeds



CITY OF INDEPENDENCE SEWER COST SHARE PROGRAM

SECTION 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of the program is to help property owners offset the cost of replacing sewer service lines and removing sources of inflow to the sewer system.

1.2 Eligibility

All property owners meeting the following criteria will be eligible to participate in the Cost Share Program for qualified repairs or replacements upon available funding.

1. Property must be located within the City of Independence.
2. Property must be occupied by either the owner or a tenant.
3. Property must be currently served by City utility services and the applicant's account as well as the account associated with the property must be current.
4. The structure shall not be deemed to be dangerous or unsafe or engaged in the City's Condemnation process.

1.3 Self-imposed Constraints

Failure of a property owner to participate in the Cost Share Program in no way relieves the property owner to make required repairs. The failure to participate in the Cost Share Program may be due to lack of interest by the property owner or lack of available City funds.

SECTION 2. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Application

The property owner must fill out the Sewer Cost Share Program Application and return it to City Hall with all requested documentation for review by the City Clerk's office prior to work commencing.

2.2 Notice of Eligibility

The City Clerk's office will notify the applicant of the approved funding.

2.3 Contracting a Licensed Plumber

The applicant must contract with a plumber licensed in the City of Independence for the replacement of a service line. For all other work, the applicant may contract the work with a licensed plumber or make the repairs themselves.

2.4 Permits

A plumbing permit or inspection report sheet will be issued by the City Building Department. Any fees for issuance of such permit will be waived.

2.5 Inspections

During installation of any equipment or replacement of lines, the City Building Inspector must complete an inspection. Multiple inspections may be required. The City Building Inspector must sign off on a completed inspection, attesting that satisfactory work was performed. If such inspection is not completed, the City will not reimburse the cost until corrective action is taken.

2.6 Request for Reimbursement

After the acceptance of the work, the applicant must submit a signed statement and receipts for the labor and material cost of the qualified improvements. A check will then be issued in the amount of the City's share naming the property owner as payee if proof of payment is provided. If no proof of payment is provided, the City will issue a check to the licensed plumber. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted within 12 months of the application approval date.

SECTION 3. PAYMENT LIMITS

3.1 General

Property owners qualifying as low-income will be eligible for 100% reimbursement of the applicant's cash expenditure for labor and materials related to qualified improvements, up to \$4,000 per property in a 12-month period. Property owners that do not meet the low-income requirements will be eligible for 50% reimbursement of the applicant's cash expenditure for labor and materials related to qualified improvements, up to \$2,000 per property in 12-month period. These amounts can be exceeded by majority vote of the Governing Body if the applicant is low income, if more than one estimate is received, and if the additional funding is reimbursed to the City pursuant to a signed agreement wherein the property owner consents to an assessment against the property for the extra amount approved, amortized over 10 years at 4% interest per annum. All property owners of record must sign a sewer cost share agreement prepared by City staff authorizing the assessment prior to receiving any funding which exceeds the grant maximum as provided herein.

3.2 Qualified Low-Income Requirements

To qualify as a low-income, the applicant must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Applicant qualifies as low-income using the thresholds set by the U.S. Department of HUD for the state of Kansas in Montgomery County.
2. Applicant's immediate family participates in the free lunch program in area schools.

3. Applicant qualified in the previous tax year for IRS tax programs which identify low income, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit.
4. Applicant qualifies for other recognized State or Federal programs which identifies the applicant as meeting low income criteria.

3.3 Qualified Improvements

The following table shows qualifying improvements eligible for reimbursement under the Sewer Cost Share Program.

Qualifying Improvement	Maximum Amount Paid by City
Directly connected storm sump pump	\$750 each
Directly connected storm sump pump with diverter valve	\$350 each
Combination sanitary and storm sump pump	\$1,500 each
Area drains (driveway, patio, basement entry, etc.)	\$2,000
Downspouts	\$80 each
Cleanout	\$120 each
Sewer service lines	\$4,000
Other, as determined by the sole discretion of the City	\$1,000

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SEWER COST SHARE PROGRAM

**This application must be completed by the property owner and returned to:
City Hall, 811 W. Laurel Street, prior to work commencing.**

1. Address of property: _____
Independence, Kansas 67301
2. Name on record with the City Water Department for above property: _____
3. Property owner's name: _____ Phone: _____
4. Address of property owner: _____
5. Do you meet any of the following criteria? **If so, please provide supporting documentation.**
 - 5a Immediate family participates in the free lunch program in area schools. [] YES [] NO
 - 5b Qualified in previous tax year for IRS tax programs which identify low-income, such as the Earned [] YES [] NO
Income Tax Credit.
 - 5c Qualifies for other recognized State or Federal programs which identify low-income criteria. [] YES [] NO

If you do not meet any of the criteria in (5) above, but believe you qualify as low-income, please fill out page 2 of this application.

I attest that all information provided is complete, accurate, and true.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Spouse

Date

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SEWER COST SHARE PROGRAM

Please complete this section only if you marked "NO" to questions 5a-5c on page one of this application, but believe you should qualify for the additional low-income assistance.

1. List all person(s), including yourself, who reside in the property owner's household, wheter related or not:

Name	Date of Birth	Soc. Sec. #	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	SELF
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Annual Household Income for previous 12 month period. \$ _____
Please include all household income. **Supporting documentation must be provided.**

3. List all sources of income for the household.

Source (Name of Employer/Agency)	Name of Recipient	Monthly Amount Received
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I attest that all information provided is complete, accurate, and true.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Spouse

Date

SEWER COST AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between the **City of Independence, Kansas**, a Kansas municipality, hereafter CITY, and _____, hereafter CITIZEN.

Whereas, CITIZEN owns the following described property:

(Insert Legal Description and Common Address Here)

And Whereas, CITIZEN is in the process of connecting the above property to CITY'S sanitary sewer system.

And Whereas, CITIZEN has made application to CITY pursuant to CITY'S Cost Share Grant Program for financial assistance in covering the cost of connecting CITIZEN'S property to CITY'S sanitary sewer system.

Now Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties agree to the following:

1. **Grant Award.** CITIZEN has been awarded \$_____ under CITY'S Cost Share Grant Program to be applied to the cost of connecting CITIZEN'S property to CITY'S sanitary sewer system.

2. **Additional Cost.** The cost of extending sanitary sewer service to CITIZEN'S property exceeds the amount of the Cost Share Grant awarded to CITIZEN by \$_____. CITY agrees to reimburse CITIZEN the extra cost in the amount of \$_____. In exchange, CITIZEN agrees to repay the above stated additional cost by allowing CITY to assess the additional cost against CITIZEN'S property over ten (10) years bearing interest at 4% per annum.

3. **Binding Effect.** This agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

DATE

By: _____
Name:
Mayor

ATTEST:

DAVID W. SCHWENKER, City Clerk

CITIZEN

DATE

Name:
Address:

DATE

Name:
Address: