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ANGELINA & NECHES RIVER AUTHORITY

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The **Angelina & Neches River Authority (ANRA)** has received funding through a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 grant to fund the installation of On-Site Septic Facilities (OSSFs) in the Attoyac Bayou watershed in an effort to improve water quality in the Attoyac Bayou, which is listed as impaired for bacterial contamination.

Funding for this project is provided by the **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)** Nonpoint Source Program and the **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** to address nonpoint sources of pollution. Failing OSSFs have been identified as potential sources of pollution in the Attoyac Bayou Watershed Protection Plan. Funding will be available to install approximately 23 OSSFs within the watershed.

Who is eligible to receive grant funding?

Property owners within the Attoyac Bayou watershed are eligible to apply for grant funding. The property must have a failing septic system (or no septic system), and the property owner must qualify as either low income, very low income, or extremely low income.

What are the income requirements for this grant program?

In order to qualify for funding under this project, applicants must meet certain income requirements. Grants are reserved for individuals or households at less than or equal to 150% of the Median Household Income (MHI), based upon household size. The MHI used for determining eligibility is based upon the average MHI for Rusk, Shelby, Nacogdoches, and San Augustine Counties.

How do I determine if my septic system is failing?

The most common signs of septic system failure are the smell of sewage, sewage leaking on the lawn, and sewage backing up into the home. In order to determine if your system is truly failing, it will be necessary for the system to be inspected.

If my septic system is failing, will it be reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality?

No. The goal of this program is to replace failing septic systems within the Attoyac Bayou watershed in order to improve water quality and public health, not to identify failing systems for fines and enforcement purposes.

Will I have to hire contractors (installers, site evaluators, designers, etc.)?

Contractors for this project will be selected by the Angelina & Neches River Authority (ANRA) through a competitive sealed bidding process.

Will this program pay for all of my costs for replacing my septic system?

It is ANRA's intention to have this program fund 100% of the cost of installation of a suitable on-site septic facility for qualified grant recipients. The property owner would be responsible for on-going maintenance and upkeep of the system.

For More Information

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