

Neighborhood Culvert Replacement Program Grant Guidelines

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What is the NCRP?

The Commercial, Residential, Recreational Revitalization Program (CRRRP) is expanding its program to offer grant funding for culvert replacement in the city of Pleasanton. The Neighborhood Culvert Replacement Program (NCRP) is geared towards those property owners that cannot otherwise afford to replace their culverts. This is a unique opportunity to strengthen partnerships between neighborhoods, community members, and the city of Pleasanton.

Why is this good for Pleasanton?

This program is part of the CRRRP's vision to give homeowners chance to help themselves in improving their property by advocating directly for resources and improvements that they need. Drainage issues are one of the biggest issues residents of eastern Kansas face due to our heavy rainfall. Each spring and fall, Pleasanton is especially susceptible to flooding when culverts are damaged, non-existent, or plugged with debris. The city currently works to keep the water flowing in the large stormwater drainage areas by jetting the culverts out when plugging happens. Smaller culverts on private property can be neglected by homeowners who are unable to clean or repair them whether financially or physically, or both.

How does the program work?

An application is completed by the homeowner and submitted to the City Administrator. An internal review committee made up of representatives from multiple city departments will review the application. If a determination of need is made, the application will be approved, and the property will be placed on the calendar for culvert replacement. Culverts will be installed based on availability. The city will install the culvert and rock at a reduced cost or free of charge depending on the income guidelines. The grant will allow up to two culverts to be installed on the same property. The culverts must be for stormwater in the city easements only. No culverts will be placed elsewhere on the property. *Application will be reviewed within 7 days of the receipt of a completed application. Incomplete applications will not be processed. <u>All supporting documentation must be received to process the grant application.</u>*

How do I qualify?

The grant funds are specifically earmarked for those with income at or below the 'very low income' guidelines set by the city of Pleasanton. Income guidelines will be adjusted laterally in line with the current inflation rate. The current guidelines for 2022 are below.

Pleasanton KS Very Low-Income Estimates 2022

GROSS HOUSEHOLD YEARLY INCOME

1 PERSON	2 PERSON	3 PERSON	4 PERSON	5 PERSON	6 PERSON	7 PERSON	8 PERSON
\$30,000	\$35,200	\$40,400	\$45 <i>,</i> 600	\$50,800	\$56,000	\$60,200	\$65 <i>,</i> 400



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An application will be provided by city hall and must be completed in its entirety. Proof of income for all occupants living in the house over the age of eighteen must accompany the application. Income tax statements, bank statements, Social Security statements, retirement statements, and check stubs will be ways the city will verify income of the applicant. Approval is based on funding availability.

When would projects start?

Depending on the project scope and the type of project, the city anticipates that the replacements will begin within 90 days of an approved application. Weather and workload will predict exact start dates.

What size culvert will the grant cover?

The grant will cover up to 30' of culvert, culvert band (if needed), rock, and installation a culvert up to 12" in diameter. Culverts that need to be a larger diameter will be managed on a case-by-case basis with the potential of some of the cost being put on the homeowner.

How do you determine if I need a culvert?

The director of Public Works along with the City Administrator will assess the property by observing the current state of the existing culvert as well as the flow of water through the culvert (if possible). If the current culvert is inadequate, Public Works will see if the existing culvert can be repaired or cleaned. If it is determined that the culvert is irreparable, the application will be approved for the installation of a new culvert.

Penalties for destruction-removal-lack of maintenance

Culverts must be kept in good condition and may not be removed except by the city of Pleasanton. In some cases, owners may obtain written permission from the city of Pleasanton to remove the culverts themselves. Approval of removal of culverts by homeowners could be allowed if there are material deficiencies or if there will be changes to the property that would constitute moving the culvert to another location on the property.

How often can I apply for this grant?

Only one grant per household can be processed in a 10-year period. At the end of the 10th year, if it is deemed a new culvert is needed, residents may apply for a new grant.

Questions?

Should you have any questions as to how this program works, required documentation, or other general information, please contact the City Administrator at (913) 352-8257.