



TOWN OF CASCO

Septic System Subsidy Program Policy

Section 1. Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish a program or sub-grant process for the purpose of assisting Casco residents to replace or upgrade older, faulty septic systems that have potential to do harm to drinking water resources.

This program is funded as a result of a Natural Resources Damages Compensation Agreement through the Maine Department of Environmental Protection from the Waste Motor Oil Disposal Site Remediation Program, commonly referred to as the Tenney Hill Waste Oil Fund. The intent of this policy is to fairly and transparently support projects that protect, restore, enhance, or preserve the quality of drinking water supplies. The program will end when all the resources from the fund are dispersed.

Section 2. Eligibility

The Town of Casco has the authority to determine the eligibility or ineligibility of all proposed projects. This program is available to Casco residents only. Assistance is one-time only and must be for the applicant's primary residence. All applicants must agree to all provisions of the program policy and meet conditions prior to receiving funding.

To be considered eligible, the location shall be the applicant's primary residence, applicants must submit demonstrated evidence of system failure or stress with useful life of less than three years as certified by a licensed soil scientist, professional engineer, or site evaluator and their family income be below 90% of Maine's medium family income

Applicants may be eligible for up to a maximum of \$12,000 in funding

This policy shall be applied retroactively to cover septic systems for which the applicant first applied for a permit from the Town to replace their septic as of March 1, 2020.

Section 3. Repayment

The purpose of the Program is NOT to improve properties with the intent of resale at a higher price, but to provide incentive to improve Casco properties for the protection of water resources. Therefore, if the subject property is sold within five years of project completion, the owner shall pay back to the Town the following amount:

- Within 1 year → Owner pays back to Town 100% of grant award
- Within 2 years → Owner pays back to Town 80% of grant award
- Within 3 years → Owner pays back to Town 60% of grant award
- Within 4 years → Owner pays back to Town 40% of grant award
- Within 5 years → Owner pays back to Town 20% of grant award
- After 5 years → there is no repayment.

The owner, upon award of funds as a result of this policy, is required to record a notarized document with the Registry of Deeds concerning repayment with applicable dates for the grant within five business days. The owner shall provide proof of recording of this document to the Casco Town Manager.

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Section 4. Process

The Town of Casco Town Manager or designee will receive and review each application. Upon determination that an application is complete and meets the criteria established by the Selectboard, The Town Manager can approve the project for funding. The Town Manager will report to the Selectboard all applications that have been approved for funding-The applicant may be required to provide more information.

Once approved, applicants will have one year from the date of approval to commence work. Upon completion of work and certification from the Town Manager or designee that the work has been completed consistent with the application, the recipient shall submit a request for reimbursement along with paid bills/invoices for the approved work to the Town Manager or designee. In some cases, the Town Manager may make an exception and pay the contractor directly, but this must be provided for as part of the approval of the grant funding.

Section 5. Permit Requirements

The grantee/recipient shall be responsible for securing all required construction, electrical, and other permits from the Town, and from State or Federal agencies. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from funding.

Section 6. Other Provisions

This Section is not a prohibition on a member of the Selectboard or Town Employee from applying for and receiving a grant for that applicant's primary residence, as long as the Selectboard member or employee meets all standards and requirements of this Policy.

Adopted this 19th day of January, 2021 Approved by Casco Selectboard:


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Projects must protect, restore, enhance or preserve the quality of groundwater resources and drinking water supplies.

Required Project Information

IMPORTANT

Please take the time to read through the program policy and rules. Failure to comply may result in a denial of funding.

Mail/drop off form with all applicable materials to: Casco Town Office
635 Meadow Road,
Casco, ME 04015

A. General Information

1.	Applicant's Name:	
	Physical Address of project:	

B. Eligibility

To be eligible all questions below must be Yes

1.	Is the property the applicant's principal residence		
	___ Yes		
	___ No (If the answer is no, no funding can be provided)		
2.	Is there demonstrated evidence of system failure or stress with useful life of less than three years required?		
	System Failure ___ Yes ___ No		
	Stress with useful life less than 3 years ___ Yes ___ No		
3.	Is applicant's household income below 90% of Maine's median income which is \$49,882 as of 12/2020.		
	___ Yes ___ No		

Applicant Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Town Manager Signature

Date

