METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

PRIVATE PROPERTY INFLOW & INFILTRATION GRANT PROGRAM

Grant Requirements, Guidelines & Timeline - 2027

Information

The Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (Met Council) is implementing a private property inflow and infiltration (I/I) grant program beginning January 2027. The goal of the program is to assist private property owners with financial assistance to remove I/I from the regional interceptor system through repairs of the sewer lateral or foundation drain on the property. ES has committed to assigning funds every year from the PayGo fund for this grant program.

Council Guidelines

Eligible Municipalities

Eligible municipalities include those that have been designated excessive I/I contributors by the Met Council, or that have had a measurable flow rate within 20 percent of the permitted flow limit.

Eligible Work

- Grants to private property owners shall be for a percentage of actual, reasonable, and verifiable I/I mitigation costs. No costs of studies, engineering, or planning shall be eligible.
- Grant reimbursement shall be 50% of eligible costs, up to $5,000, for applicants not meeting equity criteria set by the participating municipalities. Eligible work includes:
    - Private lateral repair and/or replacement
    - Foundation drain disconnections and new sump pump, if associated with the foundation drain disconnect
    - Lateral televising and cleaning costs if:
        - Applicant meets the equity criteria or
        - Televising and cleaning result in repair or replacement of sewer lateral
- Grants of up to $10,000 may be given to private property owners meeting the municipality's equity criterion.
- The private service line or foundation drain must be active and serving an occupied building.
- All repairs and replacements must be made with materials and methods consistent with local codes and permit requirements.
- Qualified spending on eligible work must occur between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027.

Grant Process

Application

- ES will notify all eligible municipalities and request grant applications.
- The Met Council is transitioning to Fluxx, a new, modern, and user-friendly grant management system. PPII grant applications are only accepted through Fluxx.
- Eligible municipalities will apply for the program and request a total grant amount for anticipated grant reimbursement to private property owners.

- Applying municipalities must submit the Application for Participation and a resolution from City Council authorizing application and execution of the grant.
- After all applications are received, ES will review requested grant amounts for proposed work and encumber a grant amount for each participating municipality. It is anticipated that more grant funds will be requested than what is available, meaning applicants may not receive their full request. Grant awards will be encumbered to each municipality by this process:
    - Half of the available grant funds will be divided equally among participants.
    - The remaining half will be distributed to participants based on the size of their grant request.
- Municipalities will be informed of their total grant amount for the program year at the start of the program year.
- ES will send grant agreements to municipalities for signature and, upon return, will sign, and will create purchase orders payable to the applicant municipality.
- Signed agreements and application must be returned to ES prior to participation in the program.

Reporting Requirements and Reimbursement

- Each quarter, municipalities will submit a claim for reimbursement in Fluxx and will upload the **PPII Reporting Form** Excel workbook of work completed, invoices, and certificates of completeness to certify the work for each grant was done and records auditable. Only one grant per property may be awarded.
    - ES has provided a list of verified Metropolitan Council Underutilized Business (MCUB) contractors able to perform water and sewer work (attached). It is not required to use the contractors on that list but is provided as an option. More information on the Met Council MCUB program can be found here: https://metrocouncil.org/About-Us/What-We-Do/DoingBusiness/Small-Business-Programs/mcub.aspx
- ES will review the **PPII Reporting Form** and supporting documentation and issue grant reimbursement. Municipalities have until January 31 of the following year to submit all paperwork for work performed during the program year.
- Any funds encumbered to a municipality and not spent during the program year will remain in ES's PayGo fund.
- The Met Council reserves the right to change these guidelines, if in its sole discretion the results of the process do not equitably allocate the funds.

Equity Component

Imagine 2050 is the Met Council's vision for the region through the year 2040. It is the region's plan for an equitable and resilient future. In support of Imagine 2050, this program has an opportunity to further equity by providing higher grant awards to residents that meet their city or township's equity need.

Imagine 2050 provides the following definition of equity: "Equity means that historically excluded communities – especially Black communities, American Indian communities, and communities of color – have measurably improved outcomes through an intentional and consistent practice of adapting policies, systems, services, and spending so that they contribute to the repair of both historic and ongoing injustice." (Metropolitan Council, 2025)

The equity component of allowing grant reimbursement up to a $10,000 cap for private property owners meeting a municipality's equity criterion is one way equity is incorporated into this program. It is acknowledged that each municipality has different equity considerations and knows the needs of their residents the best; therefore, it is up to the municipality to determine if a resident has an equity need and up to the municipality to determine the resident's final grant award, up to $10,000.

If a repair is higher than the program cap of $10,000, options, among others, to cover that cost include a municipality match, assessing the property for the remaining amount, or requesting payment from the resident. The means of collection are up to each municipality. Be advised, if grant awards are paid directly to the private property owner, it is recommended to speak with a tax professional, as the municipality may have to provide a 1099 tax form.

Calendar

Send notice of grant program guidelines to municipalities, requesting applications	November 13, 2026
Grant applications due from municipalities	December 11, 2026
ES notifies municipalities of their grant amount	December 18, 2026
Municipalities submit pay claims for completed work	April 30, August 31, October 31, 2027; January 31, 2027
ES processes reimbursement upon receipt of signed agreement	Quarterly

Links/References

https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Planning/Wastewater/Inflow-and-Infiltration.aspx

https://metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance/Available-Funding-Grants/Private-Property-Inflow-and-Infiltration-Grants.aspx