

How do I apply for financial assistance to repair my failing septic system?

If you suspect that your septic system is failing and you will likely need financial assistance to repair it, contact Clallam County Environmental Health at 360-417-2506 to schedule a site visit. If you've already had your septic system inspected by a licensed designer or inspector, you can have them contact Clallam County Environmental Health on your behalf.

Environmental Health staff will collect the information necessary to refer your case to Clallam Conservation District. Once a referral is made to the Conservation District, we will submit an application for grant funding to the Washington State Conservation Commission. The grant approval process can take several weeks.

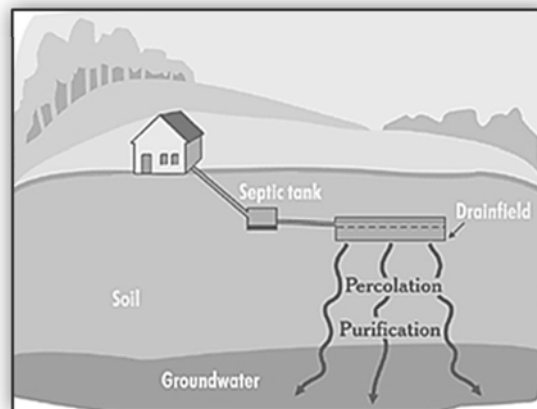
Once grant funding is awarded, Conservation District staff will work with you to complete a *Cost-share Application & Agreement*. The Conservation District board of supervisors reviews cost-share applications during monthly board meetings. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. at the Conservation District office located at 228 W. 1st Street, Suite H (Armory Square building) in Port Angeles.

Upon cost-share approval by the board of supervisors, you will be given written notice to proceed with obtaining a design for the repair of your system. Your designer can help you with obtaining bids for system repair.

Visit the Clallam Conservation District website at clallamcd.org for more information on this and other programs offered by the district.

If you think you might qualify for this program, contact Clallam County Environmental Health at 360-417-2506 to schedule a site visit.

ONSITE SEPTIC SYSTEM REPAIR



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Clallam Conservation District is a **non-regulatory** sub-division of state government. We provide technical and financial assistance to homeowners and land users to help you conserve natural resources, protect water quality and improve habitat.

In an effort to improve and protect water quality, we provide financial assistance to help homeowners repair or replace failing onsite septic systems.



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What is the OSS Cost-Share Program?

The Clallam Conservation District OSS Cost-Share Program defrays homeowner costs for repairing or replacing failing onsite septic systems that are impacting water quality. The program is implemented in partnership with Clallam County Environmental Health.

Homeowners in need of financial assistance to repair or replace failing onsite septic systems must be referred to the Conservation District by Clallam County Environmental Health. Cost-share assistance is contingent upon available grant funding.

Program Eligibility

Any homeowner living in a current *Pollution Identification & Correction* focus Area, and who has resided in their home for at least 12 months, is eligible for financial assistance. Homeowners outside a current *PIC* focus area but within the *Clallam County Marine Recovery Area* are eligible if denied a loan for repair of their septic system. Applicants must have an expressed financial need.

What does the OSS Cost-Share Program Cover?

Financial assistance through the OSS Cost-Share Program covers a percentage (up to 75%) of the cost of repairing or replacing a failing system. The program also covers the cost of County permits and system design, including soils evaluation. All eligible costs are paid on a reimbursable basis.

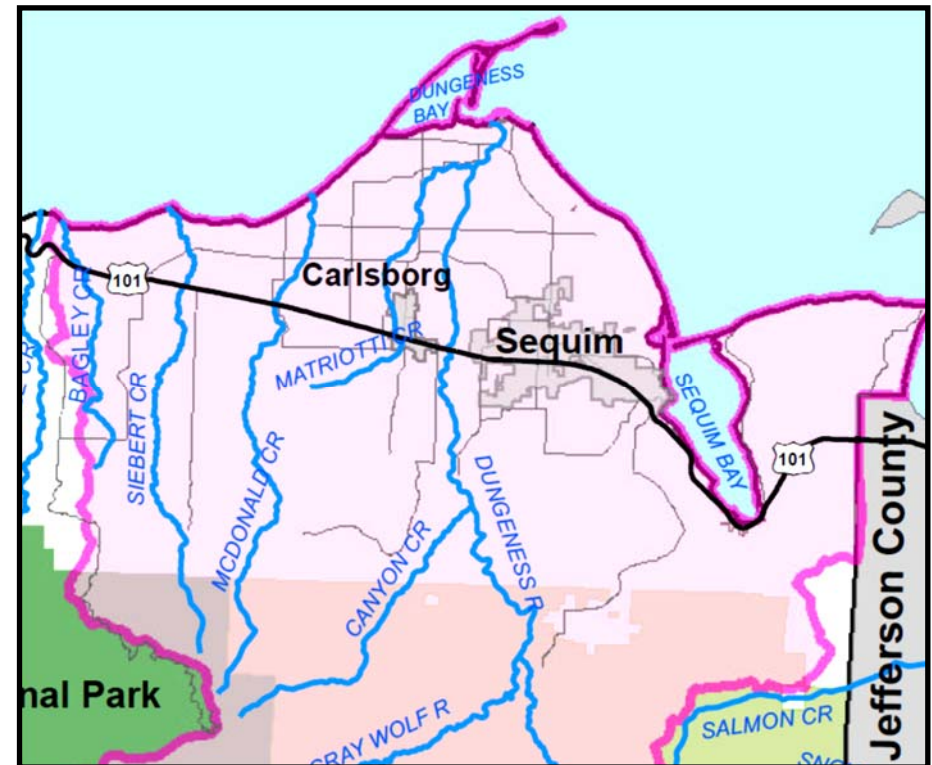
Cost-Share Rate (\$\$\$)

The cost-share rate—the percent of the project costs that the Conservation District will pay versus the percent that the applicant pays—may vary based on numerous site-specific factors but generally does not exceed 75 percent.

A minimum of three bids must be obtained from County-approved OSS installers. The lowest responsive and responsible bid will serve as the basis for calculating the eligible cost-share amount.

Cost-Share Assistance Requirements

- Applicants must be referred to the District by Clallam County Environmental Health.
- Applicants must complete a *District Cooperative Agreement* and *Cost-share Application and Agreement*.
- OSS repairs/replacements must be designed by licensed designers and permitted by the County.
- Repair/replacement work must be performed by a licensed installer.
- Cost-share recipients are responsible for ongoing septic system operations and maintenance according to County requirements.
- Cost-share reimbursement is subject to IRS income reporting.



Clallam County Marine Recovery Area