



## Homeowner Sewer Line Repair Financial Assistance Program (SEP)

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Dear City of Fort Smith Utility Customer:

The City of Fort Smith ("City") has entered into a Consent Decree with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). As a part of the Consent Decree, the City has developed an assistance program to repair homeowners' broken sewer lines. If approved for the SEP program, repairs made to private sewer lines in compliance with the SEP program can be paid for by the SEP.

Defects in private sewer lines may contribute to public sewer system overflows. Inflow and infiltration (I&I) can occur when rainwater enters a private sewer line through pipe defects, then flows into the City's sewer system. The flow from rainwater can overload the City's sewer system and can cause sewers to overflow into the environment. In order to better serve the community the City seeks to reduce rainwater in sanitary sewers.

Only residential property owners who meet income guidelines and have a defect for I&I may qualify for the SEP program for their primary residence.

### Maximum Family Yearly Income to Qualify for SEP Assistance

Income Limit	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
	\$27,900	\$31,900	\$35,900	\$39,850	\$43,050	\$46,250	\$49,450	\$52,650

This notice is regarding the City's Supplemental Environment Project Private Service Line Replacement Program. This project was undertaken in conjunction with the settlement of an enforcement action, United States et al. v. City of Fort Smith, (C.A. No. 2-14-cv-02266-PKH, W.D. Ark.), taken on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act.

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