



City of Modesto House Sewer Line Repair Cost-Share Program Guidelines

The House Sewer Line Repair Cost-Share Program (CSP) provides financial assistance to property owners for the replacement of their house sewer line within the public right-of-way.

Contact Information:

Community & Economic Development Department
House Sewer Line Repair Cost-Share Program Coordinator
PO Box 642
Modesto, CA 95353
209-342-4712

**** If you are having a sewer problem, first call the City Wastewater Collections Department at 577-6200. The Sewer Department will check to see if the sewer main is blocked. If blocked, City crews will clear the sewer main and restore sewer service.**

Partnering

PURPOSE

Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the house sewer line that delivers sewage from the residence to the sewer main in the street. The City Council recognized that the cost of repairing the house sewer line can be significant for property owners. To ensure timely repair and maintenance of house sewer lines and to prevent potential health hazards, the House Sewer Line Repair Cost-Share Program (CSP) was established. The CSP provides financial assistance to property owners for the replacement of public improvements affected during repairs to the house sewer line located within the public right-of-way.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPTIONS

Financial assistance is dependent upon the availability of annual funding. The CSP offers two (2) options for financial assistance: 1) a Reimbursement Option and 2) a Loan Option. Permit costs are not covered under the CSP.

- 1. Reimbursement Option:** The property owner is responsible for the full payment of the repair within the public right-of-way. The City will reimburse 50% of the cost to replace public improvements affected during repairs to the house sewer line located within the public right-of-way, is based on 50% of the lowest of three bids.
- 2. Loan Option:** The City will reimburse 50% of the cost to replace public improvements affected during repairs to the house sewer line located within the public right-of-way, and will loan the property owner the remaining share of the repair cost. The portion of the repair cost that is paid by the City is equivalent to the reimbursement amount under the Reimbursement Option. The property owner is responsible for paying fees associated with establishing the loan and will repay to the City the loan amount, including principal and interest, over a pre-determined period of time.

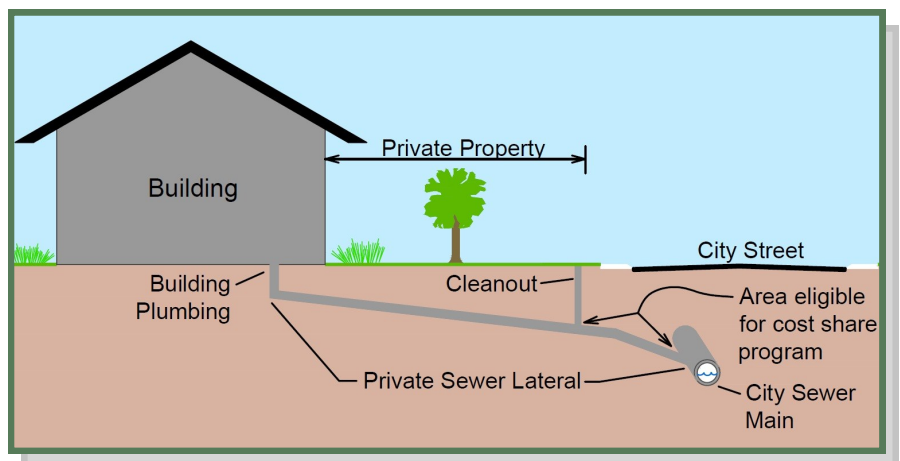
Ownership

RESPONSIBILITY

According to the Modesto Municipal Code, Section 5-6.309(b), each user shall be responsible for the construction, maintenance and repair of his/her house sewer line.

DEFINITION

House Sewer Line/Private Sewer Lateral: The house sewer line or private sewer lateral consists of the pipe that begins at the house/building plumbing system and extends to, but does not include, the connection at the City sewer main. The house sewer line or private sewer lateral is further detailed in City Standard Detail No. 513.



Qualification

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

To qualify for the program, the following conditions must be met:

1. The property is a residential (6 units or less).
2. The repair or replacement work is in the public right-of-way (not on private property).
3. The residence is on property annexed to the city of Modesto.
4. The work is to be completed by a contractor licensed to perform work in the right-of-way. **These contractors would hold a valid Class A General Engineering or Class C-34 Pipeline Contractor license.**
5. **All necessary paperwork is submitted to the CSP coordinator and approved prior to the start of work.**
6. The repairs include any necessary upgrades for compliance with current City Standards. This may include changes such as using a different pipe material or the addition of a sewer cleanout adjacent to the property line. Upgrades are not eligible for reimbursement.
7. An **encroachment permit** is obtained by the contractor prior to starting the work and the work is inspected and approved by the City inspector.
8. The City requires at least three quotes from properly licensed contractors. (except for a "Clean-out Only")

APPLICATION

For consideration to participate in the CSP, applicants must complete and submit the following:

- Application Form
- Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement
- Contractor Quotation Form

If the applicant chooses to participate in the loan option, the following additional items must be completed. The City Community and Economic Development Infrastructure Financing Program Administration Office will coordinate completion of these items with the property owner.

- Existing Single Family Deferral Application
- Notice of Lien between City and property owner (executed and recorded)
- Payment of loan agreement fees (approximately \$250 administrative fee and \$75 title report fee)

The application and forms are available at:

- <https://www.modestogov.com/1201/Land-Development-Engineering-Utilities>
- Community & Economic Development Department, 1010 10th Street, 3rd Floor, Modesto, CA 95354

Questions?

Additional information is available for the program, by contacting the CSP Coordinator at 342-4712 or on the City's website at: <https://www.modestogov.com/1201/Land-Development-Engineering-Utilities>