



# EPA Grant Assistance Application for Touisset Point & Highlands Residents

## Program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing reimbursements for DEM approved engineering/design costs for homeowners with cesspools and failing septic systems in the Touisset Point and Touisset Highland areas of Warren. The objective of this grant program is to reduce environmental impacts to the Kickemuit River and Mt. Hope Bay from failing cesspools and septic systems. Eligible residents will receive a *reimbursement* of engineering/design expenses for 50% of the engineering costs spent for septic system design **up to \$5,000 per homeowner**. The remaining cost of design must be paid by the homeowner, and evidence of this expense must be submitted prior to reimbursement. Grant funding for this program is limited to \$300,000 and no grants will be offered beyond the EPA grant.

1. Homeowners who completed work on a DEM accepted septic system after **October 1, 2008** are eligible to receive assistance through this program. **Upgrades CANNOT be the result of an expansion of housing size or an increase in the number of bedrooms in a house.**
2. Homeowners who have *not yet* initiated their septic design may initiate this application before selecting an engineer for design and will be given 2 months from the approval of the application to ascertain quotes and complete design work for DEM approval. Failure to progress on engineering plans will result in dismissal from the program.
3. Homeowners must submit at least 2 quotes for engineering/design work and have completed construction of the approved system for the reimbursement. The Town will reject quotes that are not from licensed professionals, are not clearly written or are otherwise unacceptable. Homeowners must select the lowest bid to be eligible for reimbursement.
3. Homeowners must complete this application and submit copies of their engineering and design quotes, their approvals from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) and evidence that the septic system construction is completed for the reimbursement. The homeowner must provide the Town with a copy of the RI DEM's Certificate of Conformance prior to reimbursement.
4. When the Town and the owner have a DEM-approved septic system plan, the Town and the homeowner will enter into a contract whereby the Town will **reimburse** the homeowner up to 50% of his or her engineering costs upon submittal of all required elements in the checklist of this application (p. 2). The homeowner will submit **all invoices and receipts** to the Town.
6. The Town reserves the right to prioritize funding for cesspools or septic systems that are deemed urgent or a threat to public health or the environment.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and will abide by the above terms for this grant program.

Signature of Homeowner: X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Questions?

Please call **Caroline Wells**, Office of Planning & Community Development, for assistance at 401-245-2469 or email at [cwells@townofwarren-ri.gov](mailto:cwells@townofwarren-ri.gov)

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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_



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Applicants must meet DEM standards for septic design in order to be eligible for reimbursement. A minimum of two quotes must be provided for this work and quotes must be for equivalent jobs (one quote cannot reflect more or less work/equipment than the other quote).

## Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
Home Phone	
Work Phone (optional)	
E-Mail Address (optional)	

## Selected Designer Information (can be filled out when ascertained)

Name	
Street Address	
Work Phone (optional)	
E-Mail Address (optional)	

## I wish to use this assistance to (please check one)

- upgrade cesspool and I am within 200 feet of the coastline
- upgrade cesspool and I am NOT within 200 feet of the coastline
- upgrade/repair failing septic system

## Submittal Checklist (can be submitted as ascertained)

- Quote 1 from licensed septic design/engineer
- Quote 2 from licensed septic design/engineer
- Evidence of engineering/design plan approval from DEM
- Certificate of Conformance issued by the DEM
- Receipts and copies of payment for 100% of the project costs
- \_\_\_\_\_ (office only) DATE REQUIRED FOR DESIGN SUBMITTAL

## Agreement and Signature

By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted into this program, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may render me ineligible for this grant program.

Name (printed)	
Signature	
Date	