

***You are in a Nitrate
Compliance Project Area in
the City limits of Chico!***

The discharge from individual septic systems has been cited by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board as the primary source of groundwater nitrate, a contamination that exceeds drinking water standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State Water Resources Control Board.

Nitrate levels that exceed the standard have been established as a threat to the public health and is subject to regulation.

California State Prohibition Order No. 90-126 affects approximately 30,000 residents on 10,000 parcels, and represents nearly 12,000 dwelling units. Approximately 65% of the 12,000 dwelling units affected (7,800 units) are located in neighborhoods in Chico.

**Call today to see if you may be
eligible for free assistance!**

The City of Chico does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, or age in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services and activities, or in employment.

All materials are available in alternate formats and for individuals with disabilities or for individuals with limited English proficiency upon request. Please allow a minimum of 72 hours for your request to be processed.

TDD users, please call the California Relay Service Access Number (886) 660-4288.

Para información en español, llame al 530-879-6300.

**City of Chico
Community Development
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City of Chico

**SEWER
CONNECTION
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**



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What is the Program?

The Sewer Connection Assistance Program is a grant program to assist income-qualified homeowners living within the Chico city limits connect to the City sewer system. This program is available through the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funded by the federal Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Each year, the City Council will review the CDBG award received from HUD and determine an appropriate level of funding for this sewer assistance program. Funds are limited each fiscal year.

How is assistance provided?

If you are eligible and approved for the grant, you may be provided with up to \$10,000. These funds would not have to be repaid to the City!

What is covered?

Sewer application and sewer connection fees, as well as the costs of a licensed contractor to connect your property to the constructed sewer system (including costs of abandonment of the septic tank and any required permits).

Who is eligible?

City residents who own and occupy a single-family home within a Nitrate Compliance Project Area in the City limits; and

Who also meet the maximum annual income guidelines:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Maximum Annual Income*</u>
1	\$39,040
2	\$44,640
3	\$50,240
4	\$55,760
5	\$60,240
6	\$64,720
7	\$69,200
8	\$73,680

*HUD limits as of 07/01/21

What is the general process to obtain this assistance?

- Request an application
- Submit the completed, signed application with all requested attachments
- City staff determines eligibility & provides letter to homeowner
- Construction bids obtained and provided to City
- Grant Agreement prepared and signed
- Construction work completed and inspected
- City pays contractor directly
- You're now connected to sewer with no more septic concerns!

