



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
Private Sewer Lateral Replacement
Grant Program

APPLICATION

Application No. _____

SECTION I. General Information *Please print clearly.*

1. Property Address: _____
2. Property Owner Name: _____
3. Property Owner Address: _____
(if different from above) Street City State Zip

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION II. Certification *Please print clearly.*

I certify by signing this application that I **am the legal owner of the property described herein**. I am aware the submission of this document does not constitute that a grant has been approved by the City of Sebastopol (City). I have read the information discussing the requirements for the Lateral Replacement Grant Program and am aware that a letter will be issued advising if funds have been granted. **Any repair work performed prior to receiving a letter of obligation from the City is performed at my own risk and cost, and makes this application null and void.** I understand not all applications will be granted. I understand all applications are subject to approval by the City. I understand that to qualify for the lateral grant, I am required to replace my lateral in its entirety (including the upper and lower laterals). Please see FAQ's for more information.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner Contact info.:

Phone number where we can contact you: _____

Email Address (optional): _____



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SECTION III: Price Quotations Form

If you choose to participate in the Lateral Replacement Grant Program, please attach to this page at least three (3) price quotations from licensed contractors and provide information below. Submit full packet to the City of Sebastopol Public Works Department (City) for review to remain eligible for the grant program.

1. Contractor Name: _____ License# _____ Repair Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Bursting or <input type="checkbox"/> Open Trench	Quotation: \$ _____
2. Contractor Name: _____ License# _____ Repair Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Bursting or <input type="checkbox"/> Open Trench	Quotation: \$ _____
3. Contractor Name: _____ License# _____ Repair Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Bursting or <input type="checkbox"/> Open Trench	Quotation: \$ _____
4. Contractor Name: _____ License# _____ Repair Method: <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Bursting or <input type="checkbox"/> Open Trench	Quotation: \$ _____

Please be advised:

The City will review price quotations for reasonableness of scope and cost. Additional estimates may be requested by the City. Individual property owners shall be responsible for all applicable permits and fees.

Please submit the completed application form and estimates to:

City of Sebastopol, Public Works Department

Attn: Dante Del Prete, Superintendent
 714 Johnson Street
 Sebastopol, CA 95472

Any questions, please contact Public Works:
Phone: (707) 823-5331 / Fax: (707) 823-4721
or email

citypw@cityofsebastopol.gov

City Use Only:

Proof of Customer of Record**(if application is mailed in) _____

Account Validation: _____

Date Received: _____ City Approval: _____

Signature and Title

date



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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Private Sewer Lateral?

Response: In accordance with Sebastopol Municipal Code Section 13.08.030, within the City of Sebastopol (City), the private sewer lateral is the portion of the sewer system, that typically begins at the junction with a house/building plumbing system, usually located within two (2) feet of the foundation of the house/building, and extending to a sewer cleanout or sewer lateral at the property line.

2. Why should the sewer lateral matter to me?

Response: In accordance with Sebastopol Municipal Code Section 13.08.030, the property owner is responsible for the sewer lateral under any property not owned by the City (i.e., the "private sewer lateral"). The private sewer lateral is the private property of the property owner who is therefore responsible for all costs relating to the installation, connection, maintenance, repair, construction, alteration, abandonment or removal of the sewer lateral.

3. Why does my private sewer lateral matter to the City of Sebastopol?

Response: In winter, old and leaky sewer laterals are often a significant source of rainwater infiltration and inflow (or "1/P") that can quickly overwhelm public sewer systems and result in sewage spills and overflows. By fixing or replacing older, leaky sewer laterals, rainwater "1/1" into the public sewer system from laterals can be reduced or potentially eliminated. Also, tree roots enter cracks in the laterals and can extend into the sewer blocking the flow in the sewer as well as the lateral.

4. What is the upper lateral? What is the lower lateral?

Response: The upper lateral is the portion of your sewer lateral that runs from the junction of your house/building plumbing system, to your property line or the public right-of-way. The lower lateral is the portion that connects your upper lateral to the public sewer main, including the point of connection.

5. Do I qualify for the grant?

Response: The City of Sebastopol has a total amount of \$50,000 for the Private Sewer Lateral Grant Program. Grants will be made on a first-come-first served basis until the \$50,000 amount is disbursed.

6. What is the maximum grant amount to an individual property owner?

Response: The maximum grant amount to an individual property owner is half the cost of the **full** lateral replacement, up to \$2,500. Note: The property owner is required to replace the upper lateral sewer and install a new sewer cleanout at the property line.



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7. What do I need to do to obtain the grant amount?

Response: Complete the attached application form and return it to the Sebastopol Public Works office. A City representative will contact you with further details, including a "letter of obligation" advising if your application has been accepted. Please do not have any work performed prior to receiving a letter of obligation. Any repair work performed prior to receiving a letter of obligation from the City is performed at your own risk and cost, and will make the grant application null and void.

8. Who can perform the work to replace my lateral?

Response: You will be able to select and hire the licensed contractor that you wish to perform the work. You must obtain at least three bids for the work and include that information in Section III of the application form before returning.
