

SEWER CONNECTION GRANT PROGRAM (SCG)

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



PROGRAM SUMMARY

The intent of the Sewer Connection Grant Program is to provide grants to eligible homeowners of owner-occupied single-family detached dwellings to offset the cost of connecting to the City's newly constructed sewer lines. The program was created to assist lower and moderate-income households within a sewer improvement district that are currently served by a septic system and are required to connect to the public sewer system. All property to be repaired must be a single-family owner-occupied residential property, located within the City of La Cañada Flintridge.

Program funds are derived from the City of La Cañada Flintridge's General Fund. Sewer connection grants are up to a maximum of \$12,000 per household. Funding is limited and may not be available for all applicants (available on a first-come, first-served basis).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To participate, household income may not exceed those listed in the attached "CDBG Household Income Limits" document. Household income includes all unadjusted gross income from all persons living in the property to be assisted and is subject to the verification requirements.

SEE INCOME GUIDELINES BULLETIN WITH CDBG HOUSEHOLD INCOME
LIMITS ON THE "FORMS" PAGE

Additionally, in order to receive assistance, properties must be in current compliance with the City's Building Codes, Zoning Ordinance, and Residential Property Standards.

For any questions about the RRP program, regarding eligibility, requirements, application materials, etc., please contact:

Lisa Brancheau, Senior Management Analyst

City of La Cañada Flintridge Community Development Department

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Completed and Signed Program Qualifications and Conditions Acknowledgement Form (Attachment A)

Completed and Signed Application Form (Attachment B)

Proof of Annual Income (See Attachment C for detailed instructions)

Property Owner's Affidavit (Attachment D)

Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) Income Guidelines Bulletin

ATTACHMENT A

SCG – PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS & CONDITIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM



1. The Applicant must be the homeowner of the eligible property.
2. The Applicant's household income may not exceed those listed in the attached "CDBG Household Income Limits" document (See "Eligibility Criteria").
3. The property must be in current compliance with the City's Building Codes, Zoning Ordinance, and Residential Property Standards.
4. The homeowner is responsible for obtaining acceptable bids for the work to be performed and will contract only with appropriate contractors who maintain a current license in good standing with the [California Contractors State License Board](#). Additionally, the contractor must also maintain the required general liability and workmen's compensation insurance coverage, and also obtain a City business license. In order to receive assistance, properties must be in current compliance.
5. Repair work must not commence until all permits are issued and a Proceed Order is issued by the City of La Cañada Flintridge
6. Do not advance any personal funds to the Contractor. Do not incur any expenses on your own. The City of La Cañada Flintridge will not be responsible for funds advanced. Do not enter into side agreements with the Contractor.
7. All funds disbursed are payable to both the owner(s) and contractor for repair work performed.
8. Grant proceeds may only be used for the costs of services and materials necessary to carry out City approved repair work.
9. All costs beyond the amount of grant money received, will be the responsibility of the Applicant.

10. Previously contracted or commenced work, materials purchased, and the continuation of work already underway, are not eligible for reimbursement.
11. Eligible repairs may include work to be performed in conjunction with the plumbing retrofit and hardscape construction costs associated with the connection of the residence to the City's sewer system, and with the proper abandonment of the existing septic tank system.
12. Applicants must provide acceptable proof of ownership and residency for the property to be repaired.
13. Applicants shall be eligible for only one grant under this program.
14. Applicants will permit City of La Cañada Flintridge staff or its agents to conduct necessary property and repair work inspections.
15. The City of La Cañada Flintridge reserves the right to deny requests in specific instances where the repairs to be completed and/or the application does not conform to these or other program guidelines.
16. The City of La Cañada Flintridge determines the eligibility of the applicant to the program.
17. Grant funding is available to approved eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis, and is subject to funding availability.

See next page for the Property Owner Acknowledgement.

The following acknowledgement must be signed by all property owners:

I/WE have read and understand the foregoing general qualifications and conditions for program eligibility. I/WE further understand that any misstatements, omissions, misrepresentations, deletions, falsifications, or other actions which result in MY/OUR not conforming to the requirements listed above and in other contract documentation will subject MY/OUR application to immediate cancellation and cause any disbursed funds to become immediately due and payable, and may cause further legal action if warranted.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Co- Applicant's Signature

ATTACHMENT B

SCG – APPLICATION FORM



Please note: All information will be kept confidential. This information is necessary for City of La Canada Flintridge to review Applicant eligibility and to determine the amount of grant funds that may be awarded to eligible applicants.

1. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Applicant(s)

Applicant		Co-Applicant	
Name		Name	
SSN	Date of Birth	SSN	Date of Birth
Current Employer		Current Employer	
Employer Address		Employer Address	
Business Phone		Business Phone	
Position		Position	
Length of Time Currently Employed		Length of Time Currently Employed	
Current Annual Gross Income		Current Annual Gross Income	
List and explain any additional sources of income within the Household			

Household Occupants

Please enter the requested information for all property residents (attach additional sheets, if necessary).

Applicant Name	Age		Annual Income
Name	Age	Relationship	Annual Income
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Entire Household Size: _____ persons		Enter total Household Income: \$ _____	
Are any members of your household disabled? yes no decline to respond			

Financial Information

Please list all applicable savings and checking account information for each account held:

Name of Bank/Saving and Loan/Credit Union/Other Financial Institution:	Account Number:
Address:	Savings or Checking?
Current Account Balance:	

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Address:	Savings or Checking?
Current Account Balance:	

Please list all other assets and their respective values:

Account Category	Current Cash Value
Stocks/Bond/Other Investment Accounts:	\$
Life Insurance Net Cash Value	\$
Net Worth of Business	\$
Other Assets (list)	\$
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2. PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Location

Street Address _____

Legal Description (Optional) _____

Ownership Information

	Yes	No
1. Do you own the above listed property?		
<i>If you answered "yes" to question 1, how long have you owned this property?</i>	_____ years	
2. Are you a permanent full-time resident of this property?		
3. Are the property taxes current on the above listed property?		
4. Are all financial obligations current for which the property is used as collateral?		
5. Are there any outstanding or pending liens against the above listed property?		
<i>If you answered "yes" to question 5, please explain.</i>		
Please indicate the names of all persons listed on title to this property:		

Demographic Information

Ethnicity/Head of Household (For Statistical Purposes Only)- Demographic information will be held strictly confidential, and is not considered as a factor in the review of your grant application. However, in accordance with Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements, this information must be collected for your participation in this program. Please complete the following (see next page):

Head of household:

	Yes	No
Female head of household?		

Racial background:

Check all that are applicable:	
	American Indian/Alaska Native
	Asian
	Black/African American
	Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
	White
	Other – For individuals that do not identify with any of the above

Ethnic background:

Check all that are applicable:	
	Not Hispanic/Latino
	Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity
	Mexican-American
	Puerto Rican
	Cuban
	Other Hispanic/Latino

I hereby certify that the aforementioned statements are true. If at any time this information is found to be false or incorrect, and it is then determined that I do not qualify for the Sewer Connection Grant Program, I understand that I am liable for all costs incurred through the program.

Applicant Signature:	Date:
Co-Applicant Signature:	Date:

Please remember to attach all information requested in the general qualifications sheet.

Do **NOT** send originals. **For further information regarding the program please contact:**

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ATTACHMENT C

SCG – PROOF OF ANNUAL INCOME INSTRUCTIONS



I. ANNUAL INCOME DEFINITION

Annual income shall be defined as the total income received from all sources by an individual or family, including the head of household, spouse, and each additional member of the household who has earned or received income during a 12-month period prior to their application for services.

II. INCOME ELIGIBLE FOR REVIEW

Reviewed income must include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 1. Personal Service Income,** including the full amount of all earnings, before any payroll deductions of wages and/or salaries, overtime pay, commissions, fees, tips, bonuses, and other compensation for personal services.
- 2. Business or Professional Service Income,** including net income from the operation of a business or profession. Expenditures for business expansion or amortization of capital indebtedness must not be used as deductions in determining net income. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from the operation of a business or profession will be considered income, except to the extent the withdrawal is a reimbursement of cash or assets invested in the operation by the family. An allowance for depreciation of assets used in a business or profession may be deducted, based on straight-line depreciation as provided in Internal Revenue Service regulations.
- 3. Interest and Dividends Income,** including interest, dividends, and other net income of any kind from real or personal property. Expenditures for amortization of capital indebtedness shall not be used as a deduction in determining net income. An allowance for depreciation is permitted only as authorized in Section II.2., above. Any withdrawal of cash or assets from an investment will be included as part of net income, except to the extent the withdrawal is reimbursement of cash or assets invested by the family. Where the family has net family assets in excess of \$5,000, annual income shall include the greater of the actual income derived from

all net family assets or a percentage of the value of such assets based on the current passbook savings rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- 4. Payments in Lieu of Earnings**, such as unemployment and disability compensation, worker's compensation and severance pay (except for lump-sum payments described in Section III.2., below).
- 5. Periodic Payments**, including the full amount of periodic payments received from social security, annuities, insurance policies, retirement, pensions, disability or death benefits and other similar types of periodic receipts, including a lump-sum payment for the delayed start of a periodic payment.
- 6. Periodic and Determinable Allowance**, such as alimony and child support payments, and regular contributions of gifts received from persons not residing in the dwelling.
- 7. Welfare Assistance**, including the amount of welfare allowance or grant, but excluding any funds specifically designed for shelter and utilities that are subject to adjustment by the welfare assistance agency (in accordance with the actual cost of shelter and utilities).
- 8. Armed Forces**, including all regular pay, special pay and allowances of a member of the Armed Forces (but exempting armed forces special pay described in Section III.6., below).
- 9. Tax Credits**, including any earned income tax credit to the extent it exceeds income tax liability

III. INCOME EXEMPT FROM REVIEW

The calculation of annual income shall not include the following:

- 1. Income from Children,** including income from the employment of children (including foster children) under the age of 18 years, or payments received for the care of foster children.
- 2. Lump-Sum Payments,** including additions to family assets, such as inheritances, insurance payments (e.g. health and accident insurance, and worker's compensation), capital gains and settlement for personal or property losses [see Sections II.4. and II.5., above for income that should be included].
- 3. Reimbursement for Medical Costs,** including all payments received by the family that are specifically for or in reimbursement of medical expenses for any family member.
- 4. Live-in Aide,** including the income of a live-in aide employed because of a medical condition of a family member.
- 5. Education,** including educational scholarships paid directly to the student or to the educational institution, and Government funds paid to a veteran for tuition fees, books, equipment, materials, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous personal expenses of the student. Any amount of such scholarship or payment to a veteran not used for the above purposes that is available for subsistence is to be included in income.
- 6. Armed Forces (Special Pay),** special pay to a family member serving in the Armed Forces, exposed to hostile fire.

7. Government Programs, including the following:

- a. Amounts received under training programs funded by HUD.
- b. Amounts received by a disabled person that are disregarded for a limited time for purposes of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility and benefits, because they are set aside for use under a Plan to Attain Self-Sufficiency (PASS).
- c. Amount received by a participant in other publicly-assisted programs, which are specifically for or in reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses incurred (special equipment, clothing, transportation, child care, etc.) and made solely to allow participation in a specific program.
- d. Amounts specifically excluded by any other Federal statute from consideration as income for purposes of determining eligibility or benefits under a category of assistance programs that includes assistance under the U.S. Housing Act of 1937.

8. Temporary Income, considered temporary, nonrecurring or sporadic in nature (including gifts).

Income determinations are subject to the submission and verification requirements of the City of La Cañada Flintridge, and are subject to change based on the programmatic requirements of the Community Development Grant Program (CDBG), or the Los Angeles Urban County CDBG Program.

IV. ITEMS NEEDED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

To evaluate your application for a Sewer Connection Grant Program Grant, our office requires submission of the following:

SGC APPLICATION

Included in this packet. Please fill out as completely as possible.

COPY OF YOUR GRANT DEED

This document will verify that you are the owner of the property and confirm how Title is held.

COPY OF A RECENT UTILITY BILL

This document is needed to verify residence.

COPY OF INSURANCE DOCUMENTATION FOR YOUR PROPERTY

Please provide photocopies of property insurance documentation.

COPY OF YOUR INCOME TAX FORMS (Entire signed tax return including all attachments and forms) FOR THE PRIOR YEAR (Most Recent) for all income producing Household Members

COPY OF YOUR CURRENT PROPERTY TAX BILL

COPY OF RECENT PAYROLL CHECK STUBS (3 months sequential pay stubs) for all income producing Household Members

This includes payroll stubs, social security checks, SSI checks, AFDC checks or pension and retirement checks for all members in household.

COPY OF ASSET VERIFICATION STATEMENTS (3 months sequential statements)

This includes recent summary account statements (bank, investment, other asset holdings) for all members in household.

SIGNED COPY OF LEAD-BASED PAINT NOTICE

PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS FORM (Attachment A)

Included above. Please read and sign this document.

PHOTO IDENTIFICATION

*Provide a photocopy of driver's license, passport, or CA identification
for every person who is on the title of the subject property.*

When submitting the grant deed, utility bills, property tax bill, photo identification, and insurance documentation – DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS – please provide photocopies.

Thank you for your interest in our program!

ATTACHMENT D

PROPERTY OWNER AFFIDAVIT



Fill out the following form. Then, **SAVE** the file to your computer/device. Then upload it during the submittal/attachment section of the ConnectLCF application process.

I (We), _____ hereby declare that I (We) am (are) owner(s) of the property involved in this application, and that all statements, answers and information submitted in support of this application are true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief.

Property Owner 1:

_____ Property Owner's Name	_____ Property Owner's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Email Address	_____ Telephone Number	
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City, State, ZIP	

Property Owner 2 (if applicable):

_____ Property Owner's Name	_____ Property Owner's Signature	_____ Date
_____ Email Address	_____ Telephone Number	
_____ Mailing Address	_____ City, State, ZIP	