



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Jack Louws, County Executive  
**FROM:** John Wolpers, Environmental Health Manager  
**DATE:** July 15, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Septic System Rebate funding

---

Background and Purpose

We are requesting an amendment to the ordinance establishing Fund 151 (Community Development Fund) to allow On-Site Sewage (OSS) loan repayments to be used for OSS incentives and rebates. Loan repayment funds are currently restricted by ordinance for OSS improvement loan use.

The County is no longer providing loans due to availability of a region wide loan program (Craft 3). The Department of Ecology provided written confirmation that the funds can be utilized for other purposes in the on-site sewage program.

Proceeds of loan re-payments in the Community Development Fund could provide rebates for homeowners and reduce their cost of septic system evaluations, pumping and risers. This expansion of septic improvement incentives would encourage landowners throughout the county to engage in required routine evaluations and better utilize Health Department staff as technical resources.

Recommendations

We request County Council approval to amend the purpose of the Community Development Fund.

Please call John Wolpers at x6026 if there are any questions.

