



A Century of Progress with Pride

Date: January 9, 2024

To: Mayor Robert J. Lovero
Members of the Berwyn City Council

Re: Informational announcement: Cook County partners with Berwyn to provide ARPA funds to supplement and enhance Berwyn’s Flood Mitigation program

I am happy to announce that the City of Berwyn has secured \$500,000 from Cook County to supplement our current Flood Mitigation Grant Reimbursement Program. The Residential Flood Mitigation Shared Cost Program was established to provide financial assistance to homeowners who install systems to protect their homes from sewer backup during a heavy rain event. The program's intent is to offset a portion of the expense of modifying a building's plumbing system to prevent backflow when City sewers are at capacity and assistance to homeowners who desire to protect their home from flooding during a heavy rain event. In late November 2023 Cook County executed the subservient agreement for this program. The following announcement was received from Cook County:

“Cook County has awarded \$500,000 to the City of Berwyn for its Residential Sewer Backup Prevention Program. These funds will be used to expand the City’s existing program to reduce residential basement flooding from combined stormwater and sanitary sewage backups. Cook County is providing funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and has allocated \$20 million in ARPA funding to better manage stormwater and build resiliency to climate events throughout Cook County. This project is being supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number ALN 21.027 awarded to Cook County by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.”

The following table is the REVISED grant funding provided:

Improvement Type	Current Program Cost Share and Max Reimbursement	Proposed Program Cost Share and Max Reimbursement
Overhead Sewer or Modified Overhead Sewer	50/50 – Max. \$3,500	\$6,000 of funds plus 50% up to \$3,500 of the remaining cost. Applicant would be responsible for permit and inspection fees.
Backflow Prevention Valve and Bypass Pump	50/50 – Max. \$3,500	\$4,000 of funds plus 50% up to \$3,500 of the remaining cost. Applicant would be responsible for permit and inspection fees.
Backflow Prevention Valve	50/50 – Max. \$3,500	\$2,000 of funds plus 50% up to \$3,500 of the remaining cost. Applicant would be responsible for permit and inspection fees.

Any application approved AFTER the execution date of this agreement will be eligible for the increased reimbursement amount. The program does not allow for funding for previously completed projects.

Respectfully,

Robert Schiller
Director of Public Works