

# Municipal Sump Pump Removal Financial Assistance Programs



*In response to the needs of homeowners facing costly requirements to remove illicit tie-ins to municipal sewer systems, communities often create financial assistance programs to help their residents foot the bill. Such programs are primarily direct grants or reimbursements, such as no or low-interest loans. Funding typically comes from municipal sewer utility revenues, general funds, or regional/state wastewater sources passed through to locals.*

*Eligibility focuses on homeowners/property owners; commercial properties are rarely covered for these private-side fixes. Details are based on available public information—always verify current status, funding availability, and application requirements directly with the municipality, as programs can change or have limited annual funds.*

## 1. City of Ankeny, Iowa – Footing Drain Disconnection and Sump Pump Discharge Connection Financial Assistance Grant Program

- Year established: Policy effective for work completed after July 1, 2023 (applications within 18 months of notification or as funding allows).
- Source of funding / Assistance type: City-funded direct grants/reimbursements (up to 75% of costs; max \$4,000 for full footing drain disconnect + sump pump connection; \$2,000 for sump discharge connection only; plus limited labor reimbursement). Enhanced for low-income households (<200% HHS poverty guidelines).
- Eligibility: Property owners (notified or voluntary); redirect to public storm sewer or approved system.
- Success stories / PR info: Tied to I&I reduction to prevent backups and overflows.
- Website: <https://www.ankenyiowa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3690> (full policy); general inquiries via city site.

## 2. Town of Bristol, Rhode Island – Sump Pump Disconnection Reimbursement Program

- Year established: Active for many years (references from at least 2006; ongoing with ~\$100,000 earmarked in recent years, e.g., 2024 mentions).
- Source of funding / Assistance type: Town-funded direct reimbursement (up to \$1,000 max per qualifying property for disconnection and redirection costs, e.g., to yard or approved outlet).
- Eligibility: Primarily homeowners/property owners with illegal sump pump connections to sanitary sewers; compliant work (licensed contractors typical); limited uptake noted but encouraged to avoid penalties.
- Success stories / PR info: Cooperative approach to reduce I&I (high groundwater/soils in Bristol cause common connections); town promotes assistance over penalties—"They want to give you money" for compliance; part of broader wastewater improvements and RIDEM/EPA pilots.

- Website: <https://bristolri.gov/338/Water-Pollution-Control> (details on prohibitions and sump pump notices); information on reimbursement available by contacting the Water Pollution Control Facility at (401) 253-8877.

### 3. City of Boone, Iowa – Property Protection Program (Inflow and Infiltration / I&I Program)

- Year established: Long-running (Phase 5 active in 2023; expected 8-year implementation; ongoing inspections into 2024+).
- Source of funding / Assistance type: City-funded direct reimbursement grants (up to \$250 toward sump pump costs for compliant disconnection/installation; \$15 permit for storm sewer tie-in).
- Eligibility: Homeowners in targeted areas (mandatory checks); redirect to yard, curb, storm sewer, or approved outlet.
- Success stories / PR info: "I&I program has saved the City more than \$3 million at the wastewater plant [and] reduced the number of basement backups during heavy rains." Addresses ~40% of homes with sump pits in some areas.
- Website: [Program PDF](#), or <https://www.boonegov.com> (search "Property Protection Program" or I&I; e.g., 2023 announcements). Contact: City Administrator (515) 432-4211 ext. 1102.

### 4. City of Duluth, Minnesota – I/I Grant Program (tied to I/I Remediation Plan)

- Year established: Rooted in 1996 I/I Remediation Plan (Resolution 96-0098R); guidelines updated 2018 (ongoing, basin inspections and Point-of-Sale triggers).
- Source of funding / Assistance type: City-funded (via MN Statute 471.342); direct reimbursements up to \$2,150 for work (foundation drain disconnect, sump pump install, trap removal, etc.). Supplemental income-based via Housing Redevelopment Authority.
- Eligibility: Homeowners with confirmed I&I contributions (inspection-based); licensed contractor required.
- Success stories / PR info: Supports basin-by-basin I&I elimination to meet regional standards and avoid surcharges.
- Website: [Program PDF](#), or <https://duluthmn.gov/public-works-utilities/utilities/sanitary-sewer/>

### 5. Village of Lombard, Illinois – Clear Water Disconnect Grant Program

- Year established: Not explicitly dated (ongoing, tied to Village Code prohibiting clear water in sanitary/combined sewers).
- Source of funding / Assistance type: Village-funded direct reimbursement grants (up to \$5,000 per property based on work type, including permit fees).
- Eligibility: Homeowners (triggered by notifications, flooding, or permits); covers sump pumps and downspouts; owner-performed if compliant.

- Success stories / PR info: Pamphlet explains I&I (one sump can overwhelm pipes for hundreds); reduces surcharging, backups, costs, and environmental issues.
  - Website: <https://www.villageoflombard.org/DocumentCenter/View/3436> (pamphlet/process). Contact Public Works: (630) 620-5740.
- 6. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) Private Property I&I Grant Program – Twin Cities metro area (e.g., Arden Hills, Golden Valley, Roseville, South St. Paul, etc.), Minnesota**
- Year established: Task force/report 2023; annual cycles (e.g., 2026 active with \$1.5M allocated regionally).
  - Source of funding / Assistance type: MCES wastewater funding (MN Statute 471.342); grants to municipalities for pass-through as direct grants/reimbursements (50% up to \$5,000 standard; up to \$10,000+ with equity/low-income tiers).
  - Eligibility: Participating municipalities distribute to owners (primarily homeowners; foundation drains + sump pumps; some lateral repairs).
  - Success stories / PR info: Avoids MCES surcharges on cities; promotes local I&I reduction to prevent overflows/rate hikes.
  - Website: <https://metro council.org/Wastewater-Water/Funding-Finance/Available-Funding-Grants/Private-Property-Inflow-and-Infiltration-Grants.aspx> (guidelines/PDFs). Check local city sites (e.g., Arden Hills: \$47,000 for 2026).
- 7. City of Sterling, Illinois – Sump Pump and Roof Drain Disconnect Program**
- Year established: Not explicitly dated (ongoing).
  - Source of funding / Assistance type: City-funded direct grants/reimbursements (50% up to \$400 for sump disconnect; same for roof drains; up to 75% for income-qualified owner-occupied homes).
  - Eligibility: Homeowners (licensed plumber; pre/post inspections).
  - Success stories / PR info: Reduces clear water burden, backups, overflows, and rates; stresses illegality of connections.
  - Website: <https://www.sterling-il.gov/381/Sump-Pump-and-Roof-Drain-Disconnect-Prog> (application included). Contact: (815) 632-6624.