



NSD Tracking No. _____

NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT
Lateral Replacement Grant Program Application
FY 2025-2026

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 Novato Sanitary District (NSD). 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 NSD 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 NSD. 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 FAQs 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 NSD for review to remain eligible for the grant program.

1. Contractor Name: _____ Quotation: \$ _____
License # _____
Repair Method: ☐ Pipe Bursting or ☐ Open Trench
2. Contractor Name: _____ Quotation: \$ _____
License # _____
Repair Method: ☐ Pipe Bursting or ☐ Open Trench
3. Contractor Name: _____ Quotation: \$ _____
License # _____
Repair Method: ☐ Pipe Bursting or ☐ Open Trench
4. Contractor Name: _____ Quotation: \$ _____
License # _____
Repair Method: ☐ Pipe Bursting or ☐ Open Trench

Please be advised:

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

Please submit the completed application form and estimates to Novato Sanitary District, Attn: Erik Brown, Deputy General Manager. Any questions, please call the District office.

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Website: www.novatosan.com

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NOVATO SANITARY DISTRICT

Lateral Replacement Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is a Sewer Lateral?

Response: Within the Novato Sanitary District (NSD), the sewer lateral is the portion of the sewer system, typically beginning 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 and including the connection to the public sewer main in the street.

2. Why should the sewer lateral matter to me?

Response: The 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 NSD?

Response: In winter, old and leaky sewer laterals are often a significant source of rainwater infiltration and inflow (or "I/I") that can quickly overwhelm public sewer systems and result in sewage spills and overflows. By fixing or replacing older, leaky sewer laterals, rainwater "I/I" 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: Each year, the District allocates a fixed amount of money for the Lateral Grant Program. For Fiscal Year 25-26 the amount is \$80,000. Grants will be made on a first-come-first served basis until the \$80,000 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 \$2,750. Note: to qualify for the grant, you are required to replace the lateral in its entirety. (ie. **both the upper and lower laterals.**)



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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 District office. A District 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 NSD 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: Generally speaking, you will be able to select and hire the contractor that you wish to perform the work. We require that you obtain at least three bids for the work and include that information in Section III of the application form before returning.
