

**Franklin County Public Health  
Consent Decree/Settlement Agreement  
2023 November/December IDCP Budget Proposal  
Prepared Sept 2023**

**Narrative**

Franklin County Public Health has responsibility and authority to address failing household sewage treatment systems (HSTS). As a part of the Franklin County consent decree with the OEPA and the settlement agreement with the Jeff Cox Estate, this proposed budget supports the efforts to comply with the consent decree, secure grants or other public funding to assist property owner with the elimination, upgrades or replacements of HSTS's including costs of connecting to sanitary sewers.

**Budget**

<b>Personnel Services</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Cost Nov/Dec 23</b>
Division Manager	0.00	\$ -
Supervisor	1.0	\$ 17,780.53
REHS/REHSIT (2 x 1.0 FTE)	2.00	\$ 31,483.76
Environmental Health Technicians	1.0	\$ 14,446.03
Administrative Assistant	0	\$ -
<b>Legal Counsel</b>		
Eastman and Smith		\$ -
<b>HSTS Replacement Funding</b>		\$ -
<b>Administrative Support and Office Supplies</b>		\$ 1,666.67
<b>Training &amp; Conferences</b>		\$ 1,000.00
<b>Sampling</b>		\$ -
<b>Vehicles/Fuel/Maintenance/Insurance</b>		\$ 5,000.00
<b>Communications</b>		\$ 1,250.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$72,626.99</b>

**Other Funding**

Water Pollution Control Funds (WPCLF) if approved by OEPA \$ 150,000.00

**Budget Justification**

**Personnel Services**  
DIVISION MANAGER:

SECTION SUPERVISOR: Responsible for supervising Water Quality staff in the IDCP; will attend public meetings/hearings and NPDES MS4 meetings; assure performance goals and measures are achieved; and coordinate with the Division Manager.

REGISTERED Environmental Health Specialist/REHS Specialist In Training: Responsible for conducting inspections of approx 2000 non-NPDES HSTS systems, issuing compliance orders to replace HSTS system or connect to sanitary sewer; coordinate with key agencies (e.g., Sanitary Engineering, various sewer districts) to develop and maintain an electronic database of all existing and newly permitted NPDES systems within Franklin County; REHS conduct all field work, inspections, investigations and enforcement of illicit discharges and sewage nuisances to improve water quality in Franklin County. Continue surveying, identifying, and GIS mapping of STS in the county. The O&M program has expanded, with Sanitarians also conducting annual inspections of HSTSs installed since 2015.

EH TECHS: Responsible for conducting observations for off-lot discharging sewage treatment systems (e.g., Aerator Treatment Units). Refer non-functioning systems to Registered Sanitarians for enforcement. These staff will also be making annual observations of the additional HSTSs that have been added to the O&M program.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Handles administrative functions of Water Quality Section.

**Legal Counsel**

For legal interpretations of Board of Health enforcement actions regarding HSTS discharging to the MS4 without an NPDES permitted sewage system, sewage nuisances, and advisement on statutory requirements. Additionally, with the Consent Decree signed with OEPA and the Jeff Cox Estate settlement agreement, there will likely continue to be more legal cases requiring referral.

<b>Full Year</b>
\$ 106,683.19
\$ 188,902.56
\$ 86,676.16
\$ 100,000.00
\$ 450,000.00
\$ 10,000.00
\$ 1,000.00
\$ 5,000.00
\$ 30,000.00
\$ 7,500.00
\$ 985,761.91

