

# The City of West Columbia Fats, Oils, and Grease Grant Program Guidelines

## **Program Overview**

The City of West Columbia has developed a Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Grant Program to assist existing Food Service Industries who work with this type of material and need to upgrade their existing apparatus in order to prevent FOG from entering the City's sewer system per EPA Standards. This program provides up to \$5,000 in reimbursable grant funds to finance up to date appropriate sized grease traps or interceptors. The program is designed to help offset some of the cost of the upgrades. This program is a 50/50 match reimbursement program up to the \$5,000 maximum and shall be administered on a first come first serve basis until available funding is expended.

## **Eligible Expenses**

The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement through this grant program:

Installation of upgraded grease traps

Installation of upgraded grease interceptors

\*All improvements must meet the approval of the Director of Planning, Engineering and Water Plants as well as the City Building Official. Application approval must be given before funds can be expended. If you have questions regarding the application or guidelines please contact the Grants Administrator.

## **Reimbursement**

Once your application has been approved by the City of West Columbia, you have 90 days from approval date to construct all improvements listed in the application. Reimbursements up to \$5,000 per entity will be given within thirty (30) business days after all copies of invoices, receipts and cleared checks have been received. To be eligible for these funds you must match at least 50% of the grant amount. For example, if a property owner spent \$4,000 on an approved project, they would be eligible for reimbursement of \$2,000. The City will only cover material costs and labor expenses

conducted by a licensed contractor. The contractor must obtain all appropriate State and City of West Columbia licenses. Contractors must obtain all necessary permits needed from the State, County, and City. If your application is denied, applicants may appeal a decision of denial by filing a written appeal to the City Administrator within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of such a written decision.

### **Additional Information**

Prospective applicants should refer to the enclosed grease trap and interceptor sizing guide. The program guidelines and application are provided on the City's website for all interested parties. The City of West Columbia will accept applications until funds are expended. For questions regarding the FOG Grant Program, please call or email the Grant Administrator at 803-791-1880 or [grants@westcolumbiasc.gov](mailto:grants@westcolumbiasc.gov)

\*At the discretion of the City, the program may be modified to ensure maximum efficiency and effectiveness of program funds.