

## Septic System Funding Programs

As you know, there are a lot of situations where funding is needed immediately to repair homes or septic systems. Indian health entitlements do not cover general operation and maintenance repairs for septic systems, so a funding assistance applicant must first qualify (and this takes time to process) and, generally, more time is needed for the replacement of a failed onsite system.

With that in mind, access to available funding can be critical to getting onsite waste water systems back up and functioning properly. That funding needs to cover the spectrum of repairs necessary.

The <u>Savvy Septic Loan Program</u> rates are between 4 and 8% depending on credit and can be determined in one day. It is available to all homeowners on the reservation. Planning Department can provide referrals but setting up credit goes through PSCCU.org directly. Loans can also be used towards the cost of hook up to the Tulalip Utilities sewer.

The <u>Savvy Septic Rebate Program</u> can make a total of \$200 available on a first-come, first-served basis to all property owners on the reservation for installing risers (\$50 per riser for a maximum of \$100 per property and septic inspections) and inspections with \$100 per inspection every two years. Savvy Septic Grants are from storm water funding and are watershed district specific which residents of the Tulalip reservation are currently not eligible.