

2013 – 2014

WISCONSIN WATER & WASTEWATER FUNDING SOURCES & ASSISTANCE

Organization	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)
Program Title	Well Compensation Program (Grant Award)
Eligible Applicants	Owner of a chemical or livestock fecal bacteria contaminated private water supply that exceeds the standard health advisory level and you have received a Health Advisory letter or have had qualifying water tests done by a certified lab and that well serves a residence or is used for watering livestock. <i>(See exceptions on web site identified below.)</i> Annual family income may not be more than \$65,000 for the previous year. Further, if family income is between \$45,000 and \$65,000, the award will be reduced by \$.30 for each dollar of income exceeding \$45,000.
Grant Award / Type of Program	Grant Award with addition hardship award possible for low income owner.
Eligible Project Type	Replace well, treatment device, connection to municipal water and well abandonment.
Funding Available Per Year	\$276,000 is available for spending per fiscal year shared with well abandonment grants.
Maximum Grant Award/Loan	Grant award provides 75% of total eligible cost, up to a maximum grant award amount of \$9,000 for one private residence contaminated well with possible addition hardship award for low income owner. If you receive funding from any other private sources to cover some or all of the costs of your replacement water supply, your grant award will be reduced if the sum of the Well Compensation Grant and the other grant exceeds 100% of the eligible costs.
Application Cycle	Continuous: Application claims <u>must be submitted</u> to the DNR Region Water Supply Specialist after contamination eligibility has been identified by the DNR Region Water Supply Specialist. Only work done after applicant receives approval letter is reimbursable. The grant award is for one year from the date of the grant award issued by the DNR Grant Manager.
Estimated Time to Prepare An Application	The application is a combination of required information from the Claimant, DNR Region Water Supply Specialist, and the Well Driller. It is difficult to estimate preparation time due to the complexity involved.
Contact Information	For eligibility determination and completion of the application claim see the region list by county on the web site. Identified below are Regional DNR Water Supply Specialists. <u>The DNR Region Drinking & Groundwater (Supervisor) phone numbers are:</u> Northern Region: (715) 635-4028 West Central Region: (715) 839-3745 South Central Region: (608) 275-3215 Northeast Region: (920) 662-5188 Southeast Region: (414) 263-8576 <u>Program Managers</u> Jeff Soellner, CF/2 Grant Manager Department of Natural Resources PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921 Phone: (608) 267-7152 E-mail: Jeffrey.Soellner@wisconsin.gov Marty Nessman, DG/5 Water Supply Program Manager Department of Natural Resources PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921 Phone: (608) 267-2449 E-mail: Martin.Nessman@wisconsin.gov
Website	http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cfa/Grants/wellcomp.html
Additional Comments	The Department of Natural Resources is required by the Internal Revenue Service to send a 1099G for tax filing purposes as a result of payment for a "Well Compensation Grant Award Program Claim" greater than \$600. The department understands that "awards to individuals" is considered "other income." Only one additional claim may be submitted within ten years after an award is made if the replaced private well fails. The costs for any work done before the claim is filed and approved by the DNR are not eligible for reimbursement. Reference: Wisc. Administrative Code Ch. NR 123 and Wisc. State Statutes 281.75.

