

# Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund Update



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# Authorization

## **Regular Session – July 2021**

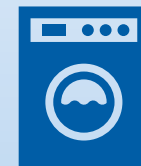
- Authorized by HB 2145
- Purpose - Provide financial assistance to permanently abandon, repair or replace a water well...

## **Special Session – December 2021**

- Focus - Prioritize financial assistance to persons of low to moderate income with domestic wells in areas recently impacted by drought or wildfire

# Stage 1 Eligibility

- Provides grants up to \$40K to individual households or members of a federally recognized tribe in Oregon
- Reimburses expenses to permanently abandon, repair, or replace a water well
  - Owned by someone of low to moderate income
  - In an area impacted by drought or wildfire
  - Unable to provide sufficient water for household (in home) use



# Statistics



323

Applications  
Received



202

Grants  
Awarded



175

Homes with  
Water Restored



17

Counties with  
Recipients



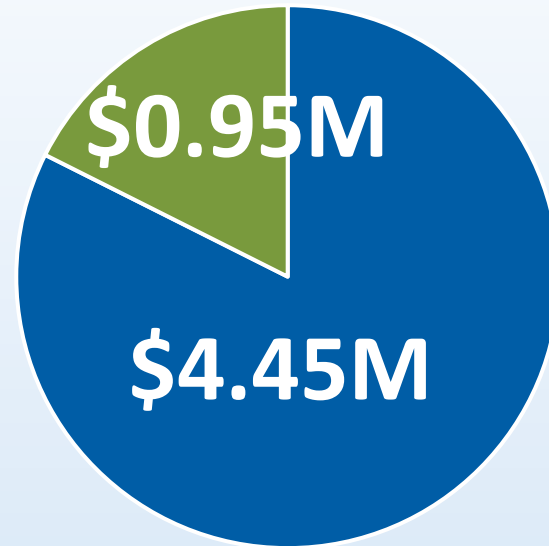
\$26.5K

Average Grant

# Statistics



- Total Awarded as Grants



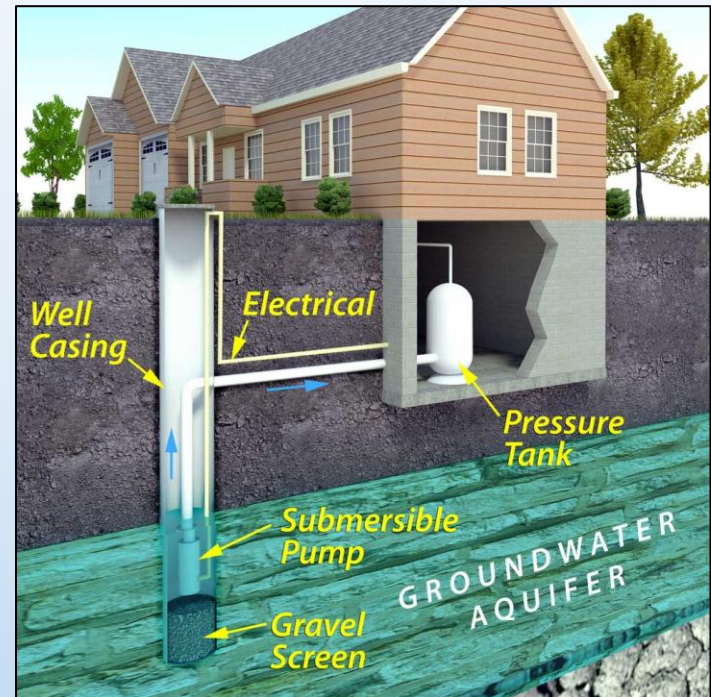
- Reimbursed
- Active Open Grants

# Stories

*"I have so much gratitude for this program and all your help! Your program has been life changing for our household!"*  
- Funding Recipient





Domestic Well in Eastern Oregon




# Lessons Learned

**Water Well**  
Owner's Handbook  
A guide to water wells in Oregon

Oregon Water Resources Department  
725 Summer St. NE, Suite A  
Salem, OR 97301



Oregon Health Authority  
PUBLIC HEALTH



# Looking Ahead

- Manage active grants
- Broaden program to full authority
  - HB 2145 - 2021
  - HB 2010 - 2023



Well in Benton County, OR



# Thank you

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