

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



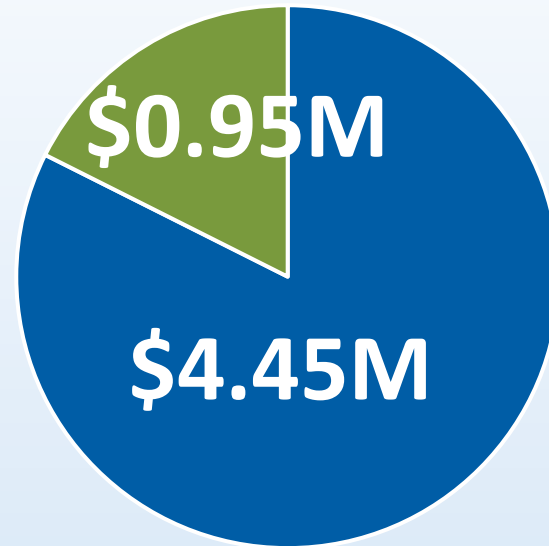
\$26.5K

Average Grant

Statistics



- Total Awarded as Grants



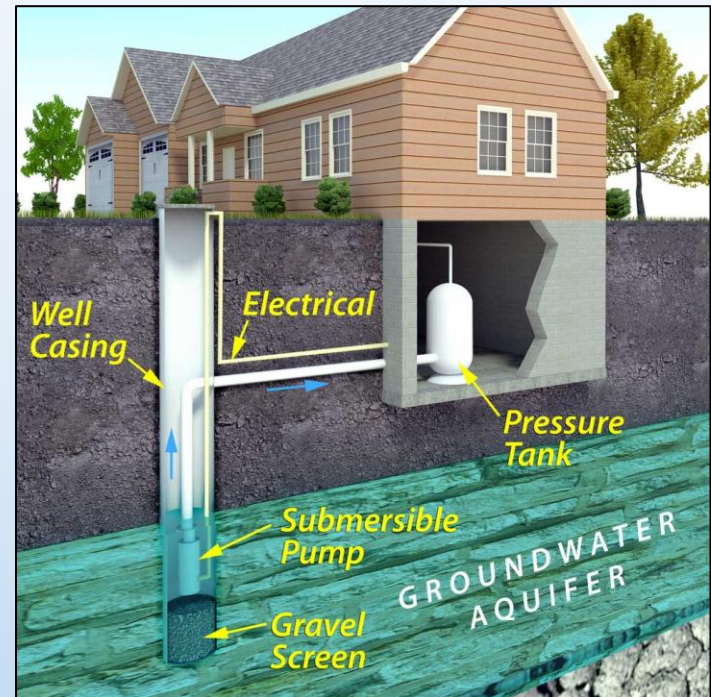
- Reimbursed
- Active Open Grants

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



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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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