



KLAMATH COUNTY DOMESTIC WELL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION:

In 2021, Klamath County experienced a severe and continuing drought. On March 31, 2021, Governor Brown signed Executive Order No. 21-07 declaring a State of Drought Emergency in Klamath County. That Order initiated several opportunities to assist Klamath County residents experiencing domestic well challenges for their primary residence resulting from the drought.

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Domestic Well Financial Assistance Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to the owners of domestic wells, for primary residences only, located within Klamath County who experienced challenges with their domestic well due to the (ongoing) 2021 drought.

B. DEFINITIONS:

1. "Governor Declared Drought" – Governor Brown declared a State of Drought Emergency in Klamath County March 31, 2021, Executive Order No. 21-07.
2. "Domestic Well" – water is used for human consumption, household purposes, domestic animal consumption, and is limited to 15,000 gallons per day.
3. "Dry Well Reporting Form" – a form provided by Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) for the explicate purpose of reporting a dry or impacted well as the result of the (ongoing) 2021 drought.

C. ELIGIBILITY:

***One of the following (items 1-3) must be applicable regarding the domestic well impairment:**

1. The residential property was occupied by the legal owner as their primary residence during the Governor Declared Drought, and the residence uses a domestic use well for the residential needs **or**;
2. The residential property was occupied, as the primary residence, by a family member of the legal owner during the Governor Declared Drought, and the residence uses a domestic use well for the residential needs **or**;
3. The residential property was occupied, as the primary residence, by a tenant during the Governor declared drought; **and** there existed a legal agreement between the legal property owner and a renter of a property with a residential well used for domestic uses on that property.



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***Resident has filed a “Dry Well Report” via one of the two options below:**

1. The legal owner contacted the Klamath Water Master’s office and a Dry Well Reporting Form was submitted on behalf of the owner during the Governor Declared Drought 2021, **or**;
2. The legal owner completed a “Dry Well Reporting Form” online with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD).

***If the legal owner did not register a well complaint but is experiencing, or has experienced, well issues after March of 2021, the owner must complete a “Dry Well Report” at www.oregon.gov/owrd/Pages/index.aspx**

***Additional Requirements:**

3. Applicants will be required to provide a W-9 through our application process.
4. If you qualify as Low to Moderate Income you may be eligible for full assistance from another grant program.

D. DOMESTIC WELL OWNER PROCESS: **Incomplete applications will be denied**

1. Domestic Well Grant Application forms are electronic only and can be found on the “Information on Failing Residential Water Wells” link on the Klamath County webpage at: www.klamathcounty.org
2. The domestic well owner must complete the electronic application form and provide all information requested. Completed electronic applications must be submitted at www.klamathcounty.org
3. Payment:

***This is a reimbursement grant only. The homeowner is responsible for paying the upfront costs of the well remedy and if approved for grant funds those funds will be reimbursed on the following information:**

- If the homeowner has completed the work necessary to correct the problem, the homeowner must provide all information and invoices to Klamath County Domestic Well Financial Assistance Grant Program. If it is determined that the work completed corrected the problem, Klamath County will pay the cost share provided by this grant program to the homeowner, as detailed below.
- If the homeowner has not corrected the problem, the homeowner may contract with the Well Driller or Pump Company to do the work, and Klamath County will reimburse the homeowner based on the documentation of inspection and invoices provided from the Well Driller and/or Pump Contractor(s).



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E. PROGRAM COST SHARE:

Klamath County will pay **75%** of the eligible cost of the work specified in the Contract; **up to \$40,000 maximum grant per approved domestic well.**

- Prior to grant funding dispersed, Oregon Water Resource Department will send a well inspector or staff to inspect or verify the domestic well reported. Once the well inspection has been verified and Klamath County has received invoices, a fully executed grant agreement, and a signed W9 by the homeowner, grant funds will be issued directly to the homeowner.

F. ELIGIBLE COSTS:

1. Domestic Well Drilling

1. Drill Rig Set Up

2. Deepen Existing Well

i. OWRD Start Card/Log

ii. Materials, including but not limited to casing, piping, well cap, grout, access port, breathing tube and screen; Labor

3. New Well

i. OWRD Start Card/Log

ii. Materials, including but not limited to casing, piping, well cap, grout, access port, breathing tube and screen; Labor

4. Pump

5. Electricians and Plumbers: hook up labor

6. Materials, including but not limited to:

i. New Pump, including but not limited to jet pumps, submersible pumps

ii. Panel or sub-panel hook up

iii. Piping and or Hose

iv. Flow Control Valves, Relief Valves, Drain Valves

v. Pressure Gauges

vi. Pressure Tank(s)

vii. Switches

viii. Electrical Wiring

ix. Control Box

x. Shut off switch



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G. INELIGIBLE COSTS:

1. Water Delivery and Supplies:
 - a. Water Storage Tanks
 - b. Water Delivery by purveyor
 - c. Filtration devises and systems
2. Home Improvements:
 - a. Tree Removal
 - b. Road Development
 - c. HVAC Systems
 - d. Pump House
3. Water Filtration Systems

H. DISCLAIMERS:

The applicant/homeowner shall hold Klamath County and its consultants harmless from injuries or damages arising from the implementation of this Program. Klamath County makes no representations or warranties that the specified domestic well improvements will produce an adequate water supply, that domestic water will be available, or that quality of the water produced by the improved well will be fit for domestic use.

*For further information or questions regarding the Klamath County Domestic Well Financial Assistance Grant please contact Klamath County Grants at 541-851-2264 or 541-851-3637