



KLAMATH COUNTY DOMESTIC WELL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 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 resulting from the drought.

A. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Domestic Well Financial Assistance Program (DWFAP) is to provide financial assistance to the owners of domestic wells located within Klamath County who experienced challenges with their well or wells due to the 2021 drought.

B. DEFINITIONS:

1. "Governor Declared Drought" – Governor Brown declared a State of Drought Emergency in Klamath County March 31, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
2. "Domestic Well" – water is used for human consumption, household purposes, domestic animal consumption, and is limited to 15,000 gallons per day.
3. "Impacted Well" – used for domestic purposes that experienced reduction in production due to the 2021 drought.
4. "Dry Well Reporting Form" – a form provided by Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) during 2021 for the explicate purpose of reporting an IMPACTED WELL as the result of the 2021 drought.
5. "DWFAP" – the Domestic Well Financial Assistance Program.
6. "DWFAP Committee" – a committee authorized by the Klamath County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of developing and implementing the DWFAP.

C. PREREQUISITES: ***All are required***

***Yearly income documentation will be requested. Applicants will not be turned away based on any income level.**

Applicants will be requested to provide a W-9 through our application process. Additional well programs will become available through additional organizations. If you qualify as Low to Moderate Income you may be eligible for further assistance from another organization.

***One of the following (items 1-3) must be applicable:**

1. The residential property was occupied by the legal owner as their primary residence during the Governor Declared Drought 2021, and the residence uses a domestic use well for the residential needs **or**;
2. The residential property was occupied by a family member of the legal owner during the Governor Declared Drought 2021, and the residence uses a domestic use well for the residential needs **or**;
3. 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.

***And you have filed a "Dry Well Report" via one of the two options below:**



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1. The legal owner contacted the Klamath Watermaster'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).

D. ELIGIBILITY:

1. The legal owner incurred financial cost from an Impacted Well, **or**;
2. The legal owner of an Impacted Well was unable to remedy the situation due to financial hardship.

***If the legal owner did not register a well complaint but is experiencing, or has experienced, well issues post March 2021, the owner needs to contact the Watermaster's office for evaluation, 541-883-4182.**

DI. WELL OWNER PROCESS: **Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant**

1. An interested Domestic Well owner may submit an application form **beginning on April 1, 2022** at 12:00am. Application forms are electronic only and can be found on the Klamath County webpage at: www.klamathcounty.org
Click on "Information of Failing Residential Water Wells" Link on the homepage. Limited funding is available.

Applications will be available April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022

2. The well owner must complete the electronic application form and provide all information requested. Completed electronic applications must be submitted at www.klamathcounty.org no later than April 30, 2022, 11:59pm.
3. Payment:
 - If the homeowner has completed the work necessary to correct the problem, the homeowner must provide all information requested. If it is determined that the work completed corrected the problem, then Klamath County will pay the cost share provided by this 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 estimates provided from the Well Driller and/or Pump Contractor.

F. PROGRAM COST SHARE:

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

G. ELIGIBLE COSTS:

1. Drilling
 1. Drill Rig Set Up
 2. Deepen Existing Well



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- i. OWRD Start Card/Log
 - ii. Materials, including but not limited to casing, piping, well cap, grout, access port, breathing tube and screen
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 - iii. 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
 - xi. Filters
- H. INELIGIBLE COSTS:
 1. Water Delivery and Supplies:
 - a. Water Storage Tanks
 - b. Water Delivery by purveyor
 2. Home Improvements:
 - a. Tree Removal
 - b. Road Development
 - c. HVAC Systems
- I. 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.