

Year 2017 Well Sealing Financial Assistance



The map above indicates counties that have financial assistance programs offered by various government agencies. A cost-share program reimburses the property owner for only part of the cost of well sealing. For further information about these programs, call the contact person listed in the table below for your county or contact your local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), County Environmental Services Department, or county water plan coordinator. There are also a number of federal and state loan and grant programs that are offered throughout the state. Information about these programs is on page 6. **Preapproval is required to qualify for these programs so the arrangements for cost share or loans must be made before a well is sealed.** State law requires that well sealing be done by a licensed well contractor. To find a licensed well contractor, look in the Yellow Pages under “Well Drilling and Services” or visit the Minnesota Department of Health, Well Management Section website: [Licensed/Registered Well Contractor Directory \(www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/lwc/\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/wells/lwc/).

The following government agencies in the state offer financial assistance programs for well sealing.

Agency	Contact Person	Telephone Number
Aitkin SWCD	Steve Hughes	218-927-6565, ext. 4
Anoka County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mary Monte	763-567-5367
Becker County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Ed Musielewicz	218-847-9392, ext. 3
Beltrami County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Larry Voltz	218-751-1942, ext. 3
Beltrami SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Bill Best	218-333-4171
Benton County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Pat Gehling	320-968-5300, ext. 3
Benton SWCD	Nathan Sanoski	320-968-5300, ext. 3
Big Stone County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Krecia Leddy	320-839-6149, ext. 3
Big Stone SWCD	Blayne Johnson, Tammy Neubauer	320-839-6149, ext. 3
Blue Earth County, Delegated Well Program	Tim Grant	507-304-4381
Blue Earth County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Reginald Liddell	507-345-7418, ext. 3
Blue Earth SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Jerad Bach	507-345-4744
Brown County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jennifer Hahn	507-794-4491, ext. 3
Carlton County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
Carlton SWCD (State Cost-Share Program** and AgBMP Loan Program)	Laura Christensen	218-384-3891
Carver County Planning and Water Management	Charlie Sawdey	952-361-1810
Cass County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jessica Weis	218-829-5965, ext. 3
Cass SWCD	Brenda Davis, John Ringle	218-547-7399
Chippewa County Land and Resource Management	JoAnn Blomme	320-269-6231
Chisago NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Deb Hermel	651-674-7051, ext. 3
Clay County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Sharon Lean	218-233-7773, ext. 3
Clay SWCD (AgBMP and State Cost-Share Program**)	Kevin Kassenborg	218-287-2255
Clearwater County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Cari Roepke	218-694-6584, ext. 3
Clearwater SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Nathan Nordlund	218-694-6845, ext. 4
Cook County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
Cook County SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Ilena Hansel	218-387-3648
Cottonwood SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Renee Harnack	507-831-1153, ext. 3
Crow Wing County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jessica Weis	218-829-5965, ext. 3
Crow Wing SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Melissa Barrick, Beth Hippert	218-828-6197
Dakota County Environmental Resources Dept.	Vanessa Demuth	952-891-7010
Dakota County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Michelle Wohlers	651-463-8665, ext. 3
Dodge County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Brian DeVetter	507-374-6364, ext. 110
Dodge SWCD	Adam King	507-374-6364, ext. 113
Douglas County, City of Alexandria	Megan Chisholm	320-763-6501
Douglas County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mark Dybdal	320-763-3191, ext. 3
Douglas SWCD	Jerry Haggemiller	320-763-3191, ext. 3
Faribault County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Josiah Olson	507-526-3282, ext. 3
Faribault SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Shane Johnson	507-526-2388
Fillmore SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Donna Rasmussen	507-765-3878, ext. 3
Freeborn County Env. Services (AgBMP Loan Program)	Rachel Wehner	507-377-5186
Freeborn County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Gary Kurer	507-373-5607, ext. 3
Goodhue County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Tom Steger	651-923-5300, ext. 3
Goodhue SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Chris Wagner	651-923-5286, ext. 4

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Grant County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Drew Mosburg	218-685-5341, ext. 3
Grant SWCD	Joe Montonye	218-685-5395
Hennepin County Environment and Energy Department	Dan Boeding	612-596-6627
Hennepin County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mary Monte	763-567-5367
Houston County Dept. of Environmental Services (AgBMP Loan Program)	Rick Frank	507-725-5800
Houston County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Gary Larson	507-724-5261, ext. 3
Hubbard County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Dan Pazdernik	218-732-9723, ext. 3
Hubbard SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Julie Kingsley	218-732-0121, ext. 4
Isanti County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Josh Bork	763-689-3224, ext. 3
Isanti SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Tiffany Determan	763-689-3224, ext. 5
Itasca County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Marge Sella	218-326-6595, ext. 3
Itasca SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Andy Arens	218-328-3090
Jackson SWCD	Chris Bauer	507-662-6682, ext. 3
Kanabec County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Shannon Rasinski	320-679-3781, ext. 110
Kanabec SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Deanna Pomije	320-679-3781, ext. 113
Kandiyohi SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Richard Reimer	320-235-3906, ext. 3
Kittson SWCD	Justin Muller	218-843-2619, ext. 3
Koochiching County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Kelly Voigt	218-634-2757, ext. 3
Koochiching SWCD	Pam Tomeui, Eric Olson	218-283-1174, 1175
Lac qui Parle County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Burt Hendrickson	320-598-7321, ext. 3
Lac qui Parle SWCD	Terry Wittnebel	320-598-7321, ext. 3
Lake County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
Lake County SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Karen Tucker	218-834-8370
Lake of the Woods County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Kelly Voigt	218-634-2757, ext. 3
Lake of the Woods SWCD	Corryn Trask	218-634-1842, ext. 4
LeSueur County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Steve Breaker, Jeremy Buckentin	507-357-4908, ext. 3
LeSueur SWCD (AgMBP Loan Program)	Sue Prchal	507-357-4879, ext. 3
Lincoln SWCD	Dale Sterzinger	507-694-1630, ext. 3
Lyon SWCD	John Biren	507-537-0396, ext. 3
Mahnomen County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Dustin Jasken or NRCS Staff	218-935-2987, ext. 3
Mahnomen SWCD	Aaron Neubert	218-935-2987, ext. 3
Marshall County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-745-4351, ext. 3
Marshall County Environmental Services	Josh Johnston	218-745-5841
Marshall SWCD	Darren Carlson	218-745-5010
Martin County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Betsy Norland	507-235-6661, ext. 3
Martin SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Greg Johanson	507-235-6680, 6670
McLeod SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Ryan Freitag	320-864-5176
Meeker County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jacob Stich	320-693-7287, ext. 3
Meeker SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Joe Norman	320-693-7287, ext. 3
Mille Lacs County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Sean Johnson	320-983-2154
Mille Lacs SWCD	Lynn Gallice	320-983-2160
Morrison SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Helen McLennan	320-616-2479, ext. 3
Mower County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-434-2603
Mower SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Justin Hanson	507-434-2003

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Murray County Water Resources Department	Ken Bickner	507-836-1165
Nicollet County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	April Sullivan	507-237-5435, ext. 3
Nicollet SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Blake Honetschlager	507-931-2550
Nobles County Public Works Department	Wayne Smith	507-295-5322
Norman County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-784-4000, ext. 3
Norman SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Mark Christianson, Lori Thronson	218-584-5169
Olmsted County, City of Rochester Public Utilities	Todd Osweiler	507-280-1589
Olmsted SWCD	Skip Langer	507-328-7130
Olmsted SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Dorothy Miller	507-328-7130
East Otter Tail County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Alan Lepp	218-346-4260, ext. 114
East Otter Tail SWCD	Darren Newville	218-346-4260, ext. 110
West Otter Tail County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Penny Doty	218-739-4694, ext. 112
West Otter Tail SWCD	Brad Mergens	218-739-4694, ext. 3
Pennington County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Luther Newton	218-681-1612, ext. 3
Pennington SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Bryan Malone	218-683-7075
Pine SWCD	Kris Larson	320-216-4242
Pipestone SWCD	Kyle Krier	507-825-1185
East Polk County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Jenny Burrack	218-563-2475, ext. 3
East Polk SWCD	Lisa Newton	218-563-2777
West Polk County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-281-1445, ext. 3
West Polk SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Nicole Bernd	218-281-6070, ext. 122
Pope SWCD	Holly Kovarik	320-634-5327
Ramsey Conservation District	Andrea Prichard	651-266-7274
Ramsey County, Capitol Region Watershed District***	Michelle Sylvander	651-644-8888
Ramsey County, City of North St. Paul	Cynthia Govan	651-747-2441
Ramsey County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Michelle Wohlers	651-463-8665, ext. 3
Red Lake County NRCS	Luther Newton	218-681-1612, ext. 3
Red Lake SWCD	Tanya Hanson	218-253-2593, ext. 4
Redwood County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Shannon Gegner	507-637-2427, ext. 3
Redwood SWCD	Brian Pfarr	507-637-2427, ext. 3
Renville SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program)	Diane Mitchell	320-523-3760
Renville SWCD	Cody Dale	320-523-1550
Rice County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-332-7418, ext. 3
Rice SWCD	SWCD Staff	507-332-5408
Rock County Land Management	Lynette Jauert, Mary Thompson	507-283-8862, ext. 4
Roseau County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-463-1862, ext. 3
Roseau SWCD	Janine Lovold, Scott Johnson	218-463-1903
North St. Louis County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Marge Sella	218-741-3937, ext. 3
North St. Louis SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Phil Norvitch	218-741-7287
South St. Louis County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	218-720-5209, ext. 3
South St. Louis SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	R.C. Boheim	218-723-4867
Scott County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Katundra Shears	952-492-2636
Scott SWCD	Jon Hess	952-492-5418
Sherburne County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Mary Monte	763-567-5367
Sherburne SWCD	Francine Larson	763-567-5368

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Sibley County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	April Sullivan	507-237-5435, ext. 3
Sibley SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Joel Wurscher	507-237-5435, ext. 3
Stearns County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	320-251-7800, ext. 3
Stearns SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	SWCD Staff	320-251-7800, ext. 3
Steele County Environmental Services	Scott Golberg	507-444-7477
Stevens SWCD	Matt Solemsaas	320-589-4886, ext. 3
Swift County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Rick Gronseth	320-842-7201, ext. 3
Swift SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Sheri Gades	320-842-7201, ext. 3
Todd County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Russell Kleinschmidt	320-732-6618, ext. 3
Todd SWCD	Sarah Katterhagen	320-732-2644
Traverse County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Chris Hogge	320-563-8218, ext. 109
Traverse SWCD	Sara Gronfeld	320-563-8218, ext. 108
Wabasha County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Phillis Brey	651-565-2646, ext. 3
Wabasha SWCD (AgBMP Loan Program**)	Terri Peters	651-565-3345, ext. 102
Wadena County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Ivan Reinke	218-631-3195, ext. 3
Wadena SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Anne Oldakowski	218-631-3195, ext. 4
LeSueur-Waseca Public Health Services (AgBMP Loan Program)	Kim Shermo	507-835-0655
Waseca County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-451-6730, ext. 3
Washington County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Michelle Wohlers	651-463-8665, ext. 3
Washington County Public Health and Environment	Stephanie Souter	651-430-6676, 6701
Watonwan County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	NRCS Staff	507-375-3104, ext. 3
Watonwan SWCD	Heidi Rudolph	507-375-2517
Wilkin SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Craig Lingen	218-643-2933, ext. 3
Winona County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Sue Glende	507-523-2171, ext. 102
Winona SWCD (AgBMP and State Cost-Share Program**)	Wanda Anderson, Daryl Buck	507-523-2171, ext. 101
Wright County NRCS (EQIP Program*)	Julie Reberg	763-682-1933, ext. 3
Wright County Planning and Zoning (AgBMP Loan Program)	Bill Stephens	763-682-7338
Wright SWCD (State Cost-Share Program**)	Eric Mattson	763-682-1970, ext. 118
Yellow Medicine County Zoning Office	Jolene Johnson	320-669-7524

* The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a financial and technical assistance program available through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This program is primarily intended for rural and agricultural properties. **The program is limited to agricultural producers, who are property owners who raise food or fiber on the property.** Depending on the county, well sealing (called "well decommissioning" in EQIP) is eligible by itself for financial assistance or is eligible if submitted with other conservation practices. Contact the local office of the NRCS in your county for details.

** Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) have a state cost-share program to promote natural resource conservation practices in the county. This program is primarily intended for rural and agricultural properties. These funds can now be used for well sealing. Each SWCD manages its own program. Contact the local office of the SWCD in your county for details.

*** Ramsey County, Capitol Region Watershed District includes parts of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville, and St. Paul. The address of the property with the well must be in the district.

Additional information regarding low interest loans and grants is listed on page 6.



State or Federal Programs Offering Grants and Low Interest Loans for Well Construction, Repair, and Sealing in 2017

Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

This program offers loans and grants for well construction, repair, and sealing. The Rural Development office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture administers this program. The program is for very low income families who live in a rural area or a community with a population of 25,000 or less. The family income cannot exceed 50 percent of the median county income. Individuals who are 62 years of age or older may qualify for a grant or a combination of a loan and grant; younger applicants are eligible only for loans. The counties of Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey and Washington are all ineligible. Even if your property is in an eligible area, your eligibility is still subject to income limits.

For additional information:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture at 651-602-7800
- [Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants](http://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants) (www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants).

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Loan Programs

Rehabilitation Loan/Emergency and Accessibility Loan Program: Provides deferred loan financing to low income homeowners needing to rehabilitate their existing residential housing. The program can be used to include well sealing and well replacement where connection to a municipal water supply is not feasible. The statewide income limit is \$18,100 for one person, \$20,600 for two persons, and higher for larger families. The loan limit is \$27,000.

Fix Up Program: Offers loans for well construction, repair, and sealing. The program is designed for homeowners with a gross annual household income of \$99,500 or less. There are no restrictions on location in this program. There is a fixed interest rate. A qualifying homeowner may repay the loan with fixed monthly payments. The repayment term will be based on the loan amount and household budget. For a list of participating lenders and the current interest rate visit their website.

For additional information:

- Minnesota Housing Finance Agency at 800-710-8871; in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, call 651-296-8215.
- [Rehabilitation Loan/Emergency and Accessibility Loan Program](http://www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904992980&pagename=External%2FPage%2FEXTStandardLayout) (www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904992980&pagename=External%2FPage%2FEXTStandardLayout).
- [Fix Up Program](http://www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904985835&pagename=External/Page/EXTStandardLayout) (www.mnhousing.gov/wcs/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1358904985835&pagename=External/Page/EXTStandardLayout).

Agriculture Best Management Practices (AgBMP) Loan Program

Local counties and Soil and Water Conservation Districts administer this loan program offered by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) for well replacement, water filtration equipment, connection to central water, well sealing, and other practices that prevent water pollution. You do not need to be a farmer to qualify.

Financing is available for existing privately owned wells that provide drinking water for people or livestock. Irrigation and other commercial wells are not eligible. There are no income limits in this program. The loan terms include a maximum of \$200,000, a maximum length of ten years, and a maximum interest rate of 3 percent plus usual and customary fees.

For additional information:

- [Borrower Information for the AgBMP Loan Program](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/loans/agbmploan/borrower.aspx) (www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/loans/agbmploan/borrower.aspx).
- [Find AgBMP Loan County Contacts and Lenders](https://app.gisdata.mn.gov/mda-agbmploan/) (<https://app.gisdata.mn.gov/mda-agbmploan/>).
- Dwight Wilcox or Richard Gruenes of MDA at 651-201-6618.

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