How to Get Started
Grant financial assistance may be available for the following services:

- Well Plugging
- Well Rehabilitation
- Well Water Sampling

For well rehabilitation and free water sampling, please contact our office. Our office must be contacted prior to any rehab work performed on a well in order to qualify for grant assistance. Funding is limited for all services, so check for availability.

To find out more about the grant opportunity, or to apply for reimbursement call us at

(319) 892-6000
Grants to Counties Program

**The Goal:** To prevent ground water contamination and to provide well plugging, rehabilitation, and water sampling assistance for private well owners in Linn County.

The *Ground Water Protection Act of 1987* funds the Grants to Counties program. Grants are provided to local health departments, including Linn County Public Health, to provide financial assistance to residents for water well services.

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**Abandoned Well Plugging:**

Any well that is no longer used or is in poor physical condition beyond repair must be properly plugged. Abandoned wells may provide a direct pathway for bacteria or contaminants to enter into the ground water. In addition, abandoned wells may also pose a physical hazard to animals and small children.

**Program Details:**

Funding is limited. Total costs for each well plugging up to $500 is reimbursable. A certified well contractor must complete all work.

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**Well Rehabilitation:**

Damaged wells, wells with structural defects, buried wells or wells located in “well pits” are at greater risk for contamination. Rehabilitation of a well can include extending the well casing 12 inches above ground.

**Program Details:**

Funding is limited. Before a well rehabilitation occurs, the well owner must contact LCPH to qualify for grant assistance. Total costs for each well rehabilitation up to $1000 is reimbursable. Please call Linn County Public Health for more information regarding well rehabilitation. A certified well contractor must complete all work.

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