

#	Grant ID	Title of Proposal	Organization	County	Request (\$)	Recommended (\$)	Abstract	Score
1	C23-5011	Altura Well Sealing	County	Winona	\$ 68,000.00	\$ 68,000.00	This proposal includes sealing a abandoned well located within the Altura Drinking Water Supply Management Area to reduce the potential contamination risk to other municipal wells and nearby private wells. This well intersects with multiple aquifers, including the Prairie Du Chien, Jordan, Tunnel City/Lone Rock, and Wonewoc. These are primary aquifers used by the majority of drinking water wells in the region.	88.6
2	C23-1718	City of Le Center Municipal Well Sealing	County	Le Sueur	\$ 45,275.00	\$ 45,275.00	This project would educate residents and provide assistance to the City of Le Center in sealing an unused/abandoned municipal well. The well has been identified as a high risk due to impacting the groundwater and drinking water supply to the City of Le Center. The main goal for Le Sueur County and the City of Le Center is to protect groundwater and drinking water.	83.7
3	C23-2424	2023 Drinking Water Protection Initiative	SWCD	Benton	\$ 42,200.00	\$ 42,200.00	The purpose of this project is to reduce the risk of groundwater contamination in critical drinking water areas in Benton County through the process of sealing unused wells. A field inventory completed by Benton SWCD staff resulted in the identification of 136 possible well sealing opportunities, with additional wells being identified every year. The outcome of this project is the reduced risk of groundwater contamination in the highly vulnerable areas of Benton County and within public water supply recharge areas. We anticipate sealing at least 20 wells.	82.4
4	C23-7142	2023 Dakota County Well Seal Program	County	Dakota	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	In Dakota County, groundwater supplies more than 90 percent of the drinking water. In order to protect Dakota County's primary drinking water source, this project proposes to support the County well seal grant cost-share program. The project will provide 50 percent cost-share funding to reimburse landowners for the sealing of unused wells. To reduce risk to municipal drinking water supplies, the project will target suspected unused, unsealed wells within Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMAs) first and prioritize applicants within DWSMAs. The goal is to permanently seal between 80-100 unused/abandoned wells throughout the county.	81.0
5	C23-2095	Chief's Coulee Stormwater Project	SWCD	Pennington	\$ 428,750.00	\$ 428,750.00	This proposal for the Chief's Coulee project aims to achieve improved water quality for waters entering the source area of the city's drinking water intake. The Chief's Coulee drainage area, in northern Thief River Falls, has been identified as a source of flooding and water quality concerns through inspection and water quality sampling. The proposed project will reduce 16.5 tons of sediment/year and 126.08 pounds of phosphorus/year.	78.3
6	C23-0454	Whitewater Well Sealing Grant	Whitewater River Watershed Project	Olmsted; Wabasha; Winona	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Within Whitewater River Watershed, groundwater is the primary drinking water source for both private and community wells. These drinking water aquifers often lack adequate protective layers making them vulnerable to contamination. Unused wells can deteriorate and pose a serious risk to groundwater quality by providing a pathway for contaminants from the surface to easily travel into groundwater. This project will use cost-share funds to incentivize sealing twelve abandoned wells that are contamination risks to vulnerable aquifers.	77.4
7	C23-6045	Central Mille Lacs county targeted well sealing	SWCD	Mille Lacs	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	This project proposes to provide resources that will enable landowners in the Rum River watershed to take action on their land to protect groundwater quality by sealing unused and abandoned wells. Most if not all people in the watershed get their drinking water from groundwater. The purpose of this project is to complement citizen and decision maker awareness of the relationship between unsealed wells, groundwater and drinking water. This project should fund sealing four to six wells.	76.4
8	C23-0157	Drinking Water Protection in the Karst Region	SWCD	Dakota; Dodge; Fillmore; Goodhue; Houston; Mower; Olmsted; Wabasha; Winona	\$ 238,864.00	\$ 238,864.00	This drinking water protection project in the Karst Region will have three components, 1) This project will fund incentive payments for the use of nitrogen Best Management Practices (BMPs). Incentive payments will be given to promote the adoption of the University of Minnesota nitrogen rates to meet crop needs and for the use of split nitrogen applications at University of Minnesota rates. 2) This project will fund replicated on-farm nitrogen plots. These plots could be a nitrogen rate, timing, source or placement plot. 3) This project will use cost share funding for local well sealing. Proposed outcomes include 1) 2,500 acres minimum with BMPs implemented, 2) plots with full in-season data collection, including the Haney soil health test and other soil health nitrogen and carbon tests, and 3) a minimum of 10 wells sealed.	74.4
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