

641—24.5(135) Eligible grant costs. The following are annual eligible costs for which the department will reimburse participating counties:

24.5(1) Up to \$500 for private water well-related training expenses, including registration, mileage, and per diem for employees attending department-approved trainings. Training approval is granted to water well-related training sponsored by the department, Iowa Water Well Association, Iowa department of natural resources, and the Iowa Ground Water Association. Other trainings must receive approval of the department prior to submitting a voucher for expenses.

24.5(2) Up to \$250 for equipment expenses related to the grants to counties program. Eligible equipment includes, but is not limited to, Global Positioning System (GPS) units, private water well data software, inspection equipment, cameras, and sampling equipment.

24.5(3) Up to \$250 for advertising and promotional expenses to educate county residents about the availability of funds for private water well testing, abandoned well plugging, and private water well reconstruction.

24.5(4) \$75 will be paid for each private water well test conducted under the program, including \$45 for administrative expenses. At a minimum, well sampling shall include analyses for total nitrate (including nitrite) and total coliform bacteria.

24.5(5) \$475 will be paid for each abandoned private water well plugging conducted in accordance with 567 IAC 39, including \$75 for administrative expenses. Private water well plugging must be conducted by a certified individual as defined in 567 IAC 82 or by the well owner under direct supervision by the county.

24.5(6) \$375 will be paid for each cistern plugging but only for those cisterns deemed by the administrative authority to impact groundwater, including \$75 for administrative expenses. Cistern plugging must be conducted by a certified individual as defined in 567 IAC 82 or by the well owner under direct supervision by the county.

24.5(7) Up to \$600 in reconstruction costs plus 33 percent of actual reconstruction costs for administrative purposes will be paid for each private water well reconstruction. Grant funds may be used to conduct reconstruction intended to preclude contamination due to surface water intrusion by coliform or other infectious bacteria. Examples include repairs of casing, well caps, or pitless adapters, and elimination of well pits.