

**641—24.4 (135) Goal and objectives.**

**24.4(1)** The goal of the program is to protect groundwater quality by providing assistance in testing all private water supply wells and to use the test information to improve the quality of water in these supplies; to assist in reconstructing eligible private wells; and to assist in plugging all abandoned private water wells (including cisterns that present a contamination risk to groundwater).

**24.4(2)** Allocation of funds.

*a.* During each fiscal year, the amount granted each eligible applicant shall be the total funds available as defined in Iowa Code section 455E.11 divided by the number of eligible counties applying.

*b.* The department will annually determine the potential for unused funds from contracts. If funds are available, reallocation of the funds to eligible counties for grant purposes shall be at the discretion of the department.

**24.4(3)** Specific program objectives for each county.

*a.* The specific objectives of the well testing program are:

(1) To provide for regular and periodic testing of private water supply wells using proper sampling, handling and analytical techniques.

(2) To provide for timely responses and corrective action in instances of contamination of private water supply wells.

(3) To establish a reliable and accurate database of information on the location and construction of private water supply wells and water quality of private water supply wells.

*b.* The specific objectives of the well reconstruction program are:

(1) To identify all private wells eligible for reconstruction cost assistance and to administer private well reconstruction programs.

(2) To ensure the proper reconstruction of all eligible private wells.

(3) To provide cost-sharing grants to owners to assist in the costs of properly reconstructing private wells.

*c.* The specific objectives of the abandoned private water well plugging program are:

(1) To identify all abandoned private water wells and administer abandoned private water well plugging programs.

(2) To develop abandoned private water well plugging plans in accordance with administrative rules relating to the priority order and the proper plugging of abandoned wells (including cisterns that present a contamination risk to groundwater).

(3) To ensure the proper plugging of all abandoned private water wells (including cisterns that present a contamination risk to groundwater).

(4) To provide cost-sharing grants to owners to assist in the costs of properly plugging abandoned private water wells (including cisterns that present a contamination risk to groundwater).