

#	Grant ID	Title of Proposal	Organization	County	Request (\$)	Recommended (\$)	Abstract	Score
1	C22-7163	2022 - Dakota County Drinking Water Protection Project Phase 2	Dakota SWCD	Dakota	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	The Dakota County Drinking Water Protection Project's goal is to reduce nitrates that are becoming increasingly common in groundwater sourced drinking water throughout Dakota County. This will be accomplished by implementing groundwater protection practices in areas that are vulnerable to contamination. This project includes both private wells and public water supplies and will focus on townships that have testing data indicating elevated nitrates in drinking water. Cover crops will be the primary practice along with harvestable covers and restoring perennial vegetation in critical locations. An estimated 1,000 acres of cover crops, 200 acres of harvestable covers, and 10 acres of restored perennial vegetation will be established through this project and an estimated 7,500 pounds of nitrogen will be prevented from reaching groundwater that is used for drinking water.	87.6
2	C22-5079	Targeted Blue Earth County Well Sealing	Blue Earth County	Blue Earth	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Blue Earth County has identified unused wells as a significant threat to our groundwater quality in our comprehensive local water plan. We maintain an inventory of known unused wells and building sites which have the potential to have unused wells. Unused wells on this inventory, especially those located in the Mankato Surface Water Drinking Water Supply Management Area, will be targeted for proper sealing. Blue Earth County will send out regulatory letters outlining State regulations which require all wells not in use to be properly sealed by a licensed well contractor. Approximately 60 wells would be sealed with this funding request.	83.9
3	C22-4292	Crow Wing County and Pine River watershed well sealing 2022	Crow Wing County	Cass;Crow Wing	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	A large portion of Crow Wing County and the Pine River Watershed include areas of surficial sand aquifers. Because of rapid infiltration of water through sandy soils in the aquifer, it is more sensitive to contamination than deeper, buried aquifers. Unused and abandoned wells can provide a direct path for surface water runoff, contaminated water, or other improperly disposed of waste to reach an uncontaminated groundwater source. Crow Wing County, in cooperation with the municipalities within the County and the Pine River watershed, plans to continue its successful well sealing program that will use a ranking criteria to seal 80-100 unused/abandoned wells. Cost-share well sealing will be ranked by the following criteria: 90% for wells in the Pine River watershed (Cass and Crow Wing County) in surficial sand aquifer; 75% for those not in the Pine River watershed, but within a surficial sand aquifer in Crow Wing County; 50% for any other wells sealed in Crow Wing County.	81.3
4	C22-8905	2022 Ramsey County Well Sealing Program	Ramsey County	Ramsey	\$ 115,500	\$ 115,500	In an effort to protect source drinking water and groundwater, the Ramsey County Soil & Water Conservation Division is proposing to continue the implementation of its successful well sealing cost-share program. The goal is to permanently seal between 120-140 unused/abandoned wells in Ramsey County. When contaminants drain into abandoned and unused well shafts, it threatens the health of residents who depend on groundwater as a potable water source. Due to the reliance of many cities on groundwater for drinking water, numerous Ramsey County cities and water management organizations have prioritized well sealing activities in their plans. To further reduce the risk of drinking water supply contamination, this project will target wells located in the highest vulnerability areas of the Drinking Water Supply Management Areas (DWSMA) and prioritize applicants throughout the DWSMA.	78.6
Total Funding					\$	325,500		