

COCHISE COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Work Session December 6, 2016

11-254.09

Water Improvements program; grants



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OBJECTIVE TODAY:

Provide Staff direction regarding the establishment of a residential water improvement program to award grants to qualifying County homeowners.

GOALS:

- Adopt Resolution establishing the program under A.R.S. 11-254.09
- Staff to develop procedure to accept donations
- Staff to develop procedure to award and manage grants
 - Housing Authority of Cochise County to maintain program



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11-254.09. Water improvements program; grants; requirements

A. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ALLOW PERSONS TO MAKE GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY FOR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO AN EXISTING DRINKING WATER WELL OR PROVIDING FOR A WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR THE RESIDENCE.

B. THE BOARD SHALL DESIGNATE AN ENTITY TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM, TO ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR GRANTS AND TO AWARD GRANTS AS PRESCRIBED BY THIS SECTION. THE ENTITY MAY BE A COUNTY AGENCY, DEPARTMENT OR DIVISION OR MAY BE A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT CORPORATION AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

C. THE PROGRAM SHALL DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. LIMIT GRANT RECIPIENTS TO PERSONS WHO ARE LOW-INCOME OR FIXED INCOME OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
2. DEVELOP APPLICATION CRITERIA AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDED GRANTS.
3. RESTRICT A GRANT RECIPIENT'S USE OF GRANT MONIES TO DEEPENING AN EXISTING DRINKING WATER WELL FOR THE RECIPIENT'S RESIDENCE OR TO PLUMBING OR REPLUMBING THE RECIPIENT'S RESIDENCE FOR A WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM.

D. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY NOT USE GENERAL COUNTY MONIES FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

E. THE ENTITY THAT OPERATES THE PROGRAM SHALL MAKE AND SUBMIT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 OF EACH YEAR A REPORT CONTAINING A DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM OPERATIONS OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, INCLUDING THE AMOUNT OF GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS RECEIVED AND THE GRANTS AWARDED.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 12, 2016. In effect 8/6/16

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A. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS **MAY ESTABLISH** A PROGRAM TO **ALLOW PERSONS TO MAKE GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS** FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO **QUALIFIED OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY** FOR **MAKING IMPROVEMENTS** TO AN EXISTING DRINKING WATER WELL **OR** PROVIDING FOR A WATER DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR THE RESIDENCE.

To establish the program, we need a Resolution to establish program and accept donations under the program

Direction?

Make improvements to an existing water well **OR** providing for a water delivery system.

Recommendation: Limit to providing for a water delivery system only (this eliminates any cleaning or deepening of wells)



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Direction?

What entity operates the program?

Recommendation: The Cochise County Housing Authority has the experience and ability to run this program. Challenge is they are not tax exempt. **Do we want a non-profit to operate the program?**

Establish Criteria? Staff can develop similar to existing federal grant guidelines and low income determination factors

Award Grants? Staff can develop a process to award grants



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NOTE: This section “C” has several items we need to cover

C. THE PROGRAM **SHALL DO** ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. LIMIT GRANT RECIPIENTS TO **PERSONS WHO ARE LOW-INCOME OR FIXED INCOME OWNERS OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.**

Direction?

Limit to low or fixed income. Must be owner-occupied

Recommendation: Housing Authority has ability to determine and qualify recipients based on federal guidelines and to award and manage the grants

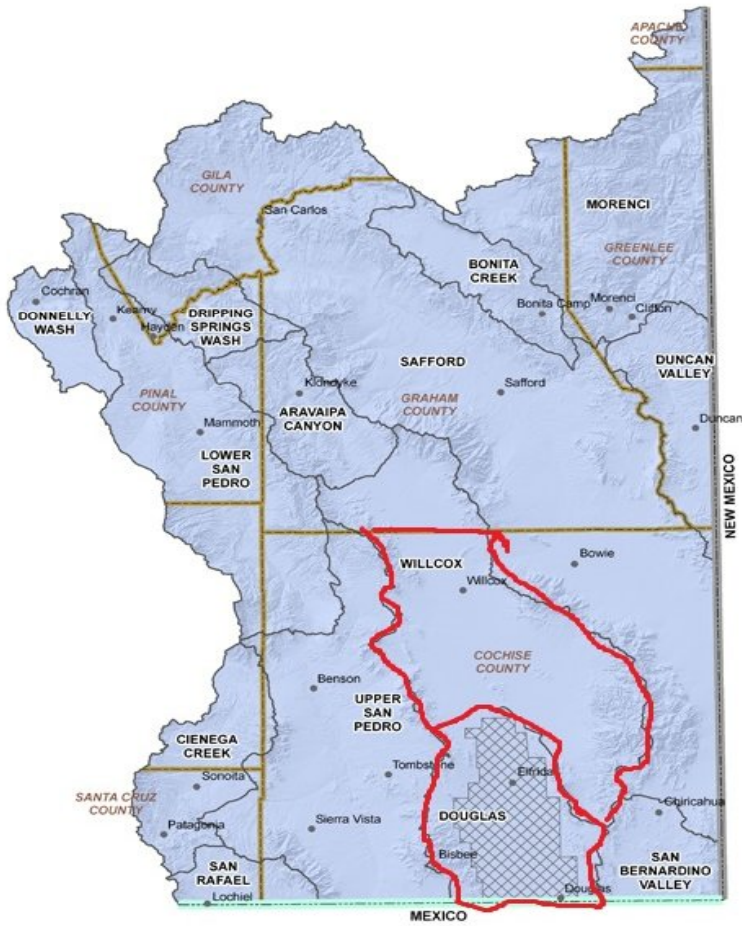


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2. **DEVELOP APPLICATION CRITERIA AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS.**



Direction?

What area of the county?

Recommendation: Limit grants to the Sulphur Springs Valley area (Willcox and Douglas Watersheds only) per ADWR map.

Must also be in county, not city limits. Not connected to municipal water supply or the ability to connect.



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Recommendations:

- Home must be permanently affixed
- Property tax, mortgage payments, and insurance must be/remain current
- Home doesn't have to be fully brought up to building code. Work performed must be up to code
- New home construction not eligible
- If manufactured home, constructed after 1976
- Forgivable loan over a five year period

Direction?

Do we limit amount of grant – maybe \$10,000 each?

(tank/booster pump estimate \$3-\$5,000)

Is there a grant match required, and how to obtain?

(cash preferred, in-kind donation?)



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Already discussed it would be “plumbing or replumbing” and not cleaning and/or deepening wells.

Direction?

Recommendations:

Not a refundable grant program. County obtains and pays a licensed contractor or does the work. Can waive building permits/fees.
Work performed must be done to code



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D. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY NOT USE GENERAL COUNTY MONIES FOR GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

General funds be used to pay the staff admin time – yes according to CAO

If program grows and expands and we receive large dollar donations we can seek admin time paid out of grant funds.



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Recommendation: Staff will develop a grant tracking process and formal report as outlined above.



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Direction to staff to move forward with a Resolution for the Board to approve at the December 20th meeting to establish a Water Improvement Grant Program as outlined under A.R.S. 11-254.09?

Questions or Comments?

THANK YOU!

