Alternative Drinking Water Program



WE HAVE MONEY TO HELP INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP B USERS IMPACTED BY DRINKING WATER CONTAMINANTS

What - - - -

We created the Alternative Drinking Water Program in 2023 to assist with access to safe drinking water for homes and businesses with individual wells or small water systems that are contaminated.

Program activities may include water quality sampling, alternative water supply, and provision of treatment units to allow for drinking and cooking.

The program can provide support for private and Group B well users impacted by regional and specific contamination events, focusing on acute health impacts, sub-acute health impacts and chronic health impacts.

This is an opportunity for communities to receive support for addressing impacts to drinking water including, but not limited to PFAS, nitrate, industrial chemicals, arsenic, and uranium.

When - - - - - -

Funding is available now through June 30, 2025, and may continue depending on fund availability. Projects can be funded through existing contracts and through new community organizational contracts to support residents in need and to identify and address drinking water contaminants.

Who

Local health jurisdictions or community organizations can request funding by completing an application. We will provide funding through contracts using a reimbursement model.

Where

We will provide funding across the state in response to requests from local health departments and community organizations willing to contract and distribute the funds.

Why

We requested funds for this new program because contaminants found in public water supply sources are also found in private and Group B sources. This is the first program of its kind, offering funding to support residents impacted by contaminants in individual and Group B water supply sources. Through the program, we will promote health equity and reduce environmental health disparities by providing a remedy for safe drinking water regardless of the income and health literacy of those impacted.

How - -

To learn more or apply for funding:

- ♦ Visit our Drinking Water home page.
- ◆ Complete an application.
- ◆ Email <u>odw-adwp@doh.wa.gov</u> with your proposed projects or questions.

For additional general information about water contamination and recommended actions during emergencies, please visit our <u>Emergency Publications for Consumers page</u> and our <u>Drinking Water Contaminants page</u>.



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