

Board of Health for Madison and Dane County
Well and Septic Grants

Resolution #2008-17

Dane County ordinance establishes a Groundwater Protection Fund (46.40) to disburse grant funds to eligible landowners who must replace their failing private septic system. The program was established for landowners who do not qualify for a similar state program. To fund this program, \$10 from each triennial maintenance report fee (\$26) is placed in this segregated fund. In 2009, the Public Health—Madison and Dane County expects to issue 90 grants of up to \$750 each for the replacement of septic systems.

Dane County ordinance also establishes a Well Abandonment Grant Program (46.42) to cover the cost of properly abandoning a well that does not meet minimum standards. Under this program, landowners may receive 75 percent of the abandonment costs up to a maximum of \$350. In 2009, the Public Health—Madison and Dane County expects to issue 40 grants for well abandonment. This grant program is also supported by the Groundwater Protection Fund established by Dane County Ordinance.

This resolution authorizes Public Health—Madison and Dane County to issue these grants in 2009. It is estimated that a total of \$81,500 will be granted in 2009. Funds for this program have already been included in the 2009 Public Health Operating Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County authorizes Public Health—Madison and Dane County to issue 40 grants in 2009 of up to \$350 to eligible owners for the replacement of malfunctioning wells as provided in Section 46.42 of the Dane County Code of Ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Health for Madison and Dane County authorizes Public Health—Madison and Dane County to issue 90 grants in 2009 of \$750 for the replacement of septic systems as provided in Section 46.40 of the Dane County Code of Ordinance.

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