

Well Decommissioning

Funding:

- Maximum grant: 90 per cent up to \$3,000 per well

Project Description:

Proper decommissioning (closing) of abandoned, unused, unnecessary or 'dry' wells by a licensed contractor.

Project Details:

- Project can be located anywhere within the City of Ottawa.
- Work must be completed by a well contractor licensed under the Ontario Water Resources Act to perform well decommissioning.
- A copy of the water well record that is submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks must be provided for each well that is decommissioned.
- Applicants can make one application for decommissioning up to three wells.
- Applications for well decommissioning may be approved by Conservation Authority staff providing that all criteria under the Applicant Guide and Project Guidelines are met. Approval by the review committee is not required in all cases, however, CA staff may seek review committee approval as needed.

NOTE: Each applicant is responsible for ensuring that the project meets all legal requirements, including City by-laws, provincial and federal acts/regulations, and Conservation Authority permits/approvals.

Eligible Costs:

- Permits and approvals
- Purchased materials and supplies.
- Contract labour and professional fees.
- Reasonable in-kind contributions for applicant's labour (\$20/hr) and equipment (\$50/hr) associated with the implementation of the proposed project

The Program reserves the right to limit the eligible amount for in-kind contributions based on the proposed project. Applicants must provide a detailed written accounting of all in-kind contributions when the application is submitted. In-kind costs associated with completing the application, project planning, supervision, or administration, are not eligible for funding.

Ineligible Costs:

- Upgrading or repair of wells
- Taxes

Other Complementary Grants Available:

- Septic system repairs/replacement – existing system must be located within 50m of a watercourse or within a City of Ottawa Wellhead Protection Area A, see project guideline for more information.