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*Providing Life's Basic Need*

### **Welcome to Water Well Wish!**

We're thrilled you're considering applying for a grant through Water Well Wish, a program dedicated to bringing clean, safe drinking water to families and communities in need.

We believe that access to healthy drinking water can transform lives, and we believe that everyone deserves this basic right, and through our program, we offer grants of up to \$20,000 to support well repair, replacement, or new construction, making a real difference for those without access to clean water.

Water Well Wish is proudly operated by the Groundwater Foundation, and we're committed to helping families who may not qualify for other types of assistance. If you've been declined for a USDA Household Water Well Systems Low Interest Loan, we encourage you to apply here. Our program is designed to assist eligible homeowners who rely on well water for their daily needs but are unable to secure the necessary funding to ensure a safe and reliable water source.

### **How the Process Works**

Once you obtain an application from the Groundwater Foundation, we'll guide you through every step. You'll need to connect with two licensed contractors who can assess your current water situation and provide a recommended solution and cost estimate. When your completed application is submitted, our team will review it carefully. If approved, we'll assign a dedicated project manager to oversee the well construction or repair process from start to finish, ensuring quality and successful completion.

We look forward to working with you on this journey toward improved access to clean water. Together, we're making a lasting impact, one well at a time!



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## Grant Program Overview

- WaterWellWish.org is a program solely owned and operated by the Groundwater Foundation.
- Provides water well grants to families in need of access to clean water.
- Provides grants up to \$20,000.
- Provides grants to repair, replace, or for the construction of a new water well.

## Eligibility Requirements

- **Applicants must first apply for a loan through the USDA Household Water Well Systems Grant program. If you haven't applied yet, please do so before submitting this application by contacting a loan partner from the list provided on the last page of this packet. Only those declined by USDA are eligible for this grant.**
- The applicant must own the home and use it as the principal residence. This means that the applicants' name must be listed on the deed or mortgage for both the home and property.
- Applicant(s) and property must be within the continental United States or US Territories.
- There are no tax liens on the home and/or property.
- Total household income must be below the national poverty level.
- Primary drinking water source or household water system must be located on the property of the home.
- The applicant must obtain a description of the work needed, why it is necessary, alternative solutions and costs, and an estimate of the cost of the proposed solution from two licensed contractor(s)
- Grant must be approved prior to start of well construction project.

## Total Household Income

- Includes all income received by all occupants of the home: salary, wages, child support payments, commissions, bonuses, interest and dividends, business net income, retirement income, social security, public assistance money, insurance disability payments, and all other payments received by any member of the household.

## Once eligibility is confirmed, your application may also be evaluated based on the following considerations

- **Household Details:** Consideration will include the number and ages of household residents.
- **Health Conditions:** Medical conditions of any household residents may also be taken into account.
- **Military Service:** Military service or any military-related disability of household members will be considered.

## How the Program Works

1. **Application Process:** The homeowner obtains the application from the Groundwater Foundation, which includes all necessary forms and supporting documents.
2. **Contractor Assessment:** The homeowner contacts two local licensed water well contractor to assess the situation, recommend a solution, and provide a written proposal with estimated costs.
3. **Submission:** The homeowner completes the application and returns it, along with supporting documents, to the Foundation. **No application will be accepted without all required documents.**
4. **Application Review:** Within six weeks, the Foundation will review the application and notify the homeowner of grant approval or denial.
5. **Project Management:** If approved, the Foundation assigns a project manager who will oversee the entire project.



## Grant Application Checklist

Please ensure that all the following items have been completed before submitting your application packet. Packets received with missing information will not be considered.

- \_\_\_ Completed grant application
- \_\_\_ USDA Household Water Well Systems Loan denial notification  
(or a written explanation as to why you were denied a loan)
- \_\_\_ Proof of homeownership (Property deed or current mortgage statement)
- \_\_\_ Prior two years' tax returns
- \_\_\_ Earnings statements from prior two months
- \_\_\_ Bank account statements from prior two months
- \_\_\_ Media Release Form
- \_\_\_ Proof of military service (if applying as a military veteran)
- \_\_\_ Proof of military disability (if applying as a disabled military veteran)
- \_\_\_ Written estimates from two licensed water well contractors

Grant Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail all completed application packets to:**  
**Water Well Wish**  
**c/o The Groundwater Foundation**  
**601 Dempsey Road**  
**Westerville, OH 43081**

## GRANT APPLICATION

WaterWellWish.org 601 Dempsey Road Westerville, OH 43081 800.551.7379	Amount Requested:	Date:
	Is the grant request for a new well? Yes or No	
	Is the grant request for the repair of an existing well? Yes or No	
	Depth of existing water well?	

### Section A – Individual Applicant Information

Name (Last, First, Middle)				(email)	
Birthdate / /	Telephone No.	Drivers License No.	Social Security No.		
Address (Street, City, State & Zip)					
County	Do you <input type="checkbox"/> own or <input type="checkbox"/> rent?	Yrs at residence:	No. of Dependents	Age of Dependents	
Previous Address (Street, City, State & Zip) (Complete if less than 3 years at present address)				Yrs at Residence:	
Employer (Company name & Address)					How Long?
Work Phone	Position or Title		Salary per month: Gross: \$                      Net: \$		
Previous Employer					How Long?
Name & Address of Nearest Friend/Neighbor/Relative (Not Living With You)			Relationship	Telephone No. (include area code)	
Source of other income				Amount per month \$	
Is any income listed in this section likely to be reduced before grant is approved? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Explain)				Have you received grant from us before? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes – When? _____	

### Section B- Joint Applicant or Other Party Information (Complete only for joint grant)

Name (Last, First, Middle)					
Birthdate / /	Telephone No.	Drivers License No.	Social Security No.		
Address (Street, City, State & Zip)					
County	Do you <input type="checkbox"/> own or <input type="checkbox"/> rent?	Yrs at residence:	No. of Dependents	Age of Dependents	
Previous Address (Street, City, State & Zip) (Complete if less than 3 years at present address)				Yrs at Residence:	
Employer (Company name & Address)					How Long?
Work Phone	Position or Title		Salary per month: Gross: \$                      Net: \$		

**(complete other side of form)**

**Section B – Joint Applicant (Continued)**

Previous Employer		How Long?
Name & Address of Nearest Friend/Neighbor/ Relative (Not Living With You)	Relationship	Telephone No. (include area code)
Source of other income		Amount per month \$
Is any income listed in this section likely to be reduced before credit request is paid off? ___No ___Yes (Explain)		Have you received grant from us before? ___No ___Yes – When?_____

**Section C – Marital Status**

Applicant	___ Married	___ Separated	___ Unmarried (including single, divorced and widowed)
Other Party	___ Married	___ Separated	___ Unmarried (including single divorced and widowed)

**Assets Owned**

Description of Assets	Value
Checking account # (Where)	
Savings Account # (Where)	
Real Estate (Location)	
Automobiles (Make, Model, Year)	
Other	
<b>Total Assets</b>	

**Outstanding Debts**

(include charge accounts, installment contracts, real estate mortgages and other obligations)

Creditor	Account Number	Name in Which Account is Carried	Original Amount	Present Balance	Monthly Payment
Mortgage Holder	___Mortgage				
Automobiles (describe)					
OTHER DEBTS (credit cards, bank loans medical bills, etc.)					

**Information for Government Monitoring Purposes**

The following information is requested by the Federal Government for certain types of loans in order to monitor the Lender's compliance with equal credit opportunity and fair housing. You are not required to disclose this information, but are encouraged to do so. The law provides that a Lender may neither discriminate on the basis of this information, nor on whether you choose to furnish it. However, if you choose not to disclose it, under Federal regulations this Lender is required to note race and sex on the basis of visual observation or surname. If you do not wish to furnish the above information, please check the box below.

**Applicant**

I do not wish to furnish this information

American Indian or Alaskan Native     Asian or Pacific Islander

Black, not of Hispanic Origin     Hispanic     White, not of Hispanic Origin

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male     Female

**Co-Applicant**

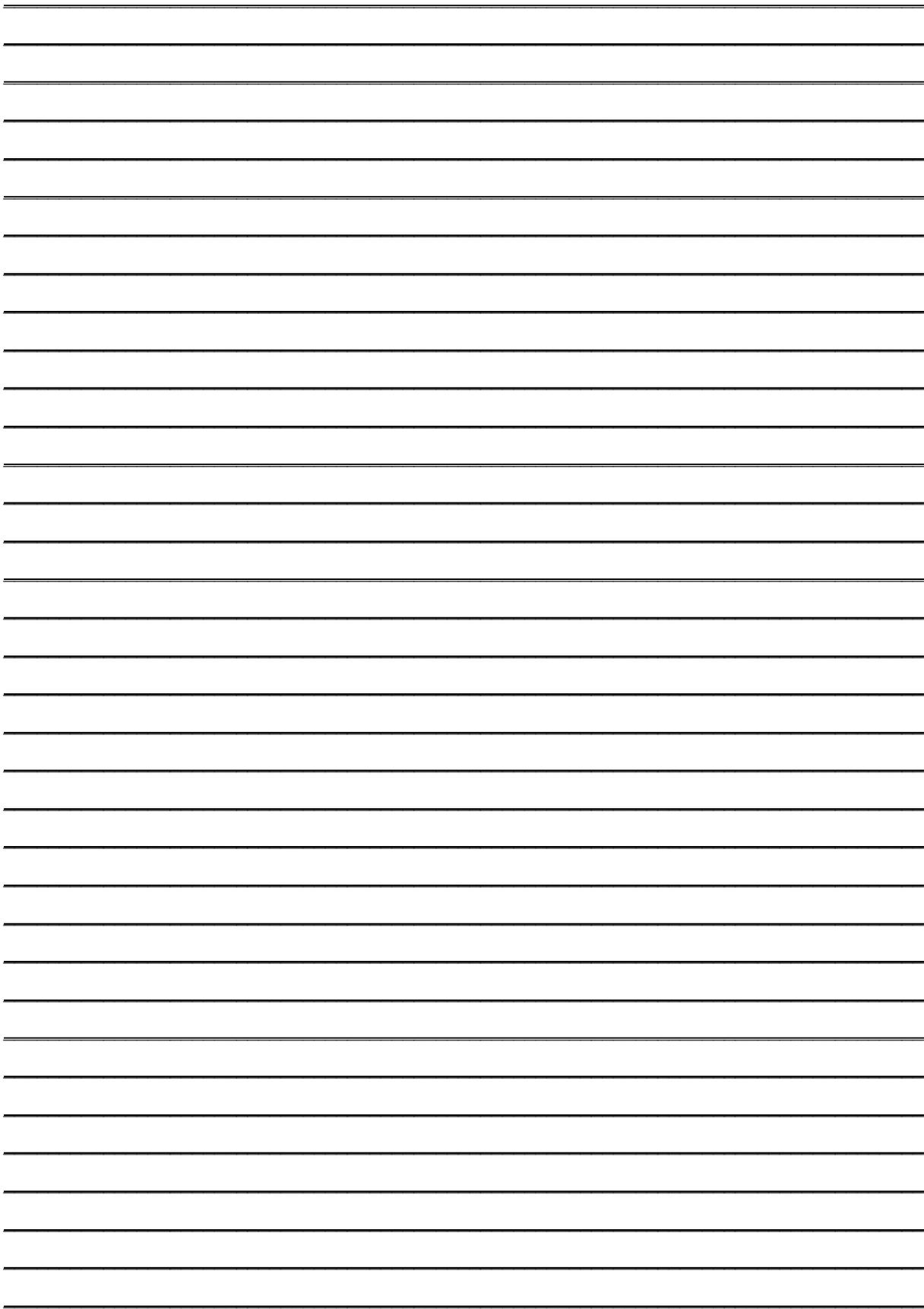
I do not wish to furnish this information

American Indian or Alaskan Native     Asian or Pacific Islander

Black, not of Hispanic Origin     Hispanic     White, not of Hispanic Origin

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male     Female





**Signatures** – I certify that everything I have stated in this application and on any attachments is correct. You may keep this application whether or not it is approved. By signing below, I authorize you to check my credit and employment history and to answer questions others may ask you about my credit record with you. I understand that I must update credit information at your request if my financial condition changes.

In addition, I understand the Groundwater Foundation, and its agents are simply facilitating a potential grant, and shall not be responsible for the quality of work, or quantity of water and that the homeowner is looking directly to their water well contractor any of their rights and/or remedies.

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Applicant Signature

Date

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Co-Applicant Signature

Date



## MEDIA RELEASE FORM

**1. Consent.** I, \_\_\_\_\_, (Model/Actor/Subject/etc., hereafter, the "Releasor") for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is acknowledged, with the understanding that Groundwater Foundation (the "Releasee") will invest substantial time and expense to produce certain audio and/or visual works in reliance upon this document, does hereby consent to participation in said production and to being personally identifiable in the resulting media, regardless of production method or type of media, including, without limitation, digital and analog photography, film and videography (with or without sound), and audio recordings (the "Media") whether captured or created by Releasee directly, or by those acting under Releasee's direction.

**2. Release.** Having been sufficiently compensated, Releasor completely and forever releases any current and future financial interest in and any physical or intellectual control of the Media to Releasee and Releasee's heirs, successors, and assigns so that they may use the Media freely and at their discretion, without the need to obtain Releasor's permission or to provide Releasor with any additional compensation.

**3. Authorization and Waiver.** Releasor authorizes the universal and unrestricted reproduction of their voice and/or likeness in connection with the use or manipulation of the Media by Releasee, Releasee's heirs, successors, assigns, and designees, and those acting with Releasee's permission and authority, in any form now existing or yet to be invented, for all purposes, including, without limitation, streaming, film, television, other forms of transmission, advertising, art, promotion, solicitation, or trade. Additionally, Releasor waives any right to approve the eventual use or purpose to which the Media may be applied; or to inspect or approve the finished images, videos, advertising copy, artwork, materials, or other audio or visual matter resulting from the Media's implementation, use, or manipulation, whether in its original form or processed, altered, blurred, distorted, combined with, or used in conjunction with any other media, and will hold Releasee, Releasee's heirs, successors, assigns, and designees harmless and indemnify same against any claims or demands arising therefrom.

**4. Entire Agreement.** This agreement constitutes the sole and complete agreement between Releasor and Releasee and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Releasor is not relying on any other warranty, guarantee, or representation, whether oral or written.

By signing this release, I affirm that I am of the age of majority and have the right to contract in my own name -OR- if Releasor is a minor, that I have the right to contract in their name and on their behalf. I have read this entire document, understand its contents, and agree to the rights and responsibilities it defines for each party. This agreement shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

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Signature and Date (If Releasor is a minor, a parent or guardian must sign and date)

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Printed Name and Phone Number (If Releasor is a minor, parent or guardian must complete)



## **Groundwater Foundation Privacy Policy**

We may collect nonpublic personal information about you from the following sources:

- Applications service preparation worksheets, or any other documents used to provide business products or services to you.
- Transactions with the Groundwater Foundation or others; and
- Consumer credit reporting services.

We do not disclose any nonpublic personal information about you to anyone, except as permitted by law. If you decide to close your account(s) or become an inactive customer, we will adhere to the privacy policies and practices as described in this notice.

We restrict access to your personal and account information to only those employees who need to know such information in order to provide products or services to you. We maintain electronic, physical, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard all your nonpublic personal information.

We want you to know that your personal information will be strictly protected. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

### **Contacting WaterWellWish.org**

The Groundwater Foundation  
601 Dempsey Road  
Westerville, OH 43081  
800.551.7379  
info@groundwater.org

**FY24 Rural Decentralized Water System Grant Information**

<b>Loan Provider</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Service Area</b>	<b>Contact Number</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Contact Email</b>
Communities Unlimited	AR	All 50 states. (Partnering with all RCAP regions.)	936-404-4480	Chris Ranniger	<a href="mailto:Christopher.ranniger@communitiesu.org">Christopher.ranniger@communitiesu.org</a>
Greate Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP)	OH	IN, IL, MI, OH, WI	419-333-6074	Valerie Van Fleet	<a href="mailto:vivanfleet@glcap.org">vivanfleet@glcap.org</a>
Golden Triangle RC&D	GA	Southwest GA (Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Decatur, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Quitman, Randolph, Seminole, Stewart, Sumter, Terrell, Thomas, Turner, Webster and Worth)	229-723-3841	Julie Shutters	<a href="mailto:j.shutters@yahoo.com">j.shutters@yahoo.com</a>
		Southeast GA (Atkinson, Appling, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Ware and Wayne)			
Seven Rivers Research Conservation and Development	GA	(Atkinson, Appling, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Jeff Davis, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Ware and Wayne)	912-367-7679	Brenda Hallman	<a href="mailto:wheelstowork@bellsouth.net">wheelstowork@bellsouth.net</a>
Newcap, Inc.	WI	Florence, Forest, Langlade, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas Counties in Wisconsin including six tribal nations.	800-242-7334	Cheryl Detrick	<a href="mailto:cheryldetrick@newcap.org">cheryldetrick@newcap.org</a>
Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (SERCAP)	VA	DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA	540-345-1184 Ext. 125	Lauren Mason	<a href="mailto:lmason@sercap.org">lmason@sercap.org</a>
		Partnering with RCAP Solution to service CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, PR, RI, USVI, VT)			