

**Article 83B - Department of Housing and Community Development**

SUBTITLE 16. RADIUM PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.

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(A) THERE IS A RADIUM PILOT GRANT PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNERS WHO INCUR THE COST OF ADDING A WATER ~~FILTRATION~~ TREATMENT SYSTEM TO REMOVE RADIUM OR GROSS ALPHA FROM WELL WATER.

(C) (1) A COUNTY MAY CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

(2) A COUNTY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD GRANTS TO RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ONLY AWARD A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM TO A RESIDENTIAL WELL OWNER WHO RESIDES IN A COUNTY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS THAT ARE EQUAL IN AMOUNT TO EACH GRANT AWARDED BY A COUNTY THAT PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM.

(E) A COUNTY THAT CHOOSES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM SHALL PROCESS GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM WELL OWNERS.

(F) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, A WELL OWNER:

(1) SHALL TEST A WELL AND FIND THE WELL TO CONTAIN RADIUM OR GROSS ALPHA LEVELS ABOVE THE ~~LEVEL~~ LEVELS RECOMMENDED BY THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY;

(2) SHALL HAVE INSTALLED A WATER ~~FILTRATION~~ TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REMOVING EXCESS LEVELS OF RADIUM OR GROSS ALPHA FROM WELL WATER; AND

(3) MAY NOT EARN MORE THAN 110% OF THE STATEWIDE OR THE WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA MEDIAN INCOME.

(G) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO COUNTIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM A FORMULA FOR AWARDED GRANTS.

(2) THE FORMULA SHALL BE A SLIDING SCALE BASED ON INCOME AND IMPLEMENTED IN A MANNER SO THAT WELL OWNERS WITH LOWER INCOMES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LARGER GRANTS AND WELL OWNERS WITH HIGHER INCOMES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SMALLER GRANTS.