

AgBMP Program Frequently Asked Questions

The AgBMP Well / Septic Loan Program is to resolve an existing or potential groundwater pollution problem pertaining to septic and wells and to improve water quality. A “water quality” issue must be fixed to be eligible for the loan.

- **How do I apply for the AgBMP Loan?** Landowners in Anoka County can apply for the loan by downloading the application from the website at AnokaCounty.us/cd or by calling (763) 324-4605 and requesting an application be mailed. You can also pick up an application at the Community Development Department, 2100 3rd Avenue, Suite 700, Anoka, MN.
- **What can the loan be used for?** The loan can be used to fix any septic or well water quality issue that meets the criteria set by the Anoka County policy.
- **What documents do I need with my application?** The application contains guidelines outlining what documents are needed.
- **How long does it take to be approved for the loan?** Approval depends on how quickly the Landowner supplies the required documents, availability of staff and loan volume. ***Landowners must have loan approved before any work is started.*** The loan will not be issued if any work is begun prior to county approval.
- **How is the loan repaid?** Once the project is completed and the loan is closed, a special assessment is filed with Anoka County Property Records and Taxation. Once they certify the assessment, Landowners will begin to repay the loan the following year. The special assessment amount is figured into the Land tax and appears as a “special assessment” on the Land tax statement. An amortization schedule is provided with completed loan.
- **How much can I borrow?** Landowners can borrow up to \$100,000 per system with a cap of \$200,000. The maximum amount for any one loan shall not exceed \$100,000. No borrower shall, at any time have multiple loans for this program with a total outstanding loan balance of more than \$200,000. Equity in property along with the cost of repair / replacement are used to determine maximum loan amount.
- **How long is the loan for?** For loans under \$20,000 the maximum is 5 years; for loans that are \$20,000 or more, the maximum is 10 years.
- **What is the interest rate?** Currently, a low interest rate of 3% is offered. (Rate is subject to change.)
- **Are there any fees?** There is a \$200 application fee, a 1% origination fee and the 3% interest on the loan.
- **How do I find a contractor?** Landowners are responsible for choosing their own contractor. Check with your city, the internet, phone book or from word-of-mouth.
- **What Permits do I need?** Check with your local building official as every city is different.

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