

Merrimack Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Reimbursement Program

Definitions:

- AGQS- Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards
- MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level
- MVD - Merrimack Village District
- NHDES – New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- PFAS- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances
- PFHxS – Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid
- PFNA – Perfluorononanoic Acid
- PFOS - Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid
- PFOA - Perfluorooctanoic Acid
- POET – Point of Entry Treatment
- POU System – Point of Use
- SGPP – Saint Gobain Performance Plastics

Purpose:

To reduce exposure to PFAS in drinking water for private well owners outside the NHDES/ SGPP consent decree area and whose wells have exceedances of any one or more of the four regulated PFAS identified in the clean water drinking standards set by the state at RSA 485:16-e as may be amended:

| Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance | Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard [nanograms/liter; parts per trillion (ppt)] |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) | 12 |
| Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) | 15 |
| Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) | 18 |
| Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) | 11 |

The grant funds may be used to install either POET OR POU systems; OR to connect to MVD public water. The Town will reimburse homeowners up to \$6,500 for the POET OR POU systems OR connection to the MVD water system. **The \$6,500 cannot be combined with any other state, local, or federal grant opportunities available at the time of request for reimbursement. The private well must be located in Merrimack and must be outside the NHDES/SGPP Consent Decree Area (see attached).**

This reimbursement opportunity is grant funded and will be available on a first come, first served basis, and only as long as there are grant funds available.

How To Apply:

The homeowner must obtain and provide private well testing results, from NHDES or a NHDES approved lab that verifies an exceedance of one or more of the regulated PFAS. For the Town to consider reimbursement of private well testing costs, the homeowner must:

- **Submit a request for testing to NHDES** via its online (*see link) “Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well Testing Request Form” (or alternately, make a similar request via telephone or email to NHDES); AND
- **Receive a written *denial*** in response to the Well Testing Request Form (or telephone call/email) from NHDES, and submit a copy of that denial with the completed application. (It is customary for NHDES to respond via email to each submitted homeowner Well Testing Request Form.) AND
- **Pay out-of-pocket for private well PFAS analytical testing** that indicates an *exceedance of any one or more of the four PFAS AGQS*, and submit a copy of that paid invoice with the completed grant application.

The homeowner is to procure, arrange and pay for the installation of the POET or POU or MVD hook-up. The Town is *not* a party to any contract between the homeowner and the vendor. The private well owner must submit copies of a paid invoice for the POET or POU systems or public water connection cost, as well as the test results to show proof of exceedance. In case of hardship, the Town will review and consider applications on a case by case basis. If your well is located outside the SGPP Consent Decree area; testing showed an exceedance of one or more of the four regulated AGQS/MCL’s; and you installed a POET or POU system, or paid to connect to MVD after 3/3/2021; you *may* be entitled to this reimbursement.

This reimbursement program will run from 03/3/2021 through 12/12/2026 or as long as grant funds are available.

This rebate payment is solely for reimbursement for the installation of a POET or POU system or hook-up to MVD public water; although well-testing costs under the conditions outlined above may be considered. Any and all future obligations or related expenses are 100% to be paid and are the responsibility of the homeowner. The Town does not accept any liability nor responsibility for installation or maintenance of the system and by accepting reimbursement funds from the Town, homeowners are agreeing to hold the Town harmless from any damages or liability related to the POET, the POET installation, POU, the POU installation, the hook-up to MVD public water and the operation of the POET or POU or hook-up.

Private (residential) well must be located in Merrimack, outside the NHDES/SGPP Consent Decree area (*see link) and exceed one or more of the four regulated PFAS AGQS identified in the Clean Water Drinking Standards set by the State of NH at RSA 485:16-e as may be amended.

The Town reserves the right to deny a grant fund application for good cause.

Documentation required with the rebate application include:

- Certification that the applicant is not receiving alternate water from a third party
- Certification that the installation complied with applicable state and local plumbing regulations and local permitting requirements
- Analytical lab results showing an exceedance of one or more of the PFAS AGQS
- Photo documentation of the installation
- Filter model and serial number and/or specification sheets for media and equipment installed
- Post-treatment analytical lab result showing PFAS below the AGQS
- Proof of property ownership/ residency
- Final paid invoice or final invoice from vendor/subcontractor, as applicable
- Waiver of claims, if applicable

Return completed applications to the Town Of Merrimack Town Manager's office.

Town of Merrimack
Office of the Town Manager
Attn: Town of Merrimack, NH Private Well PFAS Grant Rebate Program
6 Baboosic Lake Road, Merrimack, NH 03054

If you have any questions please visit our web site or call (603) 424-2331.

Useful links:

Town of Merrimack website: <https://www.merrimacknh.gov/>

-Town of Merrimack PFOA-PFAS Updates:

<https://www.merrimacknh.gov/home/pages/pfoa-pfas-water-information-updates>

-NHDES website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/>

-NHDES PFAS FAQ's: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/PFAS-FAQs_MCL-Draft-11.04.19.v1.pdf

-NHDES PFAS Investigation: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/>

-NHDES: Southern NH PFOA Investigation Private Well Testing Request Form

https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/?page_id=307

-NHDES "Laboratory Testing Guidelines for PFAS for Private and Public Drinking Water Supplies"; includes list of "Laboratories that Provide PFAS Testing Services that Are Accredited by NHDES": [pfoa-testing-labs.pdf \(state.nh.us\)](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/pfoa-testing-labs.pdf) <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/pfoa-testing-labs.pdf>

-NHDES "NH Small Public Water Systems Contractors" (*The Town of Merrimack *does not* recommend or endorse any vendor or contractor. Interested homeowners who choose to contact contractors on this list may wish to check if "Advanced Radon Mitigation" is willing to offer Merrimack homeowners the state-contracted rate for POET.)

https://www.merrimacknh.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3456/f/news/nhdes_environmental_fact_sheet_-_nh_small_public_water_systems_contractors_-_2019.pdf

-NHDES & SGPP Consent Decree Area Map: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Extent_PosterSize_20180321.pdf

-NHDES/NHDHHS "A Guide to Ensuring Safe Drinking Water" (Selecting the right drinking water treatment option) <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/A-guide-to-ensuring-safe-drinking-water.pdf>

-Merrimack Village District (MVD): <http://www.mvdwater.org/>

-NH (DHHS) Department of Health and Human Services (PFAS):

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/pfcs/index.htm>

SGPP & NHDES Consent Decree Area –https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Extent_PosterSize_20180321.pdf

Private Well Owners PFAS Grant Program Reimbursement Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address Cont.: _____

Amount requested (attach receipt/final invoice/quote): _____

PFHxS – Perfluorohexanesulfonic Acid Level: _____

PFNA – Perfluorononanoic Acid Level: _____

PFOS - Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid Level: _____

PFOA - Perfluorooctanoic Acid Level: _____

I/We, the undersigned, hereby apply for the PFAS grant from the Town. I am currently not receiving alternate water from a third party and in consideration of receiving reimbursement from the PFAS Grant Program, understand, agree and covenant the following: This Program is a reimbursement program only that is subject to change without notice, and submittal of an application does not guarantee I will qualify for benefits. I/We are the owners of the above listed property; the selection of vendors, equipment, and contractors are solely at my/our discretion and the Town expressly disclaims any liability for those chosen by me/us; receipt of any funds from this Program is expressly conditioned upon me/us on my/our behalf and on behalf of all occupants of the above listed property releasing and holding harmless the Town, its employees, agents and officials from any liability in connection with my/our participation in the Program, including, without limitation, work performed by the vendors/contractors, the POET or POU, the POET or POU installation, the hook-up to MVD public water, and the success or failure of the installation or hook-up. I/We hereby agree to the foregoing statements and certify that the statements made by the undersigned on this application are true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. **All property owners must sign:**

Town Official Business Only:

Approved by: _____

Reimbursement amount approved: _____