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### CROW WING COUNTY OFFERS SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Crow Wing County has received \$32,7456 in grant fund from Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources to provide funding to replace or protect septic systems for residents. Proper septic maintenance ensures that we are protecting our groundwaters from human contaminants. In 2018, \$10,125 in loans were disbursed to Crow Wing County Residents.

Funding for residents will be processed through Region Five Development Commission. Residents who receive funding will be provided a loan from the Region Five Development Commission at 3% for 60 months for the cost of the project. The terms of the loan are set by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

The total funds awarded to an applicant will depend on the cost of the system, yearly income, and size of household. Loans can be paid off at any time, with no pre-payment penalty. A \$50 application fee to cover the cost of a credit report, is required at time of application.

Priority of funding will first be given to low and very low-income land owners. All need based low-income applicants will be funded to some degree, pending repayment availability as determined by the North Central Economic Development Association Loan Board. Applications are available at: <http://northcentraleda.org/homeowner/> .

If you are interested in learning more about the program contact Region Five Development Commission – Stephanie Barney at (218)296-5201.

The Land Services Department is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping our residents make wise decisions that protect Crow Wing County's extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Land Services Office at (218) 824-1010 or to visit the Crow Wing County Web Site [www.crowwing.us](http://www.crowwing.us) for more information

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**Our Vision:** Being Minnesota's favorite place.  
**Our Mission:** Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.  
**Our Values:** Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

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