August 2, 2006

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure (Department) has secured additional money from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for security improvements.

The Department intends that these grant monies be used to provide funds to public water systems serving a population of 10,000 or less for improving the protection of public water systems.

The Department will provide a maximum of \$5,000 to each public water system for which funding is sought. Grant applications will be accepted until February 15, 2007. Complete applications will be funded on a first come, first serve basis.

As of August 1, 2006 the department has allocated \$159,669.23 of the \$345,000 the department received. This money has assisted 36 public water systems to date.

The Department also has secured an additional \$60,000 from Center for Disease Control. Of that \$60,000, 30 public water systems under the population of 3,300 have been assisted and \$31,739.29 has been allocated as of August 1, 2006. This grant money has to be used by the end of August.

Both of these grants are a matching grant. The grant dollars must be matched by at least 10% of system's funds.

If you have any questions concerning the grant application process or any other issue related to the Public Water System Security Grant, please feel free to contact Randy Fischer at 402/471-1007 or <u>randy.fischer@hhss.ne.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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