

# ORPHAN WELL PLUGGING GRANT PROGRAM (ACT 96/136) FAQ

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## Frequently Asked Questions

*“Who is eligible to apply?”*

**Qualified well pluggers defined as** “a person who demonstrates access to equipment, materials, resources and services to plug wells in accordance with statutory and regulatory requirements.”

*“What wells are eligible?”*

**All wells identified as “Orphan” wells by the Department (DEP Orphan).**

*“How will grant applications be prioritized?”*

**Grant applications will be reviewed and approved on a first-come first-serve basis until all available funds for the application period are exhausted.**

*“How long do we have to plug the well after application approval?”*

**Funds shall only be available for 12 months following the date of Department execution of the grant agreement. Any extension to this time requirement must be requested in writing by the Qualified Well Plugger and agreed to by the Department.**

*“What are the reimbursement amounts?”*

**\$40,000 to a Qualified Well Plugger for every eligible well plugged that is an orphan well of a depth of 3,000 feet or less or the actual cost to plug the well, whichever is less.**

**\$70,000 to a Qualified Well Plugger for every eligible well plugged that is an orphan well of a depth greater than 3,000 feet or the actual cost to plug the well, whichever is less.**

*“Will grant funds be issued before or after plugging?”*

**The Orphan Well Plugging Grant Program is for reimbursement of costs associated with plugging orphan wells. Reimbursement will take place after plugging and associated paperwork is completed.**

*“How long after plugging will it take to be reimbursed?”*

**Upon the completion of work, technical staff will review invoices prior to submitting to the Grants Center for processing. Once received, standard practice is to process for payment within 5 business days of receipt. If there are no issues, standard Commonwealth payment terms are 30 days after that submission.**

*“How often will the application period open?”*

**The application period will open annually and will remain open to applicants until all available funds for the application period are exhausted.**

*“How will I know when the application period is open?”*

**Any updates regarding the grant program and application periods will be posted on the DEP Orphan well webpage at the link below. Please check regularly to ensure you do not miss any updates.**

[Rewriting Pennsylvania's Legacy \(pa.gov\)](https://www.pa.gov)

### **SAP Vendor Number**

**A SAP Vendor Number is required to process the grant application.**

If you do not have an SAP Vendor Number, you may register in advance of the grant application going live. Using Microsoft Edge or Chrome internet browser, open the Office of the Budget website at [www.budget.pa.gov](http://www.budget.pa.gov) and follow these steps:

1. Select “For Vendors”
2. Select “Vendor Registration”
3. Select “Non-Procurement”
4. Complete the sections of the Non-Procurement Vendor Registration process.

If you already have a SAP Vendor Number that begins with a 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5, any changes to your vendor information such as bank account information or address changes must be completed by visiting the PA Supplier Portal at [www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us](http://www.pasupplierportal.state.pa.us).

If you already have a SAP vendor number that begins with a 6, 7, or 8, any changes to your vendor information such as bank account information or address changes must be completed by visiting the Office of the Budget website at [www.budget.pa.gov](http://www.budget.pa.gov) and select “Non-procurement vendor help” and select from the “How To” actions for assistance.