



## PRESS RELEASE

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Date:** July 19, 2016**Contact:** Katie Bobich**Phone:** (218) 824-1002**CROW WING COUNTY OFFERS SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Crow Wing County has received \$2,500 in grant funds from the Minnesota Board of Water & Soil Resources to provide funding to replace or protect septic systems for low income residents.

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 loans 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 the household. Loans can be paid off at any time, with no pre-payment penalty. A \$50 application fee is required, which is used to off-set the cost of obtaining a credit report.

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

If you are interested in learning more about the program, or would like to receive a paper application, please contact the Crow Wing County Land Services Department at 218-824-1010 or via email at [land.servies@crowwing.us](mailto:land.servies@crowwing.us).

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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