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# Oregon Domestic Well Safety Program (DWSP)

*An Introduction*

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Center for Prevention and Health Promotion  
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# The Team...



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# BACKGROUND



**23% of Oregonians are well dependent**



**90% rural OR depends on groundwater**



**350,000 active wells**



**3,800 new wells drilled every year**



# PURPOSE

Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Improve the lifelong health of Oregonians

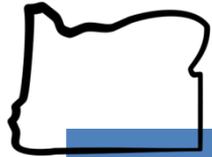


Domestic Well Safety Program (DWSP)

Promote domestic well safety to users throughout the state



# OUTCOMES



## DATA

- High Quality data available for all areas of the state where domestic wells are located, revealing areas of higher risk from contaminants.



## PARTNERSHIPS

- Partners throughout Oregon become engaged in efforts to promote domestic well safety.



## PREVENTION

- Domestic well users throughout Oregon understand the importance of well testing and ways to mitigate risks.



# STRATEGY



## DATA

- Update existing inventory
- Record metadata
- Restructure Real Estate Transaction database
- Make data publicly available
- Analyze datasets



## PARTNERSHIPS

- Recruit external partners to help develop materials
- Recruit 2 local jurisdictions via RFGA to support local public health capacity in addressing domestic well safety



## PREVENTION

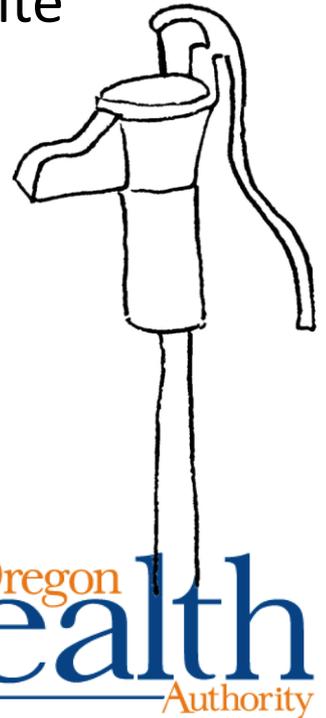
- Provide educational resources on identifying and mitigating risks to domestic well safety
- Plan and deliver community outreach events to enhance well stewardship.

**TWO YEAR TIMELINE (Oct 2013-Sep 2015)**



# WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- ➔ Completing our team
- ➔ Developing partnerships
- ➔ Launched and are continuing to expand website
- ➔ Data merging and planning
- ➔ Evaluating current resources
- ➔ Soliciting proposals for the released RFGA...



# Request for Grant Applications (RFGA)

Why...

RFGA is intended to **increase the capacity** of Oregon tribal and local public health authorities (LPHAs), particularly those that have identified **domestic wells and water security** as local priorities.



# Request for Grant Applications (RFGA)

What...

**2** Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) to be awarded in 2014

**7** month work plan ( Feb 2014- Aug 2014)

**\$5,000** per IGA



# DWSP 2014 RFGA

What...

**\$5,000**

## Engage

Engage residents, vulnerable populations local leaders, community- serving organizations, to enhance local domestic well stewardship.

## Collaborate

Collaborate, convene, and facilitate partnerships with divers domestic wells stakeholders to plan activities that enhance local domestic well stewardship.

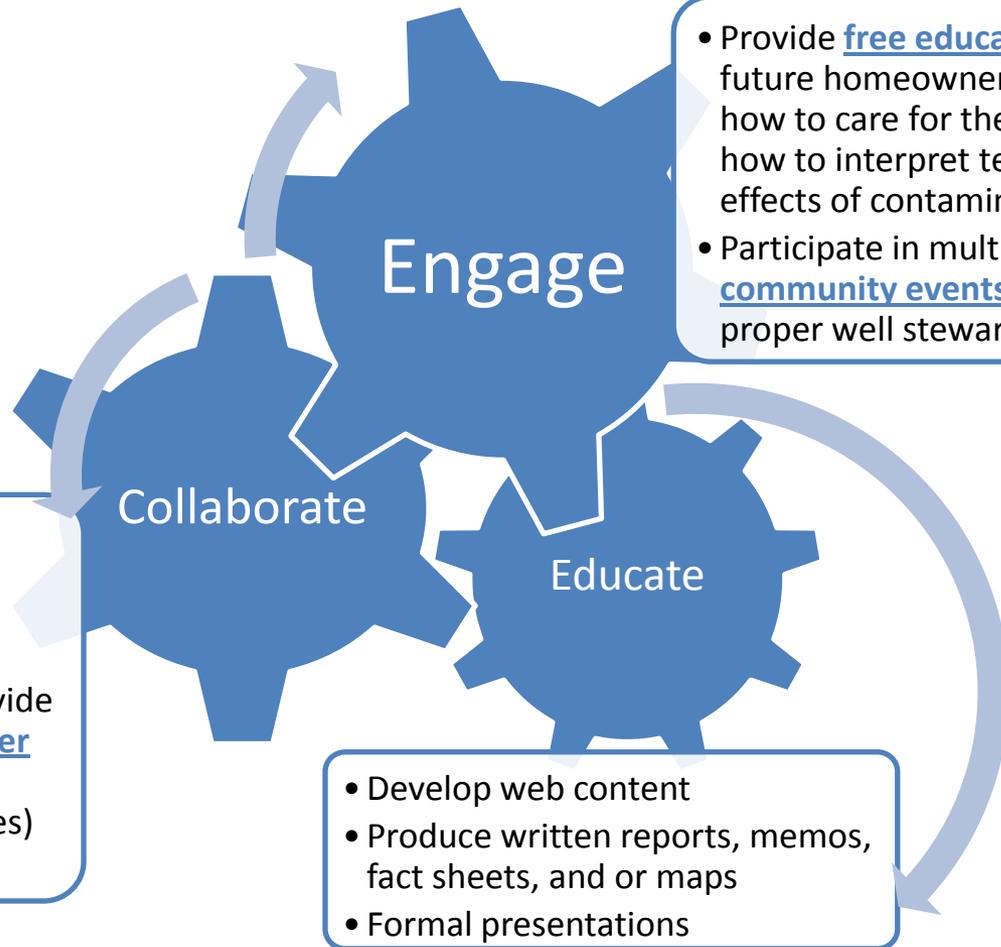
## Educate

Develop and provide education and recommendations to residents, partners, and stakeholders that address public health concerns and maximize the benefits that result from proper well stewardship.



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## Sample Activities\*...



- Partner and coordinate with a local accredited environmental laboratory to provide reduced well water test cost (arsenic, bacteria, & nitrates) and kits.

- Develop web content
- Produce written reports, memos, fact sheets, and or maps
- Formal presentations

- Provide free education programs to current and future homeowners with basic information on how to care for their drinking water well system, how to interpret test results, and the health effects of contamination.
- Participate in multiple local health fairs and or community events to encourage testing and proper well stewardship.

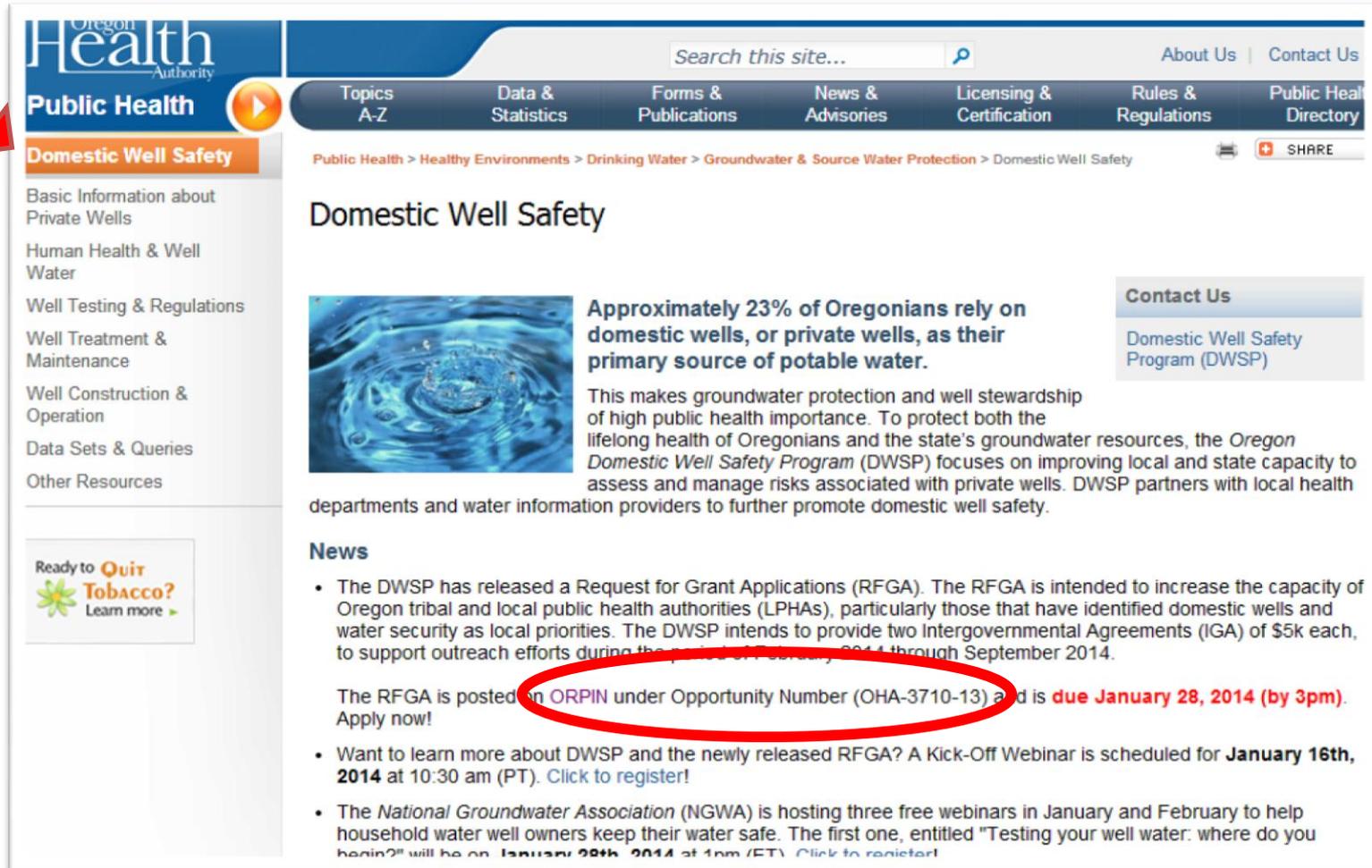


**\*Activities must be measurable and evaluated in final report**

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## Domestic Well Safety

Approximately 23% of Oregonians rely on domestic wells, or private wells, as their primary source of potable water.

This makes groundwater protection and well stewardship of high public health importance. To protect both the lifelong health of Oregonians and the state's groundwater resources, the Oregon Domestic Well Safety Program (DWSP) focuses on improving local and state capacity to assess and manage risks associated with private wells. DWSP partners with local health departments and water information providers to further promote domestic well safety.

### News

- The DWSP has released a Request for Grant Applications (RFGA). The RFGA is intended to increase the capacity of Oregon tribal and local public health authorities (LPHAs), particularly those that have identified domestic wells and water security as local priorities. The DWSP intends to provide two Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) of \$5k each, to support outreach efforts during the period of February 2014 through September 2014.

The RFGA is posted **in ORPIN** under Opportunity Number (OHA-3710-13) and is **due January 28, 2014 (by 3pm)**. Apply now!

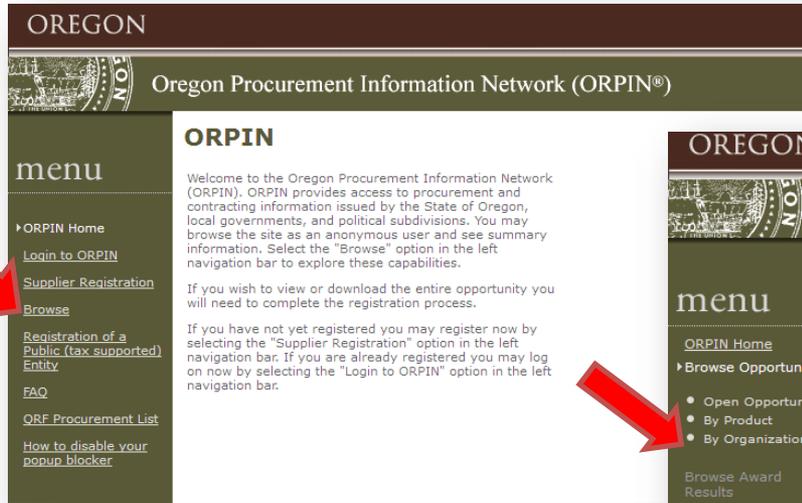
- Want to learn more about DWSP and the newly released RFGA? A Kick-Off Webinar is scheduled for **January 16th, 2014** at 10:30 am (PT). [Click to register!](#)
- The *National Groundwater Association* (NGWA) is hosting three free webinars in January and February to help household water well owners keep their water safe. The first one, entitled "Testing your well water: where do you begin?" will be on **January 28th, 2014** at 1pm (ET). [Click to register!](#)

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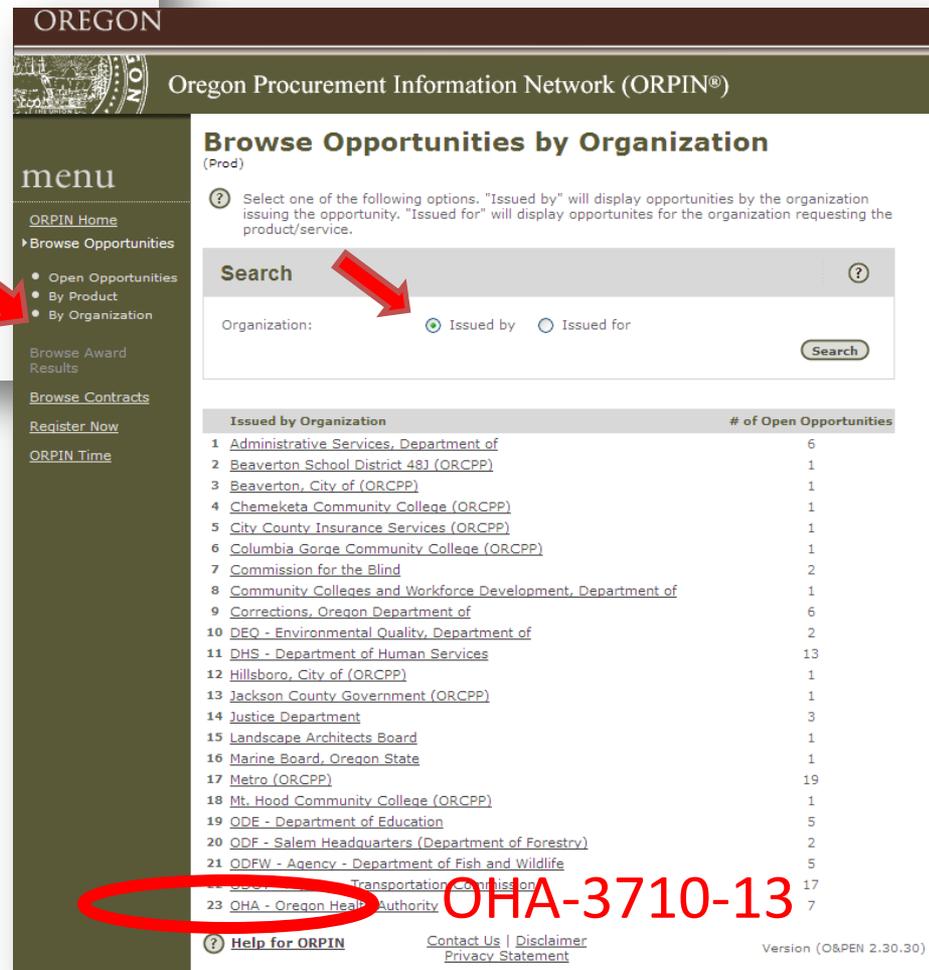
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