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## Central Oregon Septic Assistance Program (COSAP) Round 2 Launch

Crook County, in partnership with Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council (COIC), is announcing the launch of a second round of funding for the Central Oregon Septic Assistance Program (COSAP) which is open from March 15-April 15th 2024. Applications are available on [COIC's website](#).

This is a financial aid program for homeowners in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties as well as the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs who have septic systems in need of repair or replacement, are able to connect to a city sewer or have completed repairs or replacements during the 2023 calendar year. The program, funded by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality through ARPA funds, can offer up to \$20,000 for standard septic system repairs/replacements or up to \$30,000 for alternative treatment system repairs/replacements.

Applicants must be the owner of the home as their primary residence, meet income requirements, and have a clear need for service on their septic systems. Connecting to sewer lines is also eligible for funding if the original septic system needs repairs or replacement.

"As a sanitarian, protecting ground water and human health is a high priority for me. Making this funding available to Central Oregonians will have a direct impact on protecting the quality of our water for future generations," says Crook County sanitarian Christopher Haindel. "This funding will provide direct relief to the people in our region that need it the most. I'd like to thank Oregon DEQ and COIC and all the local government jurisdictions involved for their commitment to making these funds available."

For more information about eligibility, visit the program website (<https://www.coic.org/cosap/>), leave a message for COIC staff at 541-508-9669, or contact your county sanitarian.