



DISTRICT COST SHARE PROGRAM

Purposes

- To provide financial resources for local conservation education including workshops, demonstrations, and “hands-on” youth conservation education projects.
- To provide financial and technical resources for implementation of conservation projects in Wasco County which benefit Wasco County residents, resources, and/or communities.
- To assist with worthwhile projects that don't fit traditional funding sources including small projects in urban settings

Application

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| a. What will be done | d. Environmental or other benefits |
| b. Who will do it | e. Budget |
| c. Where will it be done | f. Schedule |

Eligible Applicants

- Wasco County Residents / landowners
- Educational and Resource Organizations in Wasco County

Eligible Projects

- Conservation Projects and Conservation Education Projects which meet one of the stated purposes for this program.
- Irrigation projects that upgrade to hand/wheel lines or more efficient systems and that improve water-use or energy-use efficiency by a minimum of 15% either separately or in combination.

Cost Share / Cost Share Rates

- Conservation Projects
 - ◇ Rate 50% cost share not to exceed \$5,000, unless board exception granted
 - ◇ Cost limits per current EQIP cost list
 - ◇ Labor rates for match not to exceed BOLI prevailing labor rates handbook

Agreement – Upon approval, grantee must sign agreement for proposed work including:

- Follow NRCS technical standards
- Authorize access for inspection of completed project
- Provide summary report (up to 1 page) on result of project and a before and after photograph
- Provide copy of all receipts and permit(s) if required
- Reimbursement is based on actual receipts, not to exceed \$5,000
- Maintain practice for minimum of 10 years
- Complete project within 2 years of approval

Processing

- Applications are due the last Friday of the month for consideration at the first board meeting of each month
- District Staff will review applications, verify type (conservation or education), completeness, application and project eligibility, and assign a priority based on the nature of the project consistent with District Long Range Plan priorities.
- Board will consider applications at the first board meeting of the month for approval within the amounts appropriated for the program in the district budget.

District Resource Priorities (in order)

1. Erosion control on cropland, pasture, and range land
1. Water conservation (quality and quantity)
2. Integrated Pest Management Practices, including technologies that help make direct seed / no-till sustainable to protect water quality
2. Erosion control on stream banks and forest land
2. Riparian Enhancement
3. Range land condition and resource management
3. Agricultural energy conservation
3. Invasive Species
4. Fish and wildlife habitat
4. Forest land condition resource management
5. Upstream flood control (including flood hazard mitigation)
5. Wetland preservation
6. Plant materials programs / demonstration nursery
6. Drainage
6. Wind erosion
7. Other agriculture related
8. All other non-agriculture related

Operations Priorities – District operations shall be based on contribution toward the resource priorities above and the identified priority needs for 1) District funding capability improvement & mandatory items, and 2) Hands-on, agricultural / environmental information, education, and demonstration projects.

For questions or more information contact the SWCD Office at (541)296-6178 x3 and talk to any one of our conservation planners.