

ON-THE-GROUND PROJECT **REHABILITATION PROJECT** **FUNDING OVERVIEW**

General Program Objectives

The On-The-Ground Rehabilitation Funding Program was created to help with the rehabilitation of projects that have made a positive difference on the land. The focus of the program is to maintain existing water quality, protect soils, and maintain wildlife habitat. (Note, this program is not defined to cover irrigation maintenance programs)

Specific Goals of Program

Maintain existing BMP's that have been implemented over the years, to include:

- Wildlife Habitat
 - Riparian, wetland, and/or upland areas
 - Use of tools such as grazing, plantings, water development, fire, chemical application, and other BMPs to maintain current habitat
- Grazing Distribution
 - Increase productivity of the land through erosion control and vegetation management on rangeland
- Water Quality
 - Prevention and control of erosion, mediation for floodwater and sediment damages, improvement for agricultural uses, storage, conservation development, and disposal of water
- Agricultural Operation Viability
 - Use of new technologies in range and irrigation management practices
- Education
 - Activities to promote agricultural and natural resource conservation education to public school students, and youth organizations, as well as in other venues where youth and children receive formal education

Funding Overview

The amount of cost share available for each project is a maximum of 50% cost share and a maximum of \$5,000.00.

The Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) Board of Supervisors will determine the amount of cost share for each project on a case-by-case basis and requires that the landowner invest at least 25% match (cash or in-kind) for each project. The WCCD Board reserves the right to adjust the cost-share final payment based upon actual amount of the project. Cost reimbursement will be based upon actual costs unless actual costs exceed 10% over the estimated cost. If the actual cost exceeds 10% over the estimated cost, the applicant will be responsible for the difference.

Selection Process and Timeline

1. Applications are due by the first full week of every month and arrangements will need to be made by the applicant to schedule an on-site visit of the proposed project.
2. An on-site visit must be conducted prior to approval of the project.
3. Applicants are required to provide a map of the project area and attach all cost estimates associated with the cost breakdown on the attached budget sheet.
4. Applicants are required to attend a WCCD Board meeting within the month that they have applied, to present the project and answer any questions the WCCD Board may have.
5. Grant selection and payment decisions will be made by the WCCD Board of Supervisors during their board meetings on the third Monday of each month.

Important Notes

1. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make the case that the project meets the goals of the program and has public benefit.
2. If the construction of this project crosses other landowner's properties, applicant will need to have discussed the proposed project and received preliminary access approval from those landowners. Applicant will need to request a "Landowner Permission to Install Form" from WCCD.
3. All projects must be pre-approved before being initiated and must be evaluated upon completion.

For more information, please contact the WCCD Director, Amanda O'Keefe at 347-2456 ext. 101 or by email at wccd@rtconnect.net.



WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR REHABILITATION PROJECT COST SHARE FUNDING

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Project Name: _____

Project description: _____

Total estimated cost: _____

Fill out the following aspects of the project and specifically list ways the project would promote conservation. Each answer will be ranked on a scale of 1-4 depending on the amount of benefits.

1. How is this currently impacting water quality (consider distance to water, impaired water or not, size of water body, amount of water improved)? _____

2. When functioning properly, how did this enhance or protect the soil (consider soil erosion, compaction, sediment, vegetation)? _____

3. When functioning properly, how did this benefit the habitat (consider cover, security, food)? _____

4. When functioning properly, how does this benefit the public (consider how water, soil and habitat improvements of the project might improve hunting, fishing, or other for your community)? _____

General questions

Will this proposed project replace an existing system? If yes, please explain: _____

Is this proposed project due to a failure? If so, why did it fail: _____

Please explain what will be done to improve the current system: _____

How have you maintained this in the past? _____

Do you consider this to be a one-time or reoccurring maintenance issue? Please explain: _____

What other treatments have been considered: _____

What other funding sources have been considered: _____

What are some of the benefits of this project, if any, to multiple landowners? _____

Has any funding been received by you, or others associated with your operation, in the last three years? If yes, what are the dates: _____

The following is an example of the ranking sheet that will be used by the WCCD Board of Supervisors:

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Water Quality	Project impacts multiple aspects of water quality.	Project impacts several aspects of water quality.	Project impacts a couple of aspects of water quality.	Project does not impact water quality.
Soil Conservation	Project will protect or enhance soil conservation in multiple ways.	Project will protect or enhance soil conservation in several ways.	Project will protect or enhance soil conservation in a couple of ways.	Project does not protect or enhance soil conservation
Habitat Enhancement	Project will enhance the habitat in multiple ways.	Project will enhance the habitat in several ways.	Project will enhance the habitat in a couple of ways.	Project does not enhance the habitat in any way.
Public Benefit	Project will benefit the general public in multiple ways.	Project will benefit the general public in several ways.	Project will benefit the general public in a couple of ways.	Project does not benefit the general public in a couple of ways.
Alternative treatments have been considered	Multiple other treatments have been considered.	Several other treatments have been considered.	A couple of other treatments have been considered.	No other treatments have been considered.
Alternative funding sources considered	Multiple other funding sources have been considered.	Several other funding sources have been considered.	A couple of other funding sources have been considered.	No other funding sources have been considered.
Multiple landowners	Project will benefit multiple landowners.	Project will benefit several landowners.	Project will benefit two landowners.	Project will benefit the applicant only.
Benefits of funds	In the last three years, applicant has not benefitted in any way from conservation funds.	Applicant has received funds or benefitted from conservation funds in the last two years.	Applicant has received funds or benefitted from conservation funds in the last year.	Applicant has received funds or benefitted from conservation funds for multiple projects in the last three years.

WCCD RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO FUND A PROJECT IF APPLICANT HAS RECEIVED WCCD COST SHARE FUNDS WITHIN THE PAST THREE YEARS.

**WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ON-THE-GROUND MAINTENANCE PROJECT APPLICATION
BUDGET SHEET**

Please provide a detailed cost breakdown and attach cost/bid estimates.

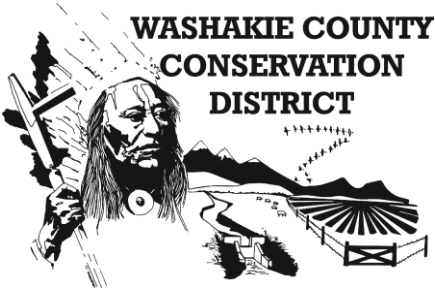
DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED COST	LANDOWNER CONTRIBUTION (Please state whether it is cash or in-kind contribution)	OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS (Please state where other funds are coming from)	ANTICIPATED CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION
TOTALS	\$	\$		\$

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By signing below, I attest that the information listed in the application is factual and an accurate representation of the project needs.

SIGNATURE (Landowner)

DATE



Date of Project Approval by WCCD Board of Supervisors: _____

Daniel Greet, Chairman

Susan Pennington, Vice-Chairwoman

Jaci Harkink, Secretary/Treasurer

Charley Orchard, Member

Keith Bower, Member