



ON-THE-GROUND PROJECT RURAL PROGRAM FUNDING OVERVIEW

General Program Objectives

The On-The-Ground project funding program was created to help fund projects that make a positive difference on the land. The focus of the program is to impact water quality, enhance or protect soils, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Specific Goals of Program

- Improve wildlife habitat in riparian, wetland, and/or upland areas
- Improve grazing distribution
- Improve water quality
- Improve irrigation efficiency
- Help keep agricultural operation viable

Funding Overview

The amount of cost share available for each project is a maximum of 50% cost share and a maximum of \$10,000.00. The electrical portion of an irrigation project may be capped at \$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. **MAINTENANCE TYPE PROJECTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.**

Selection Process and Timeline

Applications are due by the first week of every month and arrangements will need to be made by the applicant to schedule an on-site visit of the proposed project. (*consideration for approval will not be made unless an on-site visit has been completed*) Applicants are required to attend a WCCD Board meeting within the month that they have applied, in order to present the project and answer any questions the WCCD board may have. Grant selection and payment decisions will be made by the WCCD Board of Supervisors during their board meetings on the third Monday of February, May, August, and November. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make the case that the project meets the goals of the program and has public benefit.

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.

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. (*Refer to Landowner Permission to Install Form*)

All projects must be pre-approved before being initiated and must be evaluated upon completion.

For more information, please contact Tori Dietz at 347-2456 ext. 101.

WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR ON-THE-GROUND RURAL PROJECT COST SHARE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____
_____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST \$ _____
(Please provide cost breakdown using sheet provided and attach cost/bid estimates)

WATER QUALITY

How would this project have a significant impact on water quality? _____

SOIL CONSERVATION

How would this project enhance or protect the soil resource? _____

HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

How would this project enhance habitat? _____

GENERAL QUESTIONS

1. Will your project address multiple resource concerns? Yes____ No____ If Yes, Explain _____

2. Have you considered alternative treatments? _____
If so, what were they? _____

3. Will this proposed project provide public educational resource conservation opportunities? _____
(new media, photos, tours, school field trips, etc.)
Explain _____

4. Are any of these practices cost-sharable through the NRCS? Yes____ No____ If so, what are they?

5. Have you obtained, or are you seeking funding from other partners? Yes____ No____ If Yes, please list.

6. Are you willing to provide all necessary operation and maintenance to maintain the project after completion?
Explain _____

7. Will the project benefit multiple landowners and provide a public benefit? Yes____ No____ Explain

8. Have you received cost share from the WCCD in the past three years? Yes____ No____ If yes, please list what
year. _____ (WCCD reserves the right not to fund the project if you have received WCCD cost share funds within the
past three years.)

SIGNATURE PAGE

SIGNATURE (landowner)

DATE

Dave Slover, Chairman

Date

Dan Rice, Vice-Chairman

Date

Vance Lungren, Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Susan Pennington, Member

Date

Charley Orchard, Member

Date

Project Approved by WCCD Board of Supervisors: _____

Date