

Washakie County Conservation District Special Discretionary Funds Program Community & Resource Enhancement Program Guidelines

Program Objectives-Up to \$2,500.00

To provide incentive for residents and businesses within the WCCD boundaries, to implement natural resource conservation practices that address soil erosion, water quality and quantity, energy conservation or improving wildlife habitat. This program is also for those landowners who can't typically qualify for federal farm bill programs.

Project Examples

- Soil erosion (water bars on public trails, streambank stabilization)
- Water quality and quantity (irrigation water management, livestock water gaps)
- Beautify the natural landscape along public corridors (greenway projects, boulevard plantings)
- Soil sampling for nutrient testing
- To comply with federal regulations
- Resource damage due to acts of nature (water gaps, field loss, reservoir rehabilitation, head gates, streambank stabilization)
- Practices that federal farm bill programs do not fund, such as electrical costs
- Educational events or practices with emphasis on natural resource conservation
- Demonstration projects for energy conservation (solar power, wind turbines, hydro-electric)
- Bioretention (rain gardens, permeable pavements, green roofs)
- Xeriscaping to replace traditional lawn with approved native or dry-climate species
- Solar stock pumps to improve livestock distribution in remote areas
- Spring developments to enhance wildlife and or improve livestock distribution
- Fencing for implementing a rotational grazing system
- Riparian fencing to manage livestock and reduce grazing impacts
- Windbreaks

This incentive program provides up to 50% reimbursement, up to \$2,500.00, of the project cost. The applicant is responsible for 50% cost of the total project of which 25% can come from other sources. All projects must be pre-approved before being initiated and must be evaluated upon completion.

- Maximum cost-share under this program is \$2,500. We will match cash expenditures (with receipts) only. The maximum for in-kind contributions will be capped at 25% based on a labor rate of \$15/hour
- Only one grant may be awarded per family, business, or landowner per fiscal year
- After project completion and inspection, cost-share will be issued based on signed receipts and documentation of in-kind contributions.

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*)

Who is Eligible

Landowners, residents, businesses, service organizations, schools, museums, churches, partnering organizations, etc., within the Washakie County Conservation District boundaries.

Selection Process

Grant selection and payment decisions will be made by the Washakie County Conservation District Board of Supervisors. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make the case that the project meets the objective of the program and has public benefit. All projects completed, other than private individuals using WCCD cost share funds, are required to display a sign stating that project was partially funded by WCCD.

**Washakie County Conservation District
Special Discretionary Funds Program
Application**

Applicants Name and/or Organization _____

Primary Contact's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Project Name and Address

Project Description – Describe what you propose to do in detail (attach plans):

Project Justification – Describe how the project meets the program objectives and how it benefits the public:

Project design life & maintenance – Describe the projected life-span of the project, and how it will be maintained:

Estimated Project Cost: \$ _____

Applications will be accepted anytime, and will be reviewed during a monthly board meeting on the third Monday of each month. Your application must be submitted two weeks prior to the meeting where it will be considered. Applicants are required to attend the meeting to present their project proposal to the Board of Supervisors. All projects must be pre-approved before initiation of project as begun.

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Budget Sheet – *Please provide a detailed cost breakdown and attach cost/bid estimates.*

| MATERIAL DESCRIPTION | ESTIMATED COST | LANDOWNER/APPLICANT CONTRIBUTION (Please state whether it is cash or an in-kind contribution) | ANTICIPATED CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION |
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If you are seeking other grants to accomplish this project please provide us with the name and amount applied for:

The applicant is responsible for 50% cost of the total project of which 25% can come from other sources.

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