



## WASHAKIE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Upper Big Horn Sub-Basin Watershed Implementation Program Grant through WDEQ 319 Project Funding

#### FUNDING OVERVIEW

##### General Program Objective

The primary goal of this project is to reduce sediment, bacteria, and pathogen loads within the Upper Big Horn Sub-Basin Watershed through implementing best management practices that directly contribute to improving water quality on the Bighorn River, Sage Creek, Slick Creek, Nowater Creek and Fifteen Mile Creek.

##### Funding Overview

The Washakie Watershed Steering Committee will complete a review, and then rank applications submitted for cost share assistance. The amount of cost share available for each project ranked as a high priority is a maximum of 60% cost share, and for each project ranked as a medium priority is a maximum of 50% cost share. The Washakie County Conservation District (WCCD) Board of Supervisors, based upon review and recommendations from the Washakie Watersheds Steering Committee, will approve applications and determine the amount of cost share for each project on a case-by-case basis. The applicant is required to invest at least 40% match (cash or in-kind) for each high priority ranked project or 50% match for each medium priority ranked project. WCCD 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

Applications are due by the first Friday of March, June, September, and December 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 will be required to present their project to the Washakie Watersheds Steering Committee during a regularly scheduled meeting, held quarterly during the months of March, June, September, and December, where the preliminary review and ranking will also be accomplished.

Final project approval, based upon input from the steering committee, will be made by the WCCD Board of Supervisors during a board meeting on the third Monday of the month following steering committee ranking.

All projects must be pre-approved before being initiated and must be evaluated and/or certified upon completion before reimbursement is made to applicant.

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 prior to the WCCD Board of Supervisors meeting for project approval. (*Refer to Landowner Permission to Install Form*)

Applications may be mailed to WCCD, 208 Shiloh Road, Worland, WY 82401, or emailed to [wccd@rtconnect.net](mailto:wccd@rtconnect.net). For more information, please contact Amanda Konkowski at 347-2456 ext. 101.

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**PROJECT APPLICATION**

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Estimated Project Cost \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please provide cost breakdown using sheet provided and attach cost estimates)*

1. Will the proposed project assist you in implementing practices which reduce sediment and pathogens from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired" water body?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Please explain \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is the distance of proposed project to a designated "impaired water body"? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If unknown, please contact NRCS to provide you with this information)*

3. If practices applied address water conveyance erosion by eliminating open dirt ditch, what is the distance of open dirt ditch to be eliminated? \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If unknown, please contact NRCS to provide you with this information)*

4. Will any of following conservation practices be applied?

Cover Crop

Residue and Tillage Management, No Till/Minimum Till/Strip Till/Direct Seed

Filter Strip

Nutrient Management (Only if manure application is used)

Alternative Irrigation Practices

5. Will project address multiple resource concerns? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Will this project enhance wildlife or native plant habitat? In what way? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Please describe any alternative treatments that have been considered. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Will this project provide public educational opportunities? Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Will this project benefit multiple landowners? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Will the project provide public benefit? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. When do you anticipate beginning your proposed project? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. If the construction of this project crosses other landowner's properties, have you discussed your project with them and received preliminary access approval? Explain if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_

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13. Will the proposed conservation practice(s) minimize or eliminate direct livestock access to traditional natural water sources (streams, rivers, springs, reservoirs)? If so, what practices will be implemented (check all that apply):

- Off-site water development
- Fencing
- Grazing management

14. Is your proposed project adjacent to a wetland? \_\_\_\_\_

**The following documents must accompany your application upon submission:**

- **Photos and/or video of the project site in its current state.**
- **A project map to include the location of the project site and its relation to the impaired waterbodies listed within the grant.**
- **Estimates/bid sheets for project costs; labor and materials.**



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**SIGNATURE PAGE**

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Landowner Signature Date

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Keith Bower, Chairman Date

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Susan Pennington, Vice-Chairwoman Date

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Jaci Harkink, Secretary/Treasurer Date

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Charley Orchard, Board Member Date

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Andrew Mills, Board Member Date

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Washakie Watersheds Steering Committee Representative Date