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Cost-Share Application

Application deadline: September 1

INTRODUCTION

The Cascade Conservation District may fund conservation measures within Cascade County. Funding is generated through Cascade County tax revenues. Therefore, all projects must be done within Cascade County.

PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

The Cost-Share program is available to landowners who are proposing projects that enhance or benefit natural resources on private land within Cascade County. There is a limit of one project per landowner or group per contract year; however, projects may be composed of multiple practices (EXAMPLE: Spring development, fencing, re-vegetation and weed control). Project work done prior to approval of an application will not be refunded. Only on-the-ground projects are eligible. Projects must be completed within one year of approval. First time applicants receive priority.

FUNDING

The District may fund 70 percent of a project to a maximum of \$3500.00 which will be paid upon project completion verification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out all questions completely and include proposed costs. ***Incomplete applications will not be processed.***
2. A good site map with the location of each proposed practice clearly drawn out on the map must accompany the application.
3. Please include a sketch or drawing if necessary
4. Return the completed application no later than September 1.
5. You will be asked to present your project to the CCD board of Supervisors by phone or in person.

RANKING CRITERIA

All project applications are ranked on the merit of the project and benefit to a natural resource area of concern.

COST-SHARE CONTRACT

Upon acceptance of the project proposal, the District and Landowner(s) will enter into a signed contract for the practices funded. Projects must be completed within one year. Extensions may be considered. Projects must be maintained in order to be eligible for future cost share funding with the Conservation District.

PAYMENT

Only practices initiated and completed within the contract time frame will be reimbursed. The landowner is required to pay the up-front costs of the project. After completion of a project, the landowner will contact the Conservation District and submit all project expense receipts. A formal follow-up inspection will be conducted to determine that the project meets the standards set out by the contract agreement. Once approved, the landowner will be reimbursed according to actual expenses not to exceed \$3500.

CONSERVATION PLANNING WORKSHEET

Fill out all questions **completely**. **A site map must be included with this section of the application.**

Please identify the following features on your planning map for acreage affected by this project:

1. Any streams running through or adjacent to your land
2. Any woody draws and/or streamside trees/shrubs (riparian areas)
3. Natural or constructed ponds
4. Wetlands
5. Forestland
6. Corrals and pastures
7. Current fence lines

Please answer the following questions:

- ◆ Do you use an irrigation system? _____
If yes, what is the application system? _____
- ◆ Do you harvest timber? _____
- ◆ Do you have any noxious weeds on your land?
 - a. What kind? _____
(There are 32 weeds listed on the Montana Noxious Weed List)
 - b. Do you have a weed management plan with the county weed district? _____
(please attach a copy)
- ◆ Will livestock access the project area? _____
 - a. What type and how many? Cattle _____ Horses _____ Sheep _____ Goats _____
Pigs _____ Chickens _____ Other _____
 - b. How do you water your livestock? _____
(water source)
 - c. Do you have a grazing plan for your livestock? _____
(please attach a copy)
- ◆ Do you manage all or part of your land for wildlife habitat? _____
- ◆ How many acres do you have of -
 - Pasture _____
 - Range _____
 - Cropland _____
 - Forestland _____
 - Animal confinement _____

***PROJECT BENEFITS:** Which **natural resources** will be benefited and how will they be benefited?

*List other conservation measures that will be implemented to complement the project:

How will this project benefit adjacent landowners or public services such as fire suppression, utility access or monitoring? _____

Does the project have local support from public organizations such as government agencies, irrigation districts or other conservation organizations? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please explain: _____

Proposed Practices (check all that that you intend to request cost share for):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Streambank/shoreline protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream channel stabilization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/forb seedings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife habitat improvement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian forest buffers | <input type="checkbox"/> Tree/shrub plantings or shelterbelt restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stockwater pipeline | <input type="checkbox"/> Fencing for livestock mgmt. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversion replacement/upgrade | <input type="checkbox"/> Filter strips |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trough or tank (stockwater) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge /culvert replacement/upgrade | <input type="checkbox"/> Grassed waterways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish screen installation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire rehabilitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest stand improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest site preparation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration and improvement
of native plant communities | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation delivery ditch upgrade |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Weed control measures |

COST OF PROJECT (cost breakdown required per practice):

<u>Practice Description</u>	<u>Unit Amount</u>	<u>Cost per Unit</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
A) _____	_____	_____	_____
B) _____	_____	_____	_____
C) _____	_____	_____	_____
D) _____	_____	_____	_____
E) _____	_____	_____	_____

Total Project Cost \$ _____

Amount Requested from District \$ _____

(no more than 70% of total project cost allowed, with a maximum of \$3500/project)

List any in kind or cash contribution from other sources: _____

SIGNATURE:

I (we) hereby declare that the information, and all statements attached to this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor (if applicable) _____

* Use extra paper if necessary.

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION.
Only complete applications will be considered.

Cost Share Application Checklist

_____ Conservation Planning Worksheet & Site Map

_____ Project Map

_____ Practice Quantities

_____ Total Cost

_____ Layout of project with dimensions

_____ Cost per unit (NRCS guidelines can help)

_____ Cost Share Amount requested from CCD