

Wasco County Soil and Water Conservation District
Local Conservation Cost Share Program
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Start Date: July 1, 2005

Purposes:

1. To provide financial resources for local conservation education including workshops, demonstrations, and “hands-on” youth conservation education projects.
2. To provide financial and technical resources for implementation of conservation projects in Wasco County which benefit Wasco County residents, resources, and/or communities.
3. To assist with worthwhile projects that don't fit traditional funding sources including small projects in urban settings

Limitations: Annual Budget \$60,000; Allocated quarterly: \$20,000 ea. Q1, Q2; \$10,000 ea. Q3,Q4

Program Concept:

1. Application Form; Cover Page - fill in the blanks

Description of project (1 page)

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| a. What will be done | d. Environmental or other benefits |
| b. Who will do it | e. Budget |
| c. Where will it be done | f. Schedule |

2. Eligible Applicants

- a. Wasco County Residents / landowners
- b. Educational and Resource Organizations in Wasco County

3. Eligible Projects

- a. Conservation Projects and Conservation Education Projects which meet one of the stated purposes for this program.
- b. Irrigation projects that upgrade to hand/wheel lines or more efficient systems and that improve water-use or energy-use efficiency by a minimum of 15% either separately or in combination.

4. Cost Share / Cost Share rates

- a. Conservation Projects
 - (1) Rate 50% cost share not to exceed \$5,000, unless board exception granted
 - (2) Cost limits per current EQIP cost list
 - (3) Labor rates for match not to exceed BOLI prevailing labor rates handbook

5. Agreement Upon approval, grantee must sign agreement for proposed work including:

- a. Follow NRCS technical standards
- b. Authorize access for inspection of completed project
- c. Provide summary report (up to 1 page) on result of project and a before and after photograph.
- d. Provide copy of all receipts and permit(s) if required
- e. Maintain practice for minimum of 10 years.
- f. Complete project within 2 years of approval.

6. Due Date: Last Friday of the quarter for consideration at first board meeting of each quarter.

7. Processing.

- a. Quarters begin July 1, October 1, January 1, and April 1
- b. District staff will review applications, verify type (conservation or education), completeness, applicant and project eligibility, assign a priority based on the nature of the project consistent with District Long Range Plan priorities, and prepare a summary list for the board meeting.
- c. Board will consider applications at the first board meeting of each quarter for approval within the amounts appropriated for the program in the district budget. The board will generally limit amounts approved quarterly to the quarterly allocation. The board may consider modifying the annual budget only by the amount needed to adequately fund the last approved project for the fiscal year (<\$5,000).

