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Conservation Incentive Program

General Instructions

Benton SWCD Conservation Incentive Program, funded through local property taxes is available to help Benton County residents install conservation practices on their land. Project types are listed below. The program's primary goals are to protect and maintain water and soil quality. Completion of this application indicates that the landowner or lessee is agreeable to receiving technical assistance on the proposed project and follow specifications set forth by the Benton SWCD.

- The maximum payment awarded to a successful grant application is \$4,000. Benton SWCD would pay 50% of the project cost, up to \$4,000. Applicants are required to provide 50% of the project funds, which can be provided as labor costs, materials, cash, or financial assistance from other sources. If the application is requesting technical assistance funds, then the District would pay up to 75% of technical assistance costs and applicant pays 25% of requested funds.
- Equipment that is critically needed for the life of the conservation practice may be included in the project budget. (Please contact the Benton SWCD to verify equipment need.)
- Consultation fees and overhead costs will not be reimbursed by grant funding.
- A maximum of one grant may be awarded per landowner per District Fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th).
- An electronic version of the application form can be obtained at:
<http://www.bentonswcd.org/landowners>

Answer the questions in the attached application completely by typing or printing in blue or black ink. For ease of processing, we encourage you to type your answers using the electronic format application. Please be as clear and concise as possible in explaining your project. Maps and photographs may be attached to provide clarification to the written description. This application may be duplicated if needed. If applications are faxed or e-mailed to the District office, Benton SWCD is not responsible for applications not received by the deadline due to technical problems. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Examples of Project types

Manure storage facilities (dry stack, compost structures)	Native plantings for restoration
Livestock building gutter/roof runoff projects	Irrigation systems for water conservation
Permanent erosion control (filterstrips, field borders, grassed waterways)	Fencing to exclude livestock from surface water
Noxious/invasive weed removal associated with native plant restoration	Cover crops
Pasture management (cross-fencing, reseeding, grazing mgmt)	Forestry practices
Temporary erosion control (silt fences, straw wattles, etc.)	Heavy use area protection
Watering facilities away from sensitive areas for livestock	Vegetation management for desired species
Technical assistance to assure project implementation	Wildlife habitat enhancement/restoration

**BENTON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR CONSERVATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**



BSWCD funds requested _____
Round to nearest dollar

Total Project Cost _____
Round to nearest dollar

Name of Project (five words or fewer) _____

Project Location

Basin/Watershed

Township Range Section

County



Section 1. Applicant

Applicant (s):	
Applicant Address:	Zip:
Phone:	Email:



Section 2. Background

Yes No

1. Have you had planning assistance from Benton SWCD on the proposed project?
2. Has Benton SWCD made a site visit to your project site?
3. Is this application requesting funds for technical assistance?
 - If yes, please provide a letter of support confirming project is funded and will be implemented pending technical assistance provided through this grant.



Section 3. Natural Resource Concern, Practices, and Benefits

Clearly describe the natural resource concern (s) to be addressed (soil erosion, water quality, etc.). Please describe the current conditions of the project site and indicate proximity to surface water (including ditches, streams, ponds, etc.) if applicable. Include site map.

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Indicate the conservation practices you will install or describe measures you will implement to correct the problem area for which grant assistance is requested. Please indicate number of acres treated (ex.-buffer installed), length of treatment (length of fencing) or project size (square feet).

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Describe how the project will be maintained and monitored (i.e. frequency and scope of inspections, repairs anticipated, etc.).

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List and describe the benefits that are expected from project implementation (i.e. environmental, economic, quality of life, etc.)

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Section 4. Project budget

The budget describes how the Benton SWCD funds will be spent. Use this table to itemize projected costs for each of the following expense categories that apply to your project. Please use the accompanying practice cost list for the maximum costs allowed for individual practices. Please round figures up to the nearest whole dollar.

Note: A minimum of 50 % cost share/in-kind is required by the cooperator for the Conservation Incentive Program. If you are requesting technical assistance, a minimum 25 % cost share is required. Cost share/in kind can be provided as labor costs, materials, cash, or financial assistance from other sources. Landowner in kind labor shall be charged at \$12.50/hour.

Expense Category	No. of Units	Unit Cost	Cost Share In-Kind	BSWCD CAP Funds	Description (what will be purchased and who will provide it, if it is claimed as match.)
PROJECT MGT. (Payroll expenses)					
		\$	\$	\$	
TRAVEL (Check with http://scd.das.state.or.us/oam/scdpolicy/401000poa.htm for current rates)					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
CONTRACTED SERVICES (Work crews, establishing plants, equipment operation, etc.)					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
SUPPLIES/MATERIALS (Seed, fencing, pipes, gravel, logs, plants, film, etc.)					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
EQUIPMENT (See application instructions)					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
PRE-IMPLEMENTATION or (Design, permits, inspection)					
		\$	\$	\$	
		\$	\$	\$	
Project Total			\$	\$	Cost share/in-kind match must equal or exceed requested BSWCD CAP project funds. If requesting technical assistance funds, cost share must be 25% of total project cost