



Natural Resource Projects Cost Share Program and Application

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

The Uinta County Conservation District (UCCD) currently has funding available to provide cost-share assistance for natural resource related projects. The purpose of this cost-share program is to develop and implement projects that will improve and/or maintain the quality of natural resources in Uinta County. These natural resources include soil, water, air, plants and animals. All projects must provide public benefit.

As part of this program, technical assistance is available to assist the applicant in the planning, design, and engineering of the project. Other qualified personnel may be used at the applicant's discretion to provide technical support. However, all work plans must be approved by the UCCD Board of Supervisors to be considered for funding. In addition, a specific implementation plan and contract will be developed with the selected project applicants. The contract will be between the applicant and UCCD.

Applications are due by the first week of every month. Applicants are required to attend a UCCD board meeting within the month that they have applied in order to present the project and answer questions from the Board. Applications will be prioritized and funding decisions will be made by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors at their next regular board meeting.

When reviewing and selecting projects, the Board of Supervisors will determine how well the project meets the responsibilities of the conservation district as outlined in Conservation District Law, Wyoming State Statutes Title 11 Chapter 16. Other criteria that will be used when selecting projects will include:

1. Public Benefit
2. An assessment of the applicant's need for improvement
3. Resource concerns/potential benefits
4. Cost effectiveness
5. Board consensus on the benefits of the project

The cost-share programs main criteria for funding:

1. The funding will be at 50/50 cost share, 50% local money from the Conservation District and 50% match (hard dollars or in-kind; ex.applicant time, labor, and expenses)or match from other funding sources. Maximum cost share for this program is \$25,000 for one project.
2. If the project requires an engineered design or other technical assistance, the cost of that technical assistance, if not provided by NRCS or UCCD, will be included as part of the cost share program. UCCD will pay 50% of the cost of technical assistance up to \$5,000. Total engineering costs cannot exceed 10% of the total project cost.

Note: *the initial cost of the project is the responsibility of the applicant. The District will reimburse the applicant upon final inspection of the project and after receiving all applicable receipts for the actual costs of the project.*

- *There will be no cost share available for converting existing projects to energy saving projects.*
- *Drilling of new wells is **not** eligible for cost share.*
- *UCCD encourages producers to participate in available NRCS or FSA programs that meet their project needs.*
- *In-kind match contributions cannot exceed the cost of materials, based on a labor rate of \$12/hour*

Please fill out the attached project application as thorough as possible and return to the Conservation District.

NOTE:

- THIS PROGRAM IS BASED ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING AND WILL BE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.
- ALL APPLICATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL.
- PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.

Uinta County Conservation District
Natural Resource Cost Share Program
PROJECT APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Project name and detailed description (include purpose for the project): _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST \$ _____

*Please provide cost breakdown using sheet provided

Location of the project: Please attach a sketch or map of the project layout ie: location of house, roads, water sources, streams, wells, etc. Pictures are also beneficial

*if the project will be completed on public ground (i.e. state, BLM, Forest Service), a letter from the appropriate agency approving the project is required.

PUBLIC BENEFIT: Projects are required to provide a public benefit. Applicants are encouraged to fully document all public benefits, such as continued agricultural production to maintain open space and healthy ecosystems; enhanced opportunities for outdoor recreation; enhancements to air, land, or water quality; maintenance or enhancement of wildlife habitat; preclusion of soil loss or disease; or other perceived public benefits: _____

WATER QUALITY

How would this project have a significant impact on water quality? _____

SOIL CONSERVATION

How would this project enhance or protect soil? _____

HABIAT ENHANCEMENT

How would this project enhance habitat? _____

General Questions

Will your project address multiple resource concerns? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please explain: _____

Would you be willing to provide public education opportunities with this project? (news media, tours, school field trips, pictures, etc.) Explain _____

Are any of these practices cost-sharable through NRCS programs? Yes _____ No _____ Please explain: _____

Have you obtained or are you seeking funding from other partners? Yes _____ No _____ Please explain: _____

Are you willing to provide all necessary operation and maintenance to maintain the project after completion? Explain: _____

Additional details that may give UCCD a better understanding of your project (use another sheet if necessary): _____

Planned date of project implementation: Initiated: _____ Completed: _____

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Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

UCCD Board Member _____

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Permission is given to the Uinta County Conservation District to do an on-site visit to ensure criteria are met for project and take pictures as needed. The District will notify applicant in advance to set up date & time of visit.

Initial here _____

Return completed application to:

Uinta County Conservation District
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