



LIVESTOCK AND OTHER PASTURED ANIMALS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

CRITERIA FOR FUNDING

The Uinta County Conservation District (UCCD) currently has funding available to provide cost-share assistance to landowners wishing to minimize the impact of a livestock operation on adjacent waterways. The purpose of this cost-share program is to provide incentives to landowners for the rearrangement or relocation of corrals and feeding areas that have the potential to negatively impact water quality. Storm water run-off from corrals often contain bacteria (many of which are human pathogens), nutrients, sediment, and organic materials which are delivered to local streams. By minimizing the impacts of these storm waters, landowners also reduce their risk of possible regulatory enforcement actions.

As part of this program, technical assistance can be provided to assist the landowner in the planning, design, and engineering of the project. Other qualified personnel may be used at the landowner's discretion to provide technical support. However, the proposed project design 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 applicant. The contract will be between the landowner and UCCD.

Applications will be prioritized and selected by the Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Landowners are encouraged to meet with the Conservation District Board of Supervisors during the approval process.

Although not required, an information and education component, which could include a tour of the project, is highly recommended as a way to encourage similar projects throughout the watershed. However, the Board does not wish to exclude projects with a high potential for improving water quality that might not otherwise participate.

The criteria used when prioritizing applications include:

1. The location in respect to impaired waterbodies
2. An assessment of the landowner's risk or need for improvement
3. Water quality concerns/potential benefits
4. Cost effectiveness
5. Group 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% local match (hard dollars or in-kind; ex. landowner time, labor, and expenses)

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

Please fill out the attached project application as thorough as possible and return to the Conservation District. For assistance with the application, see the Application Guidance document at the end of this application packet. Once the District receives your application, you will be contacted to set up an appointment for a site visit by District personnel.

For additional information contact the Uinta County Conservation District at: 787-3070, www.uintacountycd.com, or by email at ksabey.uccd@gmail.com.

***NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING AND PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT ANY TIME.**

Uinta County Conservation District
Livestock and Other Pastured Animals Improvement Program
PROJECT APPLICATION

Landowner/Operator _____

Technical Contact Person _____

Address _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Phone _____

Project name and brief description: _____

Location of the project: (please attach a sketch of the operation's layout ie: location of house, roads, water sources, streams, wells, etc.)

Waterbodies potentially impacted: _____

Distance to surface water: _____

Groundwater depth _____

Number/type of livestock: _____

Is the operation permitted? Y N

Duration/Time of Use: _____

Potential Water Quality Concerns: Include any additional narratives, photographs, drawings, etc. if available. In addition, please include any water quality information supporting the need for the project if available.

Type of structural and/or management practices possible to improve water quality. Additional information on structural or management practices:

Tentative Initiation (month/year): _____

Tentative Completion(month/year): _____

Amount of cost share funds requested:\$ _____

Estimated total project cost:\$ _____

If application is selected, a more detailed project cost will be required.

Possible Information/Education efforts(recommended to demonstrate value of improvements):

Signature of Landowner: _____

Date _____

Permission is given to the Uinta County Conservation District/Steering Committee to do an on-site visit to ensure criteria are met for project. The District will notify landowner in advance to set up date & time of visit.

Initial here _____

Return completed application to:

Uinta County Conservation District
P.O. Box 370
Lyman, WY 82937
ksabey.uccd@gmail.com

Livestock and Animal Feeding Operations

Self-Assessment and Program Eligibility

INSTRUCTIONS: This form is intended to be used by livestock/domestic animal owners to evaluate the potential risk factors of their operation. If you need assistance with completing the form, please contact the Uinta County Conservation District.

All livestock producers should address water quality issues. You can begin assessing your own operation by asking yourself the question "Do wastes from my facility discharge, or have the potential to discharge, into any surface or ground water?" If the answer is yes, your operation may have an impact on water quality that should be addressed.

Features of the Operation	High Risk	Low Risk
LOCATION CONSIDERATIONS		
Does the area of confinement or feeding impact a surface waterbody that is designated as impaired by the State of Wyoming? (see below)	YES	NO
Do livestock/domestic animals have direct and constant access to a stream or other surface waterbody (irrigation ditch, pond, reservoir, etc.)?	YES	NO
Is the distance from the area of confinement or feeding to a stream or other surface waterbody less than 100 feet?	YES	NO
Is the area of confinement or feeding located within a floodplain?	YES	NO
Does the terrain slope towards a stream or other surface waterbody?	YES	NO
If applicable, is the slope of the terrain greater than 3%?	YES	NO
SITE/CONDITION CONSIDERATIONS		
Does the area of confinement or feeding support perennial vegetation?	YES	NO
If present, is the buffer between the area of confinement or feeding and the stream or surface waterbody well-vegetated with a mixture of perennial grasses, forbes, and woody species?	YES	NO
Does run-off from within the area of confinement or feeding discharge into a stream or other surface waterbody?	YES	NO
Is there run-off from upslope areas, building roofs, or other sources that passes through the area of confinement or feeding prior to entering a stream or other surface waterbody?	YES	NO
OPERATION/MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
Is the entire acreage used as an area of confinement and/or feeding on a continuous, season-long basis?	YES	NO
Is manure/animal waste stockpiled in or near a stream or other surface waterbody?	YES	NO
Is the riparian area/floodplain fenced so that it can be managed separately from the area of confinement or feeding?	YES	NO
Does the operation have a grazing plan that considers the frequency and intensity of grazing and provides a rest opportunity during the growing season?	YES	NO

If after completing the above self-assessment you discover the majority of your responses fall into a high risk category, it is recommended that you explore options to address impacts.

Uinta County Waterbodies listed as "impaired" for bacteria by the State of Wyoming
 Smiths Fork River
 Blacks Fork River

UCCD Livestock and Animal Feeding Operations Cost Share Program

Application Guidance

Description of Project including:

Description of existing facility

- Define purpose of existing facility
 - Working corral
 - Feedlot
 - Combination corral/feedlot
 - Calving facility
 - Other - describe

- Give basic dimensions of existing facility
 - Overall outside dimension of lot or corral or overall square footage of workable space
 - List number of internal pens

- Describe existing working accessories, i.e. loading chutes, working alleys, crowd tubs, scales, feed bunks, etc.
 - Include length of feed bunk space (if applicable)
 - Describe if existing accessories are permanent or portable

- Describe existing buildings & approximate size
 - (for example) barns, open sheds, calving barns, feed storage sheds, etc.

Detailed description of proposed facility

- Describe purpose of new facility
 - Same as existing
 - Enlarged facility **
 - Describe enlargement

 - Expanded use
 - Describe change of use: (for example) added feedlot to working corrals, added additional working accessories, etc.

- Submit simple drawing of proposed facility with approximate dimensions showing internal pens and buildings
 - Show all permanent working accessories
 - Show waterlines, tanks, lighting, bunk lines, etc.

- Describe new building structures
 - Uses
 - Form of construction

Cost sharable items*:

Corral or feedlot construction materials

- Permanent fence construction materials

Site Preparation and Excavation including Reclamation of existing facility

- Needed structures related to the facility or needed BMPs

***Values must be based on actual bid estimates**

**** Expansion of facilities can occur at cost of producer**

Items Not Available for Cost Share:

1. Any item that is portable and not permanently tied to the facility. Such as:

- Portable loading chutes
- Portable squeeze chutes
- Panels

2. Any additional buildings other than those found in the existing facility.

3. Excessive expansion of facilities over and above what is needed to provide adequate manageable space.

Items Used For Match:

- cash
- labor
- equipment
- materials
- grant assistance