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COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Program Objectives

To provide incentives for citizens and groups within the Lower Wind River Conservation District to implement natural resource conservation practices to address soil erosion, water quality and quantity, energy conservation, improving wildlife habitat, and beautify the natural landscape along public corridors.

Project Examples (may include but are not limited to)

- Educational events with an emphasis on natural resource conservation
- Bio-retention (rain collection, permeable pavements)
- Demonstration projects for energy or water conservation (solar power, wind turbines)
- Soil erosion projects
- Xeriscaping (dry-climate species to replace traditional lawn)

Funding Level

The Lower Wind River Conservation District will cost-share 50% of the total project cost up to a maximum cost share of \$5,000.00. We will match cash expenditures with receipts only. In-kind contributions will be capped at 25% of the total project cost and will be based on a labor rate of \$20.00 per hour. Only one grant will be awarded per citizen or group per fiscal year (July 1—June 30). After project completion and inspection, a check will be issued to the cost-share recipient based on signed receipts and documentation of in-kind contributions.

Selection Process

All applications are due **May 1**. Cost-share recipients will be selected and payment decisions will be made by the Lower Wind River Conservation District Board of Supervisors during the May meeting following the application deadline. The LWRCD will contact applicants following the May meeting to inform them of the LWRCD Board of Supervisors decision for their project. Cost-share recipients will have one year to complete the project.

**LOWER WIND RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COST-SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Name/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Primary Contact: _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Location of Project: Please include a detailed description of the location and/ or include a map showing where the project will take place. _____

Project Description: Describe what you propose to do in detail (attach plans), the projected life-span of the project and how the project will be maintained.

Estimated total project cost: Please include a proposed budget for the project.

Project Justification: Describe how the project meets the program objectives and how it benefits others.

APPLICATION DUE IN THE OFFICE BY MAY 1