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## **RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT COST-SHARE PROGRAM**

### **Program Objectives**

To provide incentives for landowners within the Lower Wind River Conservation District to implement natural resource conservation practices that address soil erosion, water quality, and quantity, energy conservation, or improving wildlife habitat. This program is for those landowners who can't typically qualify for federal farm bill programs.

### **Project Examples (may include but are not limited to)**

Irrigation Water Management	Soil Health Improvement
Streambank stabilization	Solar stock pumps
Spring developments	Windbreaks
Wetland enhancement	Fish habitat improvement
Fencing (project justification required-see below)	

### **Funding Level**

The Lower Wind River Conservation District will provide a cost-share of 50% of the total project cost, up to a maximum of \$10,000.00. Cost share funds will be matched to cash expenditures based on submitted receipts. In-kind contributions will be capped at 25% of the total project cost and valued at a labor rate of \$20.00 per hour. Each landowner is eligible for one grant per fiscal year (July 1—June 30). After project completion and inspection, the board will review and payment will be issued to the cost-share recipient based on signed receipts and documentation of in-kind contributions.

### **Selection Process**

Applications are available on our website or at our office. The deadline to apply is **May 1st**

1. All applications must be for proposed projects; completed projects will not be accepted or reviewed.
2. If a design is required, the applicant must contact LWRCD staff at least 30 days before the application deadline to discuss design specifications and criteria. Any changes to the project after design review will require LWRCD board approval.
3. If the project changes from design review, LWRCD board approval is required.
4. Upon completion, LWRCD staff will inspect the project to ensure it meets the approved design criteria.

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 on 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  
APPLICATION FOR  
RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT COST-SHARE PROGRAM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location Address if different from Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Land Description:**

Do you own or lease this property? (circle one) OWN LEASE Term of Lease \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:** Please provide a detailed description of your proposed plan, including the project's expected lifespan and the strategies for its operation and maintenance (O&M).

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**Project Justification:** Describe how the project meets the program objectives and how it enhances any of the following: a) Ag production b) land/soil health c) water quality d) water quantity e) fish/wildlife. Also please provide how the project may benefit others.

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**Estimated total project cost:** Please provide a price estimate for your project and attach a cost/bid estimate.

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**Please include the attached checklist and associated items with the application:**

- Detailed map of the project and where the project will take place.
  
- Communication indicating you have consulted with our office and/or Engineer about the applicability and feasibility of your project.
  
- Please provide the proposed timeframe for your project, including the anticipated start and completion dates. The LWRCD Board of Supervisors rank and award projects at their May meeting. If awarded, applicants can start on projects directly after receiving notice. Cost-share recipients will have one year to complete the project.

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The LWRCD encourages you to attach any additional relevant information including pictures, that will help the board make a well-informed decision on your project request.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE LWRCD OFFICE BY MAY 1**