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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 improve wildlife habitat. This program is for landowners who typically can't 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
Fish and wildlife habitat improvement	Fencing (clear program objective required)

*Projects that do not qualify: Tile drain and maintenance projects*

### Funding Level

The LWRCD will provide a 50% cost-share 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 and are applicable only to **new materials**. In-kind labor contributions will be capped at 25% of the total project cost and valued at \$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 the submitted documentation, and funding will be disbursed to the cost-share recipient based on signed receipts and documentation of in-kind contributions.

Budget Example:

Anticipated Materials	\$4,000
Excavation Work / Equipment Rental	\$6,000
In-Kind Labor (capped at 25% see Funding Level)	\$2,000
Total	\$12,000
<b>Cost-Share Funding Requested from LWRCD</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

### 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.
3. Cost-share recipient applications will be reviewed and selected by the LWRCD Board of Supervisors during the monthly meeting following the application deadline.
4. The LWRCD staff will notify applicants. Cost-share recipients will have one year to complete the project.

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

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Location / Physical Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Land Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own or lease this property?**  OWN  LEASE **Term of Lease:** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many years have you owned or leased this property?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:** Provide a detailed description of your proposed plan, including the project's expected lifespan and the strategies for its operation and maintenance (O&M). Use additional pages or attach a complete description separately if needed.

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**Project Justification:** Which program objective does the project enhance:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Production                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quantity          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land / Soil Health (erosion, soil stability) | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife Habitat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                                |  |

**Estimated total project cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the total estimated project cost in the Estimated Budget table below. Attach cost details or an itemized bid if available. Organize by category (see example) with subtotals for application review. Estimating in-kind labor at the application stage will likely be uncertain.

*Note: In-kind contributions are capped at 25% of the total project cost and must be valued at \$20 per hour.*

ESTIMATED BUDGET	
	\$
	\$
	\$
Total	\$

**Anticipated Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Anticipated End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

The LWRCD encourages you to include any additional relevant materials, such as photos or supporting documents, that will assist the board in thoroughly evaluating your funding request.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO THE LWRCD OFFICE BY MAY 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

By checking the boxes and signing below, I certify the following:

- I am the authorized Applicant Representative of the Applicant Entity applying for this grant.
- The information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that information submitted as part of this Grant Application is public information subject to public requests under the Wyoming Public Records Act, and I am responsible for ensuring compliance.
- I understand that if grant funds are awarded, it is my responsibility to identify any permits needed to complete this project and to obtain all necessary permits prior to project implementation.
- I have communicated with LWRCD Staff/Engineer regarding project feasibility prior to this application and provided:
  - Detailed map of the project and project location
  - Approximate project budget (line-itemized)
  - Landowner Concurrence Form if applicable  
*(required when the project affects neighboring parcels)*

I acknowledge and certify that all statements above are accurate and that all checked items are included with this application.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_