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

### **Program Objectives**

To provide incentive 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
Stream bank stabilization	Solar stock pumps
Spring developments	Windbreaks
Wetland enhancement	Fish habitat improvement

Fencing for riparian areas

Fencing for projects that enhance natural resources listed on the application under project justification.

### **Funding Level**

The Lower Wind River Conservation District will cost-share 50% of the total project cost up to a maximum cost-share of \$10,000.00. 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 \$15.00 per hour. Only one grant will be awarded per landowner 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**

Application packets are available on our website or in our office. All applications are due **March 1 or September 1**.

1. All applications must be for proposed projects. Completed projects will not be accepted or reviewed.
2. If a design is needed, the applicant must contact the LWRCD staff to work with applicant on design specifications/criteria before application deadline.
3. If project changes from design review, LWRCD board approval is required.
4. Staff will inspect completed projects to certify it meets 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 March or September meeting following the application deadline. The LWRCD will contact applicants following the March and September meetings 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address (if different then above) \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Land Description:**

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

Please include the land description (Township/Range/Section or coordinates) 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.

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

**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 benefits others.

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