

Cost-Share Application Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

The Bitterroot Conservation District Board has set aside \$20,000 per year from its funding to sponsor conservation measures within Ravalli County. These are Ravalli County tax dollars. Therefore all projects have to be done within Ravalli County.

PROGRAM LIMITATIONS

The Cost-Share program is available to any private sector landowner with property within Ravalli County. There is a limit of one project per person or group per year. All projects must be completed within one year of approval. Projects may be composed of multiple practices. Only on the ground projects are eligible. No studies or research projects will be funded.

FUNDING

The District will fund up to 50 percent of a project to a maximum of \$3,000 to be paid upon project completion.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out all questions completely including proposed costs. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
2. ***Enclose a good map with the location of each proposed practice clearly drawn out on the map***
3. One application can have multiple practices on it. (EXAMPLE: Spring development, Fencing, revegetation and weed control)

RANKING CRITERIA

All project applications are ranked on the merit of the project proposal and benefit to the resource.

COST-SHARE CONTRACT

Upon acceptance of the project, the District and Landowner(s) will enter into a signed contract for the practices funded.

PROJECT LIFE-SPAN

Projects must be maintained for the "life-span" of the practice. For example: Fencing 10 years, etc.

PAYMENT

Only practices initiated and completed within the contract time frame will be reimbursed. The landowner must pay the up front costs of the project. When the project has been inspected upon completion, and the landowner has turned in the receipts, the landowner will then be reimbursed for up to 50% of the project.