

GUIDELINES

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-grants for Conservation Districts

Application Deadline: August 19, 2016

PACD is offering conservation districts up to \$2,500 to implement educational and outreach activities that support and extend the work of the CREP Program. Projects should focus on CREP enrollment, re-enrollment and/or CREP maintenance.

Timeline

- Deadline to apply: August 19, 2016
- Announce recipients: August 31, 2016
- Deadline for final reports: June 9, 2017

Target Audience

The mini-grant projects should focus primarily on landowners but others such as contractors, municipal officials, watershed organizations and homeowners would also benefit from the outreach.

Project Examples

- Maintenance walk-about/field days/one-on-one visits—District staff will walk through the CREP practice with landowners and assist them in addressing needed upkeep with the practice. This measure will provide maintenance support to ensure that the best management practices (BMPs) are working properly, therefore improving local water quality. This will also directly impact future re-enrollments as one of the major reasons individuals are not re-enrolling in the program is due to lack of proper maintenance, thereby making them ineligible for re-enrollment in the CREP program.
- Farmer or landowner meetings and educational workshops—District staff will hold these events to educate landowners on the CREP program, answer any questions they have, and promote enrollment in the program.
- Riparian Buffers—District staff will assist the landowners in the installation of riparian forest buffers by promoting this CREP practice.

Eligible Expenses

Grants pay for eligible expenses on a reimbursement basis. Please submit your reimbursement request with your final report. The following items are NOT considered reimbursable expenses: equipment and novelty items including t-shirts, magnets, pens, etc. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current approved state rate.



Materials Review

All project related materials, including brochures, signs, presentations, etc. must be reviewed by PACD's Director of Communications & Education prior to publication/presentation.

Evaluation & Reporting

Evaluations are required for mini-grant workshops, field days and walk-about. Grantees are also required to submit a mid-term and final report to PACD. Templates for the evaluation, mid-term and final reports are available here: <http://pacd.org/education/crepgrants>.

Application

Click <http://pacd.org/education/crepgrants> to apply for the CREP mini-grant program.

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