

Whidbey Island Conservation District
Resolution No. 18_03_1

Cost Share

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature authorizes the entering into agreements...”to furnish financial or other aid...to any occupier of lands within the district in carrying on of preventative and control measures and works of improvement for the conservation of renewable natural resources,” RCW 89.08.220; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Conservation Commission Policy, #13-05 Cost Share Assistance Policy, authorizes local conservation district board to establish annual cost share ratios and landowner labor rates within policy parameters; and

WHEREAS, the Whidbey Island Conservation District (WICD) Board of Supervisors determines entering into such agreements will likely increase participation of land occupiers to implement USDA NRCS approved conservation practices which will benefit natural resources and the public; and

WHEREAS, the WICD Board of Supervisors would like to establish cost share policies to provide adequate incentives for conservation practice implementation on Whidbey Island;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the WICD Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the establishment of the following cost share policies for state fiscal year 2018 and 2019 cost share funds awarded by the Washington State Conservation Commission for Whidbey Island:

1. Determination of “Total Project Cost” for Table 1 of the cost share contract
 - a. For the following conservation practices, Total Project Cost will be determined on the basis of actual contractor bids for the specific projects, and/or on contractor bid amounts for similar projects on Whidbey island, as interpreted by assigned WICD staff.
 - i. Waste Storage Facility,
 - ii. Roof
 - iii. Heavy Use Area Protection
 - iv. Fence
 - v. Underground Outlet (if greater than 150 feet in length)
 - b. For other conservation practices, Total Project Cost will be calculated as follows from the “non-HU (Historically Underserved)” payment rates in the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) “Washington-EQIP Combined” incentive payments list for the current federal fiscal year. Rates in this schedule are based on 75 percent of project cost (i.e. the 75 percent cost basis).
 - i. Divide the non-HU payment rate by 0.75 to convert to the 100 percent cost basis amount.
 - ii. Multiply the 100 percent cost basis amount by 1.5 to more closely approximate actual construction cost on Whidbey Island. The resulting product is the Total
 - iii. Project Cost for the contract.
2. Cost share assistance rate of reimbursement will be made for implementation of ordinary and customary NRCS conservation practices at 50%, 75%, or 90% (as in a., b., c., and d. below) of actual, eligible cost, not to exceed the “Eligible SCC Funding/Maximum” amounts specified in Table 1 of each individual contract. Additive cost share from all sources shall not exceed 100% of total project eligible expenses.

- a. Reimbursement will be at 50% for projects with total points from the WICD FY 2018-2019 Cost Share Ranking Matrix (WICD Matrix) of between 20 and 39.
 - b. Reimbursement will be at 75% for projects with total WICD Matrix points of 40 or more that do not meet the additional requirements of c. below.
 - c. Reimbursement will be at 90% for projects with total WICD Matrix points of 40 or more, for which the applicant(s) meet the current USDA criteria for Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning Farmers, and/or Veteran Farmers.
 - d. Reimbursement may be made at 90% for implementation of demonstration, education, and pilot projects.
3. Actual, Eligible Costs for contracted practices may include any combination of
- a. Contractor charges
 - b. Materials purchases (not to include purchase of tools or equipment)
 - c. Labor costs actually paid to employees, as properly documented
 - d. Cooperator's own labor and labor provided at no monetary cost, as by family members and friends, is valued at the amount of \$22.00 per hour for persons 16 years of age and older, and at the Washington State established minimum wage for persons younger than 16 years of age.
 - e. Use of cooperator's own equipment is valued according to the most recent USDA Farm Service Agency Skagit and Snohomish area County Committee equipment and implements rates. (These rates include operator and fuel.)

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Edward Adams, Chair



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