



RANCHING FOR RIVERS

Cost Share Application

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as long as funding is available. Applications will be reviewed by the Montana Association of Conservation District's Water Committee and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Contract Manager during quarterly meetings.

This funding is available as pass through from Clean Water Act, Section 319, and has been made available to SWCDM from Montana DEQ. Funding is available for 50% of all materials, use of equipment, and labor. All projects must be within the geographic area of a DEQ-accepted Watershed Restoration Plan. Successful applications will receive the services of a range specialist to develop customized grazing plans for each project (at no additional cost to the landowner). It should be noted that each project will be required to submit a grazing management plan for the project area, developed in conjunction with a professional range specialist and approved by the landowner, by the end of the project period (approximately one year from award date).

Please include a map of the project area as well as photos of the proposed project area. If you need assistance with a map, please contact Jessica Makus, SWCDM, jessica@macdnet.org.

Project funding is on a reimbursement basis.

SWCDM will conduct limited pre-project monitoring to establish a starting point for riparian habitat improvement for all successful applications and will require photos documenting project completion before awarding payment.

Please fill & return to Jessica Makus, SWCDM, jessica@macdnet.org

Or by mail to: Soil & Water Conservation Districts, 1101 11th Avenue, Helena, MT 59601

Application Checklist:

- ✓ Complete Application
- ✓ Complete Budget Estimation
- ✓ Signature of Landowner
- ✓ Map of Project Area
- ✓ Photos of Project Area

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Applicant Information

Applicant Name:

Landowner Name (if different from applicant):

Signature of Landowner:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

Is this project part of an overall conservation plan for the ranch? If so, please explain:

Location of Project

Conservation District or other organization you are working with:

County:

Watershed Restoration Plan

Watershed Restoration Plan Name:

River or stream where project is located:

DEQ-Listed Impairments (if known):

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Project Description

Please give a brief description of the project:

Please explain how this project fits in with conservation goals of the ranch:

Project Timeline

Estimated completion date of project:

Additional Funding Sources

Have you applied for additional funding sources? If so, please list:

Secured funding sources:

Fencing Project Information

Estimated feet of fencing:

Type of fencing to be installed:

Estimated acreage affected:

Estimated streambank mileage affected:

Estimated total fencing project cost:

***Reimbursements based on set maximum costs allowed per practice. (See Appendix 1 for maximum cost guidelines. Reimbursement will be for 50% of total estimated project cost)*

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Water Development Project Information

Type of water development to be installed:

Estimated feet of pipeline:

Estimated water storage:

Estimated stream crossing:

Estimated total water development project cost:

***Reimbursements based on set maximum costs allowed per practice. (See Appendix 1 for maximum cost guidelines. Reimbursement will be for 50% of total estimated project cost)*

Labor

Estimated hours of labor and rate per hour:

Total Labor Cost:

***DEQ has set specific guidelines for acceptable labor rates. If you plan to include labor, please find this document [here](#), or contact Jessica Makus for more details, jessica@macdnet.org.*

Equipment

Estimated Type of Equipment and Equipment Use Cost:

Other Costs

List any other costs associated with the project (be specific):

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Total Estimated Project Cost

Total Project Budget	Cost
Fencing	\$
Water Infrastructure	\$
Labor	\$
Equipment	\$
Other	\$
Total	\$

Funding assistance requested (maximum is 50% of the total cost): _____
Reimbursement for installation of approved riparian cost-share practices up to 50% of the total project costs not to exceed set maximum costs allowed per practice. (See Appendix 1 for maximum cost guidelines)

****Please attach a map of the proposed project to this application. Maps can be obtained through Google Earth or other free mapping services. Please contact Jessica Makus if you need assistance with a project map.**

**Questions on this application?
Contact Jessica Makus, 406-443-5711
jessica@macdnet.org**

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Appendix 1. Maximum Cost-Share Allowed for Ranch for Rivers Projects*

Instructions for calculating cost-share: Please determine the amount of each item needed for your project. Add up the total cost per unit and divide that total by half to determine your funding request. Alternatively, you may use the “Accepted Cost-Share Value per Unit”, which has already been divided by half, and calculate the total funding request.

CODE	PRACTICE	COMPONENT	UNITS	UNIT COST	ACCEPTED COST-SHARE VALUE PER UNIT
382	Fence	Barbed or Smooth Wire	Foot	\$1.26	\$0.63
382	Fence	Wire Difficult	Foot	\$1.87	\$0.935
382	Fence	Electric	Foot	\$1.33	\$0.665
382	Fence	Protection, Sensitive Areas	Foot	\$3.76	\$1.88
516	Livestock Pipeline	PVC,IPS,HDPE/PE, Iron Pipe Buried 30 inches or less	Foot	\$1.08	\$0.54
516	Livestock Pipeline	Surface HDPE/PE, Iron Pipe on Surface	Foot	\$0.60	\$0.30
516	Livestock Pipeline	Steel, Iron Pipe Buried 30 inches or less	Foot	\$3.20	\$1.60
516	Livestock Pipeline	Surface Steel, Iron Pipe	Foot	\$2.51	\$1.255
516	Livestock Pipeline	PVC,IPS,HDPE/PE, frost free burial 5 feet or more	Foot	\$1.20	\$0.60
516	Livestock Pipeline	Adverse Condition, HDPE/PE below ground and frost line, frost free burial 5 feet or more	Foot	\$3.09	\$1.545
578	Stream Crossing	Hard-Armored Low-Water Crossing: rock riprap or cast in place concrete	Square Foot	\$2.64	\$1.32
578	Stream Crossing	Low-Water Stream using Prefab. Products: precast concrete blocks, geo-cells, pavers, or gabions	Square Foot	\$4.32	\$2.16
614	Watering Facility	Permanent Drinking Tank w/ Storage, less than 500 gallons	Gallon	\$1.73	\$0.865
614	Watering Facility	Permanent Drinking Tank w/ Storage, 500-1,000 gallons	Gallon	\$1.49	\$0.745
614	Watering Facility	Permanent Drinking Tank w/ Storage, 1,000-5,000 gallons	Gallon	\$1.33	\$0.665
614	Watering Facility	Permanent Drinking Tank w/ Storage, greater than 5,000 gallons	Gallon	\$0.61	\$0.305
614	Watering Facility	Winter Tank w/ Storage	Gallon	\$2.23	\$1.115
649	Structures for Wildlife	Fence Markers	Foot	\$0.13	\$0.065
649	Structures for Wildlife	Escape Ramp: installed in watering facilities to avoid wildlife drowning	Each	\$66.86	\$33.43

Values derived from USDA NRCS approved cost-share practices for Fiscal Year 2017 USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.

**While we tried to be comprehensive in the above list of accepted practices, we realize that there are always exceptions and unique situations. Please feel free to submit special requests and they will be considered along with the above listed practices.*

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