

# Grant Policy – FY25 Cottonwood-Middle Minnesota Watershed Implementation Grant *(Approved June 5, 2025)*

Grant # C25-0341

PROJECT BUDGET	Contract Type	State + Non-State Funding %	State Funding Alone %	Maximum Cost-Share Per Project	GRANT	CASH MATCH	BUDGET TOTAL
<b>Agricultural Practices</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE Based</b>	<b>95%</b> Not to exceed 100% with recommendation from Tech Committee and RCRCa approval	<b>Up to 85%</b>  May be exceeded if applicable, see policy	Projects proposed at 100% must align with Plan priorities and the cost-benefit ratio. Must be RCRCa approved.			
WASCOBs, filter strips, grassed waterways, grade stabilizations, side water inlets, terraces, diversions, or other practice as listed in NRCS FOTG.	Applicable NRCS FOTG Practice Standard or professionally-engineered practice	Install by Grant Agreement end date	Life of Practice (Yrs): as listed in NRCS guidelines	<b>\$150,000</b> Projects greater than \$150,000 must be recommended by the Technical Committee and RCRCa approved.	\$902,000	\$175,837	\$1,077,837
<b>Non-Structural Management Practices</b>	<b>FLAT RATE (1,2 and 3-yr options)</b>	Payment after 1 <sup>st</sup> planting/certification. Spot check each additional year by local staff. Maps & acres <i>(round down to whole number)</i> are required for each contract year.		<b>W-9 &amp; Tennessean Warning Notice required. 1099 will be issued. 320-acre cap for all cover crop and tillage management practice contracts.</b>			
Cover Crops	NRCS FOTG Standard 340	Install by Grant Agreement end date	Life of Practice (Yrs): Cover Crops – 1	Single or Multi Species \$60/ac/yr	\$384,000	\$0	\$384,000
Residue & Tillage Management	NRCS FOTG Standard 329	Install by Grant Agreement end date	Life of Practice (Yrs): No Till or Strip Till – 1	\$35/acre/year			
<b>Groundwater Practices</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE Based</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>				
Well Decommissioning of unused or abandoned wells	NRCS FOTG Standard 351	Install by Grant Agreement end date	Life of Practice (Yrs): Decommissioning - 20	Up to \$1,000 per well	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$40,000
<b>SSTS</b>	<b>INCENTIVE</b>			<b>W-9 &amp; Tennessean Warning Notice required. 1099 will be issued.</b>			
Funding application by landowner (loan or grant) and Eligibility Worksheet are required.		Install by Grant Agreement end date	<u>Incentive Criteria:</u> Monetary or other considerations that are in addition to other financial assistance.	\$5,000 per SSTS for Imminent Public Health Threat or Failure to Protect Groundwater	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000

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Administration		Invoices will be submitted according to hours worked, billable rates, and description of services.	\$195,000	\$0	\$195,000
Technical/Engineering Assistance	Technical site assessment, surveys, preliminary analysis and design, final design, construction supervision, installation, inspection and completion of projects. Technical approval authority sign-off by credentialed staff, staff with NRCS Job Approval Authority, or TSA/private engineer.	Invoices will be submitted according to hours worked, billable rates, and description of services.	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
Project Development	Project support activities such civic engagement, public outreach, initial contacts, actions and activities with landowners and/or partners; preliminary information gathering, conservation marketing or other activities. Emphasize MAWQCP. Staff time can be utilized for project development.	Invoices will be submitted according to hours worked, billable rates, and description of services.	\$107,370	\$0	\$107,370
Planning/Assessment	Development of specific plans or special studies such as nutrient management plans, farm planning/ certification, LIDAR analysis, subwatershed assessment, feedlot inspection and compliance plans, and *Multipurpose Drainage Management Plans. <b>(*See Policy Below)</b> Staff time can be utilized for assistance with Planning/Assessment activities.	1 plan Invoices will be submitted according to hours worked, billable rates, description of services, and for products produced.	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000
Education/Information	Funding for field days, educational displays, direct mailings, postage and other media as requested. Staff time can be utilized for development of educational materials.	Invoices will be submitted according to hours worked, billable rates, description of services, and for products produced including mailings, brochures, and other educational efforts.	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
TOTAL			\$1,958,370	\$ 195,837	\$2,154,207