



# Pipestone County Conservation & Zoning

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## 2026 Soil Health Equipment Grant Application

| Name | Phone | Email | Address | City | State | ZIP |
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Please give a brief description of your current farming operation:

How many acres do you currently farm?

Is your farming operation growing, shrinking or remaining the same?

How many years have you been farming?

Do you currently do any custom farm work? If so, what kind?

What piece of equipment would you purchase with these grant funds?

Would this piece of equipment be used for custom work?

Anticipated cost of equipment:

When would you anticipate purchasing the equipment?

Have you ever received any grant funds for equipment in the past? If so please provide the date, equipment description and amount awarded to you:

In 500 words or less, describe the goals of this soil health equipment purchase and how it will improve the productivity of your operation. Identify the soil health limitations currently affecting your farm and explain how this equipment will address those challenges. Describe how the purchase will change your current management practices (tillage, cover crop usage, pest management), including your current nutrient management approach (e.g. fertilizer sources, application timing, placement and rates) and how these practices will improve with this equipment:

\*The Pipestone SWCD Soil Health Equipment Grant offers grant funding for the purchase or retrofit of approved soil health equipment. The grant reimburses 50% of the total purchase price, with a maximum award of \$50,000. This funding applies only to the initial purchase of eligible equipment. Purchases cannot be made until after the grant has been awarded and the contract signed, and all purchases must occur within one year of the award date. Equipment purchased through this grant must not be sold or traded for seven years from the purchase date. Exceptions are allowed for equipment upgrades serving the same purpose; other exceptions require approval from the SWCD board. Grant funds available to Pipestone County residents only.