

EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Residential or Commercial Drip Irrigation / Low Flow Water Devices Cost Share Program

1. All projects are based on the fiscal year from July 1st through June 30th. Applications are considered on a first come, first served basis.
2. All mil levy contributions are eligible for the program. The property tax bill must show that the cost-share applicant owns the land or further proof will be required.
3. Cost-share is paid 25% by the resident and 75% by the East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District (ETSWCD). Cost-share is for PARTS ONLY. Cost-share will not pay for labor.
4. Determination will be made by ETSWCD. Written notice of acceptance or rejection of application will be provided.
5. Projects must be completed within sixty (60) days from the date of approval or by June 1st, whichever comes first.
6. A full account of all costs must be submitted with paid receipts upon project completion notification. If a contractor's invoice is submitted, this must include a summary page with line-item charges and explanation of charge. Cost-share is not paid on gross receipts tax (GRT). If GRT is not itemized on the receipts provided, GTR will be assumed to be included and calculated for cost deduction.
7. A maximum of \$600.00 total per practice/ per year will be granted. In the event of a higher payment, all cost-share contract holders will receive a 1099 miscellaneous form in January following the cost-share payment, if a greater amount of \$600.00 is paid.
8. All completed projects must be maintained for five (5) years and is transferable if the property is sold. If the project is not maintained for the five (5) year requirement, the contract holder is responsible to repay ETSWCD the cost-share amount in full.

SPECIFIC REQUIRMENTS

Drip Irrigation: All systems must connect to a timer and operate automatically. Cost-share will be paid on drip emitter systems and micro sprinklers for landscaping and gardening, lawn sprinklers are NOT included. The maximum cost-share is parts only for a maximum of \$600.00.

Low Flow Water Devices: Replacement toilets must use no more than 1.3 gallons per flush. The maximum cost share is \$100.00 per toilet. Replacement showerheads must flow 2.5 gallons per minute or less. The maximum cost-share is \$25.00 per showerhead.

Check the box you are applying for: **Drip Irrigation** **Low Flow Water Devices**

NAME: _____

HOME No.: _____ **WORK No.:** _____ **CELL No.:** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION:

APPLICANT REQUEST

I request cost-share assistance under the program to solve the natural resource problem on the land identified above. If cost-sharing is approved for the project requested, I agree to refund all cost-share assistance funding paid to me under this application if I destroy the approved project and/or no longer utilize the practice for the original intended purpose before the required maintenance period of five (5) years.

I understand that if I begin the project before ETSWCD Board approval by buying parts or building, I will be denied funding.

Include property tax bill with application.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE APPLICATION, AND HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE COST-SHARE GUIDELINES.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

OFFICE USE ONLY

APPLICATION NO.	DATE RECEIVED
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PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED BY:	
APPROVAL DATE:	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE



**EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COST-SHARING GUIDELINES
2023 REVISION**

WHO MAY APPLY - Applicant project land must be within the East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District (ETSWCD) boundaries. Leasers and land managers are eligible for the program however must have written authorization from the legal landowner. Farms, ranches, urban development, community groups, all persons addressing a natural resource problem or issue(s) are eligible.

Applicant must have a signed ETSWCD Cooperation Agreement.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY - Applications are accepted year-round. Funds are available to landowners, long-term leaseholders, federal, state, or county land with written permission and clearance from the respective agency. Project must show public benefit to the land concerned and ensure the maintenance of the conservation projects practice.

Non-landowners must provide a written agreement with the legal landowner stating that the cost-share project will be properly maintained for its intended purpose. All projects will be ranked using established ranking criteria comparing environmental benefits of similar projects. If the terms of the agreement are not met, the applicant defaults on the contract terms and agrees to repay all cost-share funds obtained from ETSWCD.

ETSWCD reserves the right to hold a ranking date depending on the availability of a technical planner and available funds.

COST-SHARE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

1. Applicant must complete the cost-share application identifying resource concerns, specific practices needed, and detailed conservation impacts. Proposed projects will be reviewed for conservation needs, estimated costs, and ranked value.
2. District supervisors determine approval of the application based on established criteria, public benefit, and overall conservation need. Supervisors have the right to request applicants to attend a board meeting for any clarification and/or additional information needed on the pending application.
3. Projects must meet Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) technical guidelines found within the Field Office Tech Guide to be approved for the cost-share program. Technical assistance is provided by the NRCS staff or an ETSWCD representative. Copies of project specs will be given to the applicant at the time of approval. If an engineering design is needed, a technician will survey, complete, and review the project with the applicant. Upon technician review and approval construction may begin.

If additional information is needed by the technician, applicant must supply the additional information within ten (10) days of notification. Failure to supply any additional information requests for the project

application will be considered incomplete and the application will not be considered for approval and rejected at that time.

4. Upon project construction completion, a technician will inspect the completed project for determination of approval of payment.
5. Payments will be made to the applicant upon submission of original paid receipts, not to exceed NRCS Cost-Share Docket, \$7,500.00.

PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE BASED ON THE COST OF MATERIALS & INSTALLATION OF THE PROJECT AND WILL BE COMPARED TO THE NRCS STATE AVERAGE COST DOCKET, THE LOWEST AMOUNT WILL BE APPLIED. A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 PER PERSON/ PER YEAR.

The East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District Cost-Share Program does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.