

Fiscal Year 2026

July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

**Signup:
January 1 – April 30, 2025**

Application Form

Return to:
Butler County
Conservation District
2503 Enterprise, Suite B
El Dorado KS 67042
316-320-3549

**Butler County Conservation District
Water Resources Cost Share Sign Up
Priority Ranking Worksheet**

(*Landowner: Fill out where indicated by *)

Cost Share Practices:
Terraces, waterways, grade stabilization structures, critical area seeding, brome, fescue or native grass seeding, sediment control basins, fencing, alternative watering facilities, ponds.

NOTE: Completing this form does **not** guarantee cost-share financial assistance.

NOTE: You are not eligible for cost share unless you have a conservation plan developed for your farm. Contact Natural Resources Conservation Service at 316-321-5803.

*Name (as it appears on the deed to the land where conservation work is to be done): _____

*Mailing Address: _____ Email (optional): _____

*City, State, Zip: _____

*Social Security or FEIN Number: W9 Form Required; will send if approved for cost share *Phone Number: _____

*Section-Township-Range: _____ HUC: _____

Cost Share Practice: _____ TMDL: _____

*What crop(s) will be growing on the site between July 1 and May 15? _____

Score from Ranking Worksheet _____

- I have a conservation plan developed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- The cost share program has been reviewed with me and I understand the procedure required for cost share eligibility and payments.
- I have contacted my operator regarding constructing conservation practices on this property.
- I agree to follow Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standards and specifications for installing the practice(s).
- I understand that if I begin construction or installation of the cost share practice before approval is given by the Conservation District, I am no longer eligible for cost share.
- I agree to secure any permits required for project completion.
- I understand that the identified management practices are to be maintained for 10 years or the lifespan of the practice, whichever is greater.

*Producer Signature: _____

*Date: _____

Practice Components

Estimated Units Required

Computed by: _____

Date: _____

For Cost Share Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Butler County Conservation District
Water Resources Cost Share Program

Below is a brief explanation of steps a landowner needs to take in order to be considered for cost share through the Water Resources Cost Share Program. Please call the Conservation District at 316-320-3549 for additional information. Typically, the sign-up period is from January 1 - April 30. If your cost share is approved, funds are available after July 1 for work to be completed and you have till May 30 of the next year to complete the practice. Other sign-up periods may be held during the year depending on whether additional cost share funds are available. Applications received during each sign-up are prioritized along with other applications. Cost share money is limited; therefore, we must rank each application based on water quality criteria and those ranking high will be funded first.

Listed below is the application procedure that must be followed in order to be eligible for cost share assistance:

1. To apply for cost share, bring or mail the application form to the Conservation District Office at 2503 Enterprise, Suite B, El Dorado, Kansas 67042. **NOTE: You are not eligible for cost share unless you have a conservation plan in place for your farm. Contact Natural Resources Conservation Service at 316-321-5803.**
2. At the end of the sign-up period, the local Conservation District Board of Supervisors will review and rank all applications that are eligible for cost share.
3. Landowners/homeowners will be notified if they qualify for cost share and additional information will be sent regarding additional procedures/steps to follow.
4. **Please note: If construction begins before conservation district or state approval is given or before you sign and return the contract you receive in the mail from the conservation district, you are no longer eligible for cost share!** After the Conservation District Board approves your contract, it has to be submitted to our state office for approval. After the state approves the contract, a copy of the contract will be sent to the homeowner for signature. Work can begin when the district receives the signed contract back from the landowner.
5. For agricultural practices, an NRCS technician must certify each practice meets NRCS standards and specifications.
6. **All work must be completed and your contractor must be PAID IN FULL before you can request reimbursement for cost share.** Submit bills to the Conservation District office, 2503 Enterprise, Suite B, El Dorado, Kansas 67042. After bills are reviewed, a payment request will be made to the state office and when they approve the payment, you will receive a check from the State of Kansas within 7-10 days.