

## GUIDELINES

### Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Mini-grants for Conservation Districts

PACD is offering conservation districts up to \$3,000 to implement educational and outreach activities that support and extend the work of the CREP Program. Projects should focus on CREP enrollment, re-enrollment and/or CREP maintenance.

#### Timeline

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until funds are expended
- Deadline for final reports: May 2, 2025

#### Target Audience

The mini-grant projects should focus primarily on landowners but others such as contractors, municipal officials, watershed organizations and homeowners would also benefit from the outreach.

#### Project Examples

- Maintenance walk-about/field days/one-on-one visits— District staff walk through installed CREP practices with the landowner to assist in identifying needed upkeep with the practice. This measure will provide maintenance support to ensure that BMPs are working properly, therefore improving local water quality.
- Farmer or landowner meetings and educational workshops— Group workshops for landowners on the proper installation and maintenance of forested buffers and other conservation practices. The workshops may be in a facility or on a CREP site. The group workshops can provide information on the installation and proper maintenance techniques to ensure the practice is successful. Common problems (such as weed control) and how to remedy those problems can also be discussed.
- Riparian Buffers— District staff may provide direct assistance to landowners installing riparian forest buffers.

#### Eligible Expenses

Grants pay for eligible expenses on a reimbursement basis. Please submit your reimbursement request with your final report. The following items are NOT considered reimbursable expenses: novelty items including t-shirts, magnets, pens, etc. Mileage will be reimbursed at the current approved state rate.



## **Materials Review**

All project related materials, including brochures, signs, presentations, etc. must be reviewed by PACD's Program Manager prior to publication/presentation.

## **Evaluation & Reporting**

Evaluations are required for mini-grant workshops, field days and walk-about. Grantees are also required to submit a mid-term and final report to PACD. Templates for the evaluation, mid-term and final reports are available here: [https://pacd.org/?page\\_id=24998](https://pacd.org/?page_id=24998)

## **Application**

Click [https://pacd.org/?page\\_id=24998](https://pacd.org/?page_id=24998) to apply for the CREP mini-grant program.

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