



National Association of
Conservation Districts

Good afternoon, State Association Presidents, State Association Executive Directors and State Contacts,

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) is pleased to announce approval of the **final round** of technical assistance grants totaling more than \$2 million to conservation districts and their state partners, as well as an additional tribal conservation district position, funded in partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). These grants will fund 48 positions and are for technical assistance in priority locations with a high workload of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) contracts or priority demand for conservation planning assistance. In some cases, a state/territory application for funds is only partially funded due to the national workloads assigned to each state.

This final round of grants funds full or part-time positions including: technicians, program support specialists, foresters, agronomists, engineers, archeologists, grazing specialists and resource and range conservationists. Their work will range from local and multi-district to statewide service within individual conservation districts.

The following is the approved list of the final round of grants by state and individual conservation districts:

- **Arizona:** three part-time positions serving Triangle NRCD and Chino Winds NRCD
- **Arkansas:** one position serving Carroll County Conservation District
- **California:** one full-time and five part-time positions serving San Joaquin County RCD and Mojave Desert-Mountain RCD
- **Illinois:** six positions serving Pike County SWCD, White County SWCD, Hamilton County SWCD, McDonough County SWCD, Warren County SWCD and Will-South Cook SWCD
- **Idaho:** one position serving Benewah SWCD
- **Iowa:** four positions serving Washington SWCD, Van Buren SCD, Clarke County SWCD and Dubuque SWCD
- **Minnesota:** three part-time and three full time positions serving 24 districts
- **Montana:** one part-time position serving Chouteau CD
- **Nebraska:** two positions serving Lower Big Blue NRD and Nemaha NRD
- **New Mexico:** one position serving Lea SWCD
- **North Carolina:** one position serving Wake SWCD
- **Oregon:** two positions serving Gilliam SWCD
- **Pennsylvania:** two positions serving Tioga County CD and Venango County CD
- **Puerto Rico:** four positions serving Caribe SCD and Suroeste SCD
- **Washington:** two positions serving Kittitas County CD and Palouse-Rock Lake CD
- **Wisconsin:** three positions serving Dane County Land Conservation Department and Marathon County Land Conservation Department
- **Wyoming:** one position serving Niobrara CD
- **Tribal Conservation District:** two positions serving the Blackfeet Tribal Conservation District in Montana

The one-year grants announced today amount to \$2 million for the states, conservation districts and/or state partners listed above and complete a total of \$9 million approved as a part of this project. In addition, several positions that were not fully funded previously have

been funded through this final round of grants. NACD will be working with the respective applicants to get agreements signed and funds issued.

Combined with earlier rounds of grants announced, NACD has approved \$9 million in grants for 212 total positions in 48 states and territories as a part of this project.

Thank you to the state and territory partnerships who submitted applications for technical assistance grants. NACD will notify states and territories regarding future funding opportunities under this initiative, and we will continue to hold applications not yet funded.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Peters". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeremy" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Peters".

Jeremy Peters
Chief Executive Officer
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