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

Application Deadline: March 19, 2021

PACD is offering conservation districts up to $500 to implement virtual 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

- Deadline to apply: March 19, 2021
- Announce recipients: March 26, 2021
- Deadline for final reports: June 1, 2021

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

- <u>Virtual farmer or landowner meetings and educational workshops</u>— Group workshops for landowners on the proper installation and maintenance of forested buffers and other conservation practices. The workshops must be offered virtually. 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.

- <u>Educational Videos</u> – videos created to provide information on CREP including enrollment, re-enrollment, maintenance, benefits, etc. These videos can be created by district staff or other contracted professionals

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, 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=12284.

Application

Click https://pacd.org/?page_id=12284 to apply for the CREP mini-grant program.

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