

# Dane County Cost-share Programs and Requirements

Budget Code	Program	Sub-Program	Program Conditions	
LWRCONSV 21381	Soil & Water Resource Management (SWRM)	BOND	Annual allocation from DATCP for bonded (structural) practices Prioritize projects outside of Yahara Watershed One (1) year contracts with the ability to extend for one (1) additional year Cost-share funding capped at \$14,000 per contract Projects exceeding \$14,000 in cost-share funding are recorded on the deed	
		SEG	Annual allocation from DATCP for SEG (management) practices County-wide funding – prioritize landowners without a 590 NMP One (1) year contracts with the ability to extend for one (1) additional year	
		Grazing	County budget allocation Supports the conversion of cropland to pasture and implementation of managed grazing practices County-wide funding Fifteen (15) year contracts Cost-share rate of \$125/acre/year plus \$25/acre/year maintenance (total of \$150/acre/year) Structural practices associated with the implementation of managed grazing systems are cost-shared at 70% of actual cost, not to exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids Seeding establishment is a flat cost-share rate of \$150/acre Mechanical manure applications are allowed in accordance with a nutrient management plan to maintain forage stands No manure applications are allowed within 30 feet of riparian areas 40 acres maximum per project per year – additional acres may be allowed with prior approval Nutrient, infiltration, and carbon sequestration credits will be accounted for Follow a county approved managed grazing plan and operation & maintenance plan Projects are recorded on the deed	
			Habitat & Working Lands	County budget allocation Supports the conversion of cropland to native warm or cool season plantings, wildlife, or pollinator habitat County-wide funding Fifteen (15) year contracts Cost-share rate of \$125/acre/year plus \$25/acre/year maintenance (total of \$150/acre/year) Seeding establishment is a flat cost-share rate of \$150/acre for cool season mixes Seeding establishment is a flat cost-share rate of \$250/acre for natives and pollinator mixes 40 acre maximum per project per year – additional acres may be allowed with prior approval

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			Mowing and harvest allowed outside of the nesting periods
			Follow the operation & maintenance plan
			Trees and shrubs from an approved list are allowed – no cost-share assistance available
			Nutrients, infiltration, and carbon sequestration credits will be accounted for
			Manure applications may be allowed by request on a case-by-case basis in accordance with a nutrient management plan
			No manure applications are allowed within 30 feet of riparian areas
			Projects are recorded on the deed
		Buffers	County budget allocation
			Supports the conversion of cropland to riparian buffers, cropland prairie strips, and harvestable buffers
			County-wide funding
			Fifteen (15) year contracts
			Cost-share rate of \$125/acre/year plus \$25/acre/year maintenance (total of \$150/acre/year)
			Seeding establishment is a flat cost-share rate of \$150/acre for cool season mixes
			Seeding establishment is a flat cost-share rate of \$250/acre for native and pollinator mixes
			Nutrient, infiltration, and carbon sequestration credits will be accounted for
			Mowing and harvest allowed per operation & maintenance plan
			Buffers shall be a minimum of 30 feet wide from the ordinary high water mark
			No manure applications are allowed on riparian or harvestable buffers
			Projects are recorded on the deed
CPLWRESC 59025	Yahara CLEAN Implementation (available in the Yahara Watershed)	CLEAN	County budget allocation
			Supports the implementation of structural conservation practices
			Priority focuses on practices that improve water quality (i.e. nutrient reductions, groundwater protection, sediment loss, etc.) in the Yahara Watershed; however all practices are eligible
			Ten (10) year contracts
			Cost-share rate is 70% of actual costs, not to exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids.
			Cost-share rate can be increased to up to 90% if additional funding sources are leveraged (i.e. EQIP, WINS, etc.)
			Projects over \$14,000 are recorded on the deed
			Nutrient reduction credits will be accounted for
			Total cost-share capped at \$100,000 per practice
		SHEP	County budget allocation

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		(Soil Health Equipment Program)	<p>Supports the implementation of soil health practices through cost-sharing equipment in the Yahara Watershed</p> <p>Five (5) year contracts</p> <p>Cost-share rate is 70% of the equipment cost not to exceed \$30,000</p> <p>Requires companion practices to be implemented as part of the equipment use (i.e. cover crops, relay cropping, etc.)</p> <p>Nutrient reduction credits will be accounted for</p> <p>Follow an approved operation &amp; maintenance plan</p> <p>Repayment of entire contract is required if conditions are not met during the life of the contract</p>
		WETLAND	<p>County budget allocation</p> <p>Supports wetland restoration projects for areas where wetlands historically were located in the Yahara Watershed</p> <p>Ten (10) year contracts</p> <p>Cost-share rate is 90% of actual cost not to exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids</p> <p>Cost-share rate may be increased to 100% of actual costs if additional cost-share funding is leveraged (i.e. EQIP, WINS, etc)</p> <p>Projects are recorded on the deed</p> <p>One-time payment of \$2,500/acre for land taken out of agricultural production</p>
<b>LWLEGACY 59034</b>	Chapter 49 Implementation	ORD	<p>County budget allocation</p> <p>Supports the implementation of Chapter 49, DCCO</p> <p>Ten (10) year contracts</p>
<b>LWLEGACY 57197</b>	Chapter 14 Enforcement (using first until spent)		<p>Cost-share rate is 70% of actual cost, not to exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids</p> <p>Cost-share rate can be increased to up to 90% based on economic hardship determinations</p> <p>Projects over \$14,000 are recorded on the deed</p>
<b>LWRCONSV 22552</b>	Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)	TRM	<p>Competitive grant through DNR for addressing agricultural performance standards and prohibitions</p> <p>Two (2) year contracts with the ability to extend for an additional year</p> <p>Large and small scale grants available</p> <p>Ten (10) year operation and maintenance period</p> <p>Cost-share rate is 70% of actual costs not to exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids</p> <p>Cost-share rate and be increased to up to 90% based on economic hardship determinations</p> <p>Contracts exceeding \$14,000 are recorded on the deed</p> <p>Maximum award is \$250,000 for small scale; \$600,000 for large scale</p>

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LWLEGACY 58700	Streambank Protection	STREAM	County budget allocation Supports the implementation of streambank protection projects; particularly where flooding has caused damage

**General Conditions:**

- Cost containment:
  - Cost-share is based on actual costs.
  - Cost-share shall not exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids.
  - Dane County Average Costs are calculated annually and reviewed/approved by LCC.
  - Landowners can seek three bids on their own or ask the county for assistance with the bidding process.
- CAFOs permitted by DNR:
  - CAFOs are not eligible for state funding per state administrative codes.
  - CAFOs are not eligible for county funding for WPDES permit compliance activities (i.e. manure management, feed leachate, etc.).
  - Practices to exceed state performance standards, permitting requirements, or meet TMDL conditions may be eligible contingent on available county funding.
  - CAFOs are eligible for federal cost-share programs.
- Chapter 49 Compliance:
  - Compliance with chapter 49 agricultural performance standards and manure management prohibitions should be reviewed prior to contracting for CCP and Yahara CLEAN.
  - Depending on the outcome of the compliance review, participation in voluntary programs may be delayed until compliance concerns are addressed or there is a schedule of compliance.
- Manure storage cost-share:
  - A minimum of 6 months of storage shall be constructed. Typically, 8 months is constructed to allow for variations in weather through spring and fall.
  - Manure applications during frozen/snow-covered conditions are prohibited.
  - Expansions are generally not eligible for cost-share funding. Manure storage is based on current animal numbers and follows state administrative codes for expansion eligibility.
  - Yahara CLEAN cost-share programs are capped at \$100,000 for manure storage. Enforcement cases are determined on a case-by-case basis.