

Cost-share Programs

Requirements for Programs Implemented by Dane County LWRD

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Flavors of Funding

- Voluntary vs. Enforcement
- Bond vs. SEG vs. Capital vs. Operating
- Local vs. State vs. Federal vs. Private

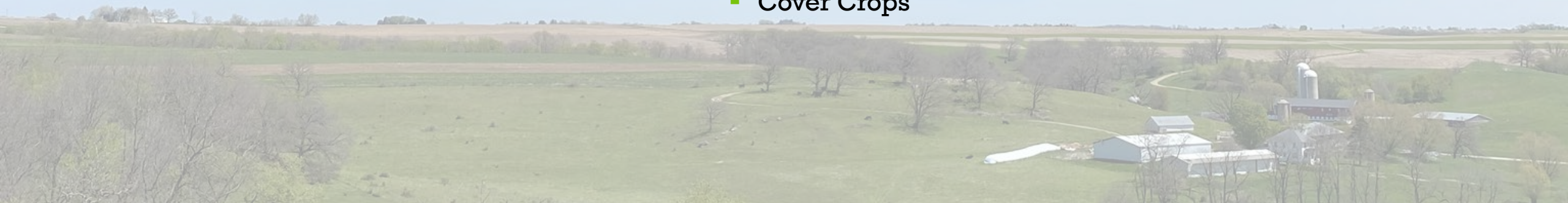


Soil & Water Resource Management

LWRCONSV 21381

LWRCONSV 22544

- State funds
- Annual allocation
- Bond funds are used for structural practices
 - Prioritize projects outside the Yahara Watershed
 - Funding capped at \$14,000 per contract
- SEG funds are used for management practices
 - Prioritize landowners needing a 590 NMP
 - Cover Crops



Continuous Cover Program

LWLEGACY 57272

- County budget allocation
- 15 year contracts
- Account for nutrient reductions, infiltration, and carbon sequestration
- Three categories
 - Grazing
 - Conversion of cropland to pastures and implementation of managed grazing practices
 - Habitat & Working Lands
 - Conversion of cropland to native warm or cool season plantings, wildlife or pollinator habitat
 - Buffers
 - Conversion of cropland to riparian buffers, cropland prairie strips, and harvestable buffers

Yahara CLEAN Implementation

CPLWRESC 59025

- County budget allocation
- Available in the Yahara Watershed
- Three programs
 - CLEAN
 - Implementation of structural conservation practices
 - Priority focus on practices that improve water quality
 - Incentives for leveraging other funding sources
 - SHEP (Soil Health Equipment Program)
 - Implementation of soil health practices through cost-sharing equipment
 - Requires implementation of companion practices
 - Wetlands
 - Support the restoration of historical wetlands

Conservation Practice Implementation

LWLEGACY 51302

- County budget allocation
- Available outside the Yahara Watershed
- Three programs
 - CPI
 - Implementation of structural conservation practices
 - Priority focus on practices that improve water quality
 - Incentives for leveraging other funding sources
 - SHEP (Soil Health Equipment Program)
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Chapter 49 Implementation

LWLEGACY 59034

- County budget allocation
- Supports the implementation of Chapter 49, DCCO

WINS Expenditures

LVRCONSV 22030

- County budget allocation from Yahara WINS funding
- Supports the implementation cover crops in the Yahara Watershed
- Capped at 50 acres per contract



Targeted Runoff Management

LWRCONSV 22552

- State funds
- Competitive grant program
- Implementation of agricultural performance standards and prohibitions
- Implementation of TMDLs

Notice of Discharge

LWRCONSV 21718

- State funds
- Competitive grant program
- Implementation of Notices of Discharge to waters of the state

Other Funding

- Federal programs
 - EQIP
 - CRP
- State programs
 - CREP
- Other
 - SARE Grants



Cost Containment

- Cost-share is based on actual costs
- Not to exceed Dane County Average Costs or the lowest of three bids
- Dane County Average Costs are calculated annually, reviewed/approved by LCC (typically in January)
- Landowners can seek three bids on their own or ask the county for assistance with the bidding process

Credits

- Nutrients, infiltration, and carbon sequestration will be tracked for applicable practices
- Cost-share contract language will be updated to reflect the county's position on these credits based on program

CAFOs

- Not eligible for state funding
- Not eligible for county funding for WPDES permit compliance activities
- Practices proposed to exceed state performance standards, permitting requirements, meet TMDL conditions, etc. may be eligible contingent on available county funding
- CAFOs are eligible for federal cost-share programs

Chapter 49 Compliance

- Compliance with Ch. 49 agricultural performance standards and manure management prohibitions will be reviewed for voluntary programs (i.e. Yahara CLEAN, CPI, CCP)
- Participation may be delayed until compliance concerns are addressed or there is a schedule of compliance on file



Manure Storage Conditions

- A minimum of 6 months of storage shall be constructed
 - Typically 8 months or based on nutrient management plan
- Manure applications during frozen/snow-covered conditions are prohibited
- Expansions are not eligible for cost-share funding beyond what is allowed under state administrative code
- Cost-share is capped at \$100,000 per practice for manure storage related practices
- Cost-share funding for enforcement cases is determined on a case-by-case basis
- All conditions are specified in an addendum to the contract unique to the specific situation

Questions?

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