

Program Specifics & Application Instructions

This program is open to all landowners and organizations within Cass County, North Dakota unless specified otherwise below. Landowners that can be better covered by other programs within the District or NRCS will be referred as needed. Practices already covered under other programs may not be eligible for additional cost-share.

The Cass County Soil Conservation District Cost-share Assistance Application for Urban Conservation Practices applies to the following practices,

- **Water Conservation Irrigation Home Systems Including**
 - Drip irrigation (*home lawns/gardens*)
 - Rain barrel system including,
 - Adding on or improvements to existing rain barrel system
 - Community education course and materials for first barrel
 - Compost tumbler system including,
 - Improvements to existing home composting system
 - Community education course and materials for first compost tumbler
- **Forestry Conservation Practices Including**
 - Arboretum
 - Living snow fence
- **Alternative Landscape Practices Including**
 - Rain garden/Bioswale
 - Xeriscape
 - Pollinator garden or pollinator habitat improvement
 - Little Free Garden (**60% reimbursed with proof of cost**)
 - Low mow/alternative turf grass planting
 - Grass planting using native grass/forb mixes
 - Pocket Prairie Initiative
 - Pervious paving (*poured-in-place pervious concrete/asphalt; block or concrete modular pavers; grid pavers*)
- **Urban Riparian Area Improvement Projects Including**
 - Native planting for riparian forest improvement (**Red River/Sheyenne River Only*)
 - River bank stabilization project (**Red River/Sheyenne River Only*)
 - Riparian habitat improvement (**Red River/Sheyenne River Only*)

**Other watersheds may be better covered under other District/NRCS programs.*

Cost-share grants will be awarded to a limited number of landowners and organizations per year until cost share funding for each practice has been exhausted for the fiscal year. This program reimburses 60% of approved costs, unless noted otherwise, associated with implementing particular conservation practices up to a maximum dollar amount as seen below. **Customers will be charged 40% of the cost for the practice up front.**

Customers are expected to install the practice within the instructed growing window, and submit copies of all project related receipts to the District. A final site evaluation will determine if all appropriate measures were taken and if any further dues are owed at that time. If practices are not installed during the advised window of time, the remaining 60% of the project cost will be charged to the customer.

Customers should be aware that only those costs incurred after the contract and site photos have been completed will be eligible, no reimbursement is offered for efforts or projects done prior to this application. The exception is the Little Free Garden. Upon proof of supply purchase, 60% of the cost will be reimbursed.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Cost Share Rate</u>	<u>Max Reimbursement</u>
Rain Barrel or Compost Tumbler	60% cost share	\$100.00 maximum
Pervious Paving	60% cost share	\$1,000.00 maximum
Pocket Prairie	up to 75% cost share	\$500.00 maximum
Little Free Garden	60% cost share	\$50 maximum
All other practices listed above	60% cost share	\$500.00 maximum

Completed applications can be submitted by mail, email, or in person to Cass County Soil Conservation District at:

Cass County Soil Conservation District

1665 43rd Street South, Suite 103
Fargo, North Dakota 58103-3319
(701) 282-2157 extension 3

www.casscd.org

Email:

amy.cole@nd.nacdnet.net

Applications will be accepted on a continual basis **and will be pending board approval.** After submission of your application, you will receive a confirmation email of our receipt of your application. After submission, please allow up to one month to be notified of our funding decision. If a cost-share grant has been awarded, we will follow up with a cost- share contract and site visit. Once this contract and site visit process has been completed, we will begin to provide technical assistance to assist in planning your practice to the best of our ability. Although we provide multiple avenues of assistance; procurement of materials, installation, labor and maintenance work including all liabilities are the responsibility of the customer. Funded practices should be installed within the growing window and should be maintained for at least five years. If the practice(s) is/are removed prior to 5 years, the customer is responsible for cost-share repayment according to the amount of the pro-rated scale. (1% pay back per each month under the 5 year commitment)

If your application is not funded, Cass County Soil Conservation District still offers free technical assistance for these and other conservation practices to all residents of Cass County, North Dakota. Please contact us for more information.

**CASS COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COST SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FOR
URBAN CONSERVATION PRACTICES**

In an effort to enhance urban conservation efforts within our growing community, Cass County Soil Conservation District is awarding cost-share grants to a limited number of landowners and organizations per year. These cost share grants are aimed at improving our local water and soil resources while enhancing well-being within our community. Cost-share grants will be awarded to a landowners and organizations until cost share funding for each practice has been exhausted for the fiscal year and are subject to board approval. This program provides 60% of approved costs, unless noted otherwise, associated with implementing particular conservation practices up to a maximum dollar amount (see rate table). This program is open to all landowners and organizations within Cass County, North Dakota unless specified otherwise below. Landowners that can be better covered by other programs within the District or NRCS will be referred as needed. Practices already covered under other programs may not be eligible for additional cost-share.

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By Email: amy.cole@nd.nacdnet.net

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Name or Organization:

Organization Contact Name:

Mailing address:

Phone:

Email:

Site Location Address:

PRACTICE TYPE

Please check one of the following,

Water Conservation Irrigation Home System

- Drip irrigation (*home lawns/gardens*)
- Rain Barrel System (please select option below)
 - Adding on/improvements to existing rain barrel system*
 - Community education course and materials for first barrel*
- Compost Tumbler System (please select option below)
 - Improvements to existing home composting system*
 - Community education course and materials for first barrel*

Forestry Conservation Practice

- Arboretum
- Living snow fence
- Urban windbreak

Alternative Landscape Practice

- Rain garden/Bioswale
- Xeriscape
- Pollinator garden or pollinator habitat improvement
- Low mow turf grass planting
- Grass planting using native grass/forb mixes
- Pocket Prairie
- Little Free Garden
- Pervious Paving (*poured-in-place pervious concrete/asphalt; block or concrete modular pavers; grid pavers*)

Urban Riparian Area Improvement Project

- Native Planting for riparian forest improvement (**Red River/Sheyenne River Only*)
- River bank stabilization project (**Red River/Sheyenne River Only*)
- Riparian habitat improvement (**Red River/Sheyenne River Only*)

Please briefly explain your project plans:

**Other watersheds may be better covered by additional District or NRCS programs, please contact us for more details.*

DESIGN INFORMATION

Please Check One:

1. Design

I have my own design/plan but am willing to modify if improvements are needed to ensure functionality, safety, and improved conservation of water and soil resources.

I need assistance designing/planning

2. Installation

I am prepared to install

I need assistance with finding resources for installation

3. Maintenance

I am prepared to maintain this project for at least 5 years.

4. Estimated Size of Project

5. Location Description

Residential Urban Residential Rural

Publically Accessible Land

Private Land/Other: _____

6. Briefly explain your project location:

Office Use Only:

Proposed maximum cost-share funds obligated: _____

_____ I own the property on which this practice would be installed or can show proof of right to install on this property.

_____ The property this practice would be installed on is within the limits of Cass County, North Dakota.

_____ If awarded, I could maintain this practice for at least 5 years.

_____ If I cannot maintain this practice, or it is removed prior to the 5 year agreement, I agree to pay a pro-rated portion of the cost share received back to the District within 30 days of contract breach. (1% of the cost share amount received shall be paid per each month short of the 5 year agreement. For Pocket Prairies, 1.25% will be repaid per each month)

_____ I understand that if awarded, it would be my responsibility to contact **North Dakota One Call** prior to any work being completed to source utilities on my property.

_____ If awarded, I will install this practice during the growing season immediately following the cost-share award notice.

_____ If approved, I will fund 100% of the cost of the practice and submit eligible receipts for reimbursement after final site evaluation. **I understand that only those costs incurred after the contract and site photos have been completed will be eligible.**

_____ If awarded, I understand that I am responsible for procurement of materials, installation, labor and maintenance work and all liabilities for this project unless noted otherwise.

_____ I understand that approved cost-share participants are eligible for reimbursement of 60% of approved expenses up to a maximum dollar amount in accordance with the table below.

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Contact Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____