

RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RCRDP)



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

Low-Interest Loans To Install Conservation Practices

- **Enhance Soil and Water Resources**
- **Improve Riparian Areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat**
- **Increase Agricultural Productivity**

Project Types

- No-Till Drills
- Irrigation Equipment
- Livestock Fencing to Reduce Impact to Streams
- Plant Trees, Pre-Commercial Tree Thinning, Brush Clearing
- Stream Bank Protection
 - Rock Work, Bank Shaping, Plant Willows
- Petroleum Storage Containment
- Lime Applications

Loan Application Process

1. Conservation Planning
2. Loan Application
3. Commission Decision
4. Project Installation
5. Loan Closing

1. Conservation Planning



- Develop a Conservation Plan
- Local Conservation District to Rank Project
- Conservation Data Sheet
- NRCS Release Form

2. Loan Application

- RCRDP Application
 - Bid(s)
 - 5% Down Payment or Work-in-Kind, Sweat Equity
 - Cost Share (NRCS or other)
 - Balance Sheet
 - Tax Returns (federal and state)
 - Tax Assessment of Property Where Project is Located
 - Drivers License Photocopy

Loan Limits, Interest Rates

- \$200,000 Maximum Loan
- \$300,000 Maximum Per Borrower

- 2.5% Interest, up to 7 Year Term
- 3% Interest, 8 to 12 Year Term
- 3.5% Interest, 13 to 15 Year Term

Collateral

- Equipment Secures Loans up to 7 Year Term
- Real Estate Secures Loans up to 15 Year Term

- Maximum 80% Loan to Collateral Value

- Mostly New Equipment
- Some Used Equipment

- Real Estate Valued at Assessed Value

3. Commission Decision

- Review and Decision
- \$50,000 loans or less: Loan Officer Decision
- >\$50,000 Commission Decision at Meeting

- Five Commissioners
 - Dick Bronson, Chairman
 - Dave Radford, Vice Chair
 - Roger Stutzman, Secretary
 - H. Norman Wright, Member
 - Jerry Trebesch, Member

- Monthly Meeting – in person or teleconference

4. Project Installation

- Install Project According to Conservation Plan and Bid(s)
- Project Inspection by NRCS or Soil Commission Staff (SWC)
- Project Completion Certification by NRCS or SWC
- 6 Months to Install and Request Funds
- 6 Month Extension Available – **must be received in writing prior to end of commitment**

5. Loan Closing

- Project Completion Certification
- Invoices
- NRCS EQIP Payment Request
- Title Insurance (Borrower Pays)
- Equipment Insurance
- Sign Documents
- Record Liens
- Disburse Two-Party Checks

Important Policy Highlights

- Cannot begin application review until entire completed packet is received
- Work may begin on a project or practice during the loan review process **HOWEVER:**
 - *Cannot finance if the project is completed PRIOR to Commission Decision and participant uses a third party payor to satisfy vendor accounts*
- Changes to the original Conservation Plan may result in delays to the Commission Decision
- Always maintain frequent communication with SWC staff regarding the current status of project

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