

Grant Program Application

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COLUMBIA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT GRANT PROGRAM

*What you see depends on how you view the world.
To most people, this is just dirt.
To a farmer, it's potential.
- Doe Zantamata*

Got big plans for your land? Let the Columbia County Conservation District (CCCD) help you reach your full potential by assisting with conservation-minded projects on your land.

We are honored to present our returning Columbia County Conservation District Grant Program.

Over the years the CCCD has been able to assist many individuals and organizations with their conservation ventures. Through this grant program we have been able expand our conservation efforts across Columbia County.

Our Program

This year we are taking our love for all things conservation and asking you – or your organization – to tell us why you feel you'd make a great fit for our grant program.

Possible projects include:

- Developing stream or pond buffers
- Establishing vegetation
- Improving native vegetation
- Improving timber stand
- Improving rural fire departments
- Providing seeds for erosion control or wildlife benefit
- Providing pine and/or hardwood seedlings to land owners
- Projects benefiting the Sparta Sand Aquifer or Beech Creek Drainage area
- Education, equipment, road improvements, or other conservation practices that will benefit the water or land of Columbia County

Interested groups or individuals should submit an application to the Columbia County Conservation District.

Details

Application Process:

The CCCD Board will review all applications as received. The Board will rank the applications and decide as to full funding or cost sharing. If approved, a district representative will visit the site and determine the specification and conditions for that project. The applicant may be asked to meet with the CCCD Board before approval.

Conditions:

The following conditions should be considered as you prepare your grant application:

- Priority will be given to conservation and watershed projects in the Beech Creek Drainage area or Sparta Sand Aquifer

- Funding will be for materials only and no labor costs will be approved
- Must be designed for an effective life of not less than ten years

Evaluation of Projects:

The following criteria will be used when used by the CCCD Board when reviewing projects:

- Consistency with the mission/goals of the CCCD
- Merits of the project, adequacy of documentation submitted, technical adequacy, expected effectiveness, and capability of applicant to complete project
- Applications for cost-sharing will be considered before requests for full-funding
- Does the project involve or have an effect on a large number of individuals or entities within the county?
- Does the project employ new methods or serve as an example of similar problems or conservation needs?
- Evaluation will be based upon projects own merit and may be denied funding even if funding is available

Applications will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled CCCD Board Meeting and applicants will be notified of the decision within 5 days.

Prior to funding, the CCCD Board of Director and the applicant shall enter into an agreement establishing the terms and conditions of the grant. After the project is completed, the applicant will bring invoices to the district office to be approved by the CCCD Board. No funds will be disbursed until the project is completed. Additional accounting for expenses may be requested as deemed necessary.

Who Is Eligible?

Any individual, group, or organization in Columbia County who has a love for all things conservation, and has an idea or event designed to help improve our environment, is eligible. This service is available to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. The Columbia County Conservation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

About Columbia County Conservation District

The Columbia County Conservation District is governed by a board of five Columbia County landowners who are familiar with the conservation challenges in Columbia County. Three board members are elected by landowners in the county and two are appointed by the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission.

For additional information, contact the CCCD office at:

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GRANT APPLICATION**

Project Title: _____

Project Sponsor: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Is this a completed project? Yes _____ No _____

If YES, what is the completion date? _____

If NO, when is the estimated start date? _____

Requested Amount: _____ Match Amount: _____

Total Project Cost: _____

Project Summary (Attach additional pages if necessary):

For Office Use Only

Date Received: _____

Approved: Yes _____ No _____ Date: _____