

Program Overview

Take advantage of conservation grant funds that are available for Canyon County agricultural operations!

These conservation grants provide up to 65% cost share funds to install Best Management Practices (BMPs). Participation is voluntary and offers opportunities to improve agricultural practices that benefit both operators and water quality.

The Lower Boise Watershed Council and Canyon Soil Conservation District jointly sponsor this Program, and rely on technical support from the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.



Started in 2009 to address water quality impacts on agriculture in Canyon County, the program focuses on reducing sediment, nutrient, and bacteria levels in the Boise River, as well as tributaries including Mason Creek, Conway Gulch, Dixie Slough, Sand Hollow, Indian Creek, Wilson Creek, and Willow Creek.

Typical BMPs

- Sediment basins and ponds
- Irrigation system improvements (including conversion to pivot and drip systems)
- Filter strips
- Irrigation water management
- Nutrient management

Application Process

- 1) *Complete the application form on the back of this flyer and return it to Canyon Soil Conservation District.*
- 2) *After your application has been received, a Water Quality Resource Conservationist will contact you to discuss the details of the Program and ensure that your project meets the Program requirements.*
- 3) *If your project meets the Program requirements, the grant partners will review your project for priority.*
- 4) *If your project is recommended for funding, the grant partners will develop a conservation plan. The plan will include treatment alternatives and recommended BMPs with estimated cost share amounts. Engineering assistance will be provided as needed.*
- 5) *Depending on availability of funds and technical assistance, approved projects may be able to be installed without a waiting period.*
- 6) *The applicant will agree to pay all costs and attorney fees for the preparation of this project agreement.*

Please contact any of the grant partners with questions.



Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis; enrollment is continuous based on availability of funds.



Lower Boise Watershed Council

Agricultural BMPs for Water Quality Improvements in Canyon County



Grants Available through
\$319 Funds to Implement the
Lower Boise River TMDL



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Project Application

Name _____

Business Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please provide a brief description of BMP ideas and location of farm/ranch.

How is the farm/ranch operated and controlled: landowner, lease, or other?

I understand that this application does not obligate me to enter into a contract under this Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

<Return address>

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