

EDGEWOOD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2010-2011 Cost Share Guidelines

Eligible Applicants: Any person addressing a natural resource problem who owns land within the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District boundaries is eligible.

Applications: Applications will be received from March 15 - April 30. Proposed practices will be reviewed for conservation needs and estimated costs, and will be ranked accordingly. **Funding will be made to those who meet ranking criteria, until all funds are allocated. All projects received will be ranked by May 28. Notification will be made by mail within 7 days.**

**Projects within city limits are not eligible.
All applicants must provide a copy of their current county tax bill.**

Categories for applications:

Urban: 1 lot – 639 acres

Farm / Ranch: Determined by the Farm Service Agency specifications (Schedule F)

Community: Senior Citizens Center, Parks, Schools, Churches etc.

Payments:

- Payment will be made on 50% of the actual cost of the project.
- Maximum payment for all projects will be \$3500 per year, per landowner.
- Original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.
- Reimbursement will not be made for the purchase of tools.

WATER HARVESTING PROJECTS ON NEW CONSTRUCTION OR WHERE MANDATED BY THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE APPROVED.

Eligible Practices Include: Brush Management, Critical Area Planting, Cross Fencing, Diversion, Water Harvesting, Windbreaks, Windbreak Drip Irrigation Systems, Forest Stand Improvement, Irrigation Pipeline, Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) Conversion, Livestock Pipeline. (Others practices may be eligible)

Payments will be made on the following basis:

1. Landowner must complete cost share application identifying resource concerns, specific practices needed, and detailed conservation impacts.
2. Practices must meet ESWCD and/or NRCS specifications. Specifications will be provided.
3. The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District staff will provide technical assistance.
4. A plan showing a specific design and estimated total cost will be provided to the applicant for approval.
- 5. PROJECT CANNOT BEGIN PRIOR TO RANKING AND NOTIFICATION IN WRITING FROM THE DISTRICT.**
6. Reimbursable construction can began after the District and the applicant sign the Project Agreement.
7. Landowner must submit original receipts for reimbursement.
8. Projects must be completed within the fiscal year (July 1, - June 30th).
9. When the practice is 100% complete district staff will inspect the practice for approval for payment.
10. Payment will be mailed to landowner within 30 days of inspection.
11. Spot checks of the practice will be performed to ensure compliance.