



## **GRANT GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY**

*The South Big Horn Conservation districts offers multiple cost share programs to the citizens of South Big Horn County. The district offers incentives to Implement farm, ranch and forestland conservation practices to protect soil productivity, water quality and quantity, air quality and wildlife habitat; Conserve and restore wetlands, which purify water and provide habitat for birds, fish and other animals; Protect groundwater resources; Assist communities and homeowners in planting trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife, and beautify neighborhoods; Help developers control soil erosion and protect water and air quality during construction.*

1. Projects must be located within the district boundary. The South Big Horn Conservation District's boundaries include the south end of Big Horn County, comprising of Basin, Burlington, Emblem, Greybull, Hyattville, Manderson, Otto, and Shell.
2. An on-site visit must be conducted prior to approval of the project.
3. Applicants are required to provide a map of the project area and attach all cost estimates associated with the cost breakdown on the attached budget sheet.
4. Applications that rank 18 points or lower will not be considered.
5. If an applicant has not completed or cancelled a project, the applicant will not be eligible to apply for funding for 3 years.
6. If an applicant currently has a project no other applications will be accepted until the current project is complete, unless seeking additional funding to cost share on current project.
7. Construction must not begin until the project has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and a contract has been signed.
8. Any projects that involve State Lands or BLM will need to have a letter of permission to install submitted with the application.
9. Due to time constraints, projects submitted for WWDC funding will need to have an engineering design submitted with the application.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Applications are approved or denied at the discretion of the SBHCD Board of Supervisors. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make the case that the project meets the goals and has a public benefit. The Board will review each application and determine the maximum funding allowed for cost-share assistance.

## **PAYMENT**

- All projects must be pre-approved before being initiated and must be certified upon completion.
- No payments will be made until the project has been completed.
- Payment rates are shown on the contract signed by the Board of Supervisors and the applicant.
- Payments will be issued based on receipts and documentation of in-kind contributions.

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS - APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup> (applications submitted after the deadline will be considered for the following years funding)**

- **WWDC Small Waters Program**
  - The purpose of this program is to participate with land management agencies and sponsoring entities in providing incentives for improving watershed condition and function. Activities should improve watershed condition and function and provide benefit for wildlife, livestock and the environment. Projects may provide improved water quality, riparian habitat, habitat for fish and wildlife and address environmental concerns by providing water supplies to support plant and animal species or serve to improve natural resource conditions. SWPP program offers a 50/50 cost share up to \$35,000 and must provide a public benefit.
  - Projects eligible for this program include:
    - Small reservoirs
    - Wells
    - Solar Platforms
    - Pipelines and Conveyance Facilities
    - Springs
    - Wetland Developments
    - Environmental Projects
    - Irrigation Works
    - Windmills
    - Rural Community Fire Suppression Systems
    - Recreational Projects
- **WDA Water Quality Program**
  - The WQ program offers a 70/30 cost share up to \$20,000. Projects should improve Best Management Practices such as:
    - Animal Waste management
      - Corral relocations/modifications
      - Manure & pet waste management
      - Runoff diversions
      - Stock water developments
    - River, stream, and pond restoration/reclamation projects
    - Riparian area modifications
    - Riparian buffers
    - Fencing along riparian areas
    - Streambank stabilization
    - Stream beautification projects
    - Herbicide/pesticide/fertilizer management
    - Rain Barrel Use
    - Back Yard Composting
    - Permeable Pavers or Porous Pavement Installation
    - No-till drill Reclamation
    - Storm drain repair
    - Pipeline Repair
    - Septic Systems

- Designs
  - Installations
  - Replacements
- WDA Rangeland Health Assessment Program
  - RHAP program offers a 70/30 cost share up to \$20,000. The program provides an avenue for the permittees to be more involved in adaptive management strategies, founding decisions based on scientifically defensible data, and credible monitoring data for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements essential for permit renewals.
- Wyoming DEQ 319 Program
  - The CWA Section 319 grant supports locally led, voluntary projects that address non-point sources of pollution to Wyoming’s surface and groundwater. Grant funds primarily support “on-the-ground” watershed restoration or protection projects. This program offers a 60/40 cost share.

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# 2026 GRANT APPLICATION

Date of Application

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name :

Address :

City :  Zip/Postal Code :

Mobile Number :  Email Address :

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION (PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED PROJECT)

## TYPE OF PROJECT

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Reservoir                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Projects                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Well                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Works                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Platform                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Windmills                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pipelines and Conveyance Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Community Fire Suppression Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland Development                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Projects                    |

**PUBLIC BENEFIT (COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A WWDC SMALL WATER PROGRAM GRANT)**

**WHO OWNS THE LAND ON WHICH THE PROJECT IS TO BE BUILT? (INCLUDE STATE, BLM, ECT.)**

**CHOOSE WATERBODIES IMPACTED BY THIS PROJECT**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver Creek   | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine Lodge Creek |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Big Horn River | <input type="checkbox"/> Nowood River         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry Creek      | <input type="checkbox"/> Paintrock Creek      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elk Creek      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shell Creek          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greybull River | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____          |

**WHAT POLLUTANT SOURCES WILL BE ADDRESSED?**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture - Cropland  | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture - Livestock | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Channel Instability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems          | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber Harvesting/Forestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Runoff               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Extraction     | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Management        |

**WHAT POLLUTANTS WILL BE ADDRESSED?**

- Bacteria/Pathogens
- Nutrients
- Sediment
- Oil & Grease
- Pesticides

**PROJECT PURPOSE ( PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THIS PROJECT. WHAT IS THE WATER QUALITY PROBLEM THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED? WHAT ARE THE PROJECT GOALS?)**

**ESTIMATED PROJECT START AND END DATE**

Start Date:

End Date:

**HOW MANY ACRES WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS PROJECT?**

**DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A PROJECT WITH THE SOUTH BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT?**

- Yes
- No

**HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU APPLIED FOR A GRANT WITH THE SOUTH BIG HORN CONSERVATION DISTRICT?**

- 1-4 years
- 5-10 years
- 10+ years
- I have never applied for a grant through SBHCD

**ESTIMATED PERSONNEL/LABOR COSTS? (PLEASE USE ATTACHMENT A FOR ACCEPTABLE WAGES)**

**ESTIMATED SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT COSTS? ( PLEASE USE ATTACHMENT A FOR ACCEPTABLE WAGES)**

**ESTIMATED CONTRACTUAL COSTS? ( PLEASE USE ATTACHMENT A FOR ACCEPTABLE WAGES)**

**TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED?**

**APPLICANTS SIGNATURE AND DATE**

By signing below, you are certifying that all information is correct and that you are the person completing this application.

Signature:

Date: