

COUNTY COST SHARING POLICIES

1. Cost sharing applications will be accepted after January 1st of each year until funding is exhausted. Applicants need to be aware that funds are limited and approval is subject to adequate funding.
2. The sign up pertains to new projects only. Work that has been done or is in the process of being done at the time of sign up is not eligible for cost sharing.
3. Once an individual has requested financial assistance, and determination is made that a different practice is needed or should be substituted, conservation priorities will be considered before approving the change. The LWCD will determine the priority list.
4. All requests in which cost sharing is to be authorized must be supervised at time of construction by NRCS or LWCD technicians, with the work complying to the Standards and Specifications on file in the LWCD office.
5. LWCD cost sharing practices and rates will be posted. Rates are subject to change.
6. A cooperator may not earn more cost sharing than the posted limits per year regardless of the number of practices approved and/or farm units they own or operate, unless approved by the LWCD.
7. Seeding and fencing components of constructed practices must be done prior to payment.
8. Practices approved for cost sharing may be carried over for one year only. Requests for more than one year of carry over may be presented to the LWCD for approval or denial.
9. Recipients of LWCD cost sharing are required to retain responsibility for maintenance of all practices for their expected life span and identified by the LWRC. Failure to do so will cause the full amount of the cost sharing to be repaid by the recipient.
10. Removing stable situations to cost share practices is not allowed.
11. The LWCD may deem it necessary to add to this or amend existing guidelines as circumstances dictate.
12. Cost Sharing on Lakes and Waterway specific items will be approved on a case by case situation. Projects for AIS Education and Early Detection, Lake Restoration and Protection, and Public Waterway Access Improvement will be evaluated to determine the benefit the overall public will receive from the project.
13. Lakes and Waterway funding will only be awarded on water bodies with public access.

This program will cover the following practices cost shared at 70%, total cost sharing per cooperator not to exceed \$2,500.00 in any given year unless approved by the LWCD. This list is not all inclusive and may change with approval of the LWCD.