

The primary purpose of the Mini-Grant program is to supplement state and federal grant and cost-share programs: specifically to off-set costs associated with the implementation/installation of specific Best Management Practices (BMP's) designed to prevent erosion, mitigate sedimentation, and generally improve downstream water quality.

Reimbursements will cover on -the -ground project costs only, no administrative costs will be paid.

Each applicant should submit a completed application; an 8 ½ x 11" copy of a USGS Topographical map identifying where the BMP's will be installed; photographs clearly identifying the project site; a descriptive narrative of the project and the problem it is designed to address. Maximum award of \$ 1, 000.00 per program year per applicant may be awarded.

**The projects to be funded must be specifically related to water quality improvement. The following are examples of projects, which will be considered:
Authorized BMP's include:**

1. stream crossings and agricultural ramps
2. diversion ditches
3. spring developments
4. riparian vegetative buffers
5. root wads, live fascines, and other vegetative stream-bank stabilization methods
6. placed stone and/or mortared walls (stream-bank stabilization)
7. channel deflectors
8. gabion slope protection
9. Other NRCS or DEP approved stabilization methods
10. Evaluation of new Erosion and Sediment control products on publicly-owned construction projects

Applications for Mini-Grants will be collected from the following groups:

1. Locally-Based Environmental Organizations
2. School-Based Environmental Clubs
3. Individual Property Owners and Home Owners Associations
4. Scouting Organizations
5. Civic Associations
6. Sportman's Groups

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Approval of all Best Management Practices and Mini-Grant applications will be at the discretion of the GCCD Board of Directors and following the recommendation of GCCD technical staff. **Applications will be considered at Conservation District Board of Directors meeting on the third Tuesday of each month.**

The applicant is not relieved of any permit requirements of the PA Code 25 Chapter 102/105; nor are any permit fees waived unless specifically authorized in the GCCD Fee Schedule.

Additional Terms and Conditions

Grant applications must be submitted on the form developed by the Greene County Conservation District. Funds will be distributed after the grantee has expended the funds and completed the project, unless the Board waives this requirement.

Funds will be released from the Conservation District upon the group's submittal of a claim form and a report documenting proof of project completion. If the Board waives the requirement for payment after completion of the project the group must still submit a claim form to prove the project was satisfactorily completed. If the group fails to provide the necessary proof of project completion they will be ineligible for future mini- grants and requested to return the funds.

The mini- grant program's goal will be to maximize the environmental quality while minimizing paperwork, as associated with other grants. The funds allocated to this program are non-tax dollar funding

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ADMINISTRATION

A. If your project is approved, whom should the check be made out to?

Name: _____

B. Do understand that the program will pay up to the award amount approved, after receipts are submitted for project costs and the project site has been inspected by the Greene County Conservation District and determined complete?

YES or NO: _____

C. If your project is approved for an amount less than the amount requested, should the Conservation District withdraw your application?

YES or NO: _____

Submitted by: _____

Signature of Officer of Organization /Individual

_____ Date

Grant Application Approved by the:

_____ at our _____ meeting

(Name of Organization)

(Date of meeting)

Signature of Recording Secretary or other Officer

_____ Date