

IWRB Ground Water Conservation Grant Criteria

The Ground Water Conservation Grant Program provides financial assistance to municipalities and other eligible entities interested in pursuing groundwater conservation projects and studies. Pursuing ground water conservation can help water providers reduce water demands, lower operational costs such as pumping and water treatment, and reduce or postpone the need for additional water supplies. To be considered for funding, entities must be metered or have a plan for metering.

Eligible Entities*: Municipalities, Homeowner Associations, Water User Associations, Private Corporations, Irrigation Districts, Irrigation Companies, and Ground Water Districts

Eligible Geographic Area: Statewide; priority will be given to grant applications from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, the Wood River Aquifer, the Mountain Home Aquifer, the Treasure Valley Aquifer, the Palouse Basin Aquifer, and the Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer

Program Budget:

- \$200,000 (set annually by the Finance Committee; program must be renewed each year)
- No more than 50% (\$100,000) of total budget will be spent within a single Board District
- No more than 50% of total budget allowed within a single Board District (\$50,000) will be spent on agricultural groundwater conservation projects
- These limits may be waived if there are not competing demands

Grant Amount: Projects - \$5,000 to \$20,000; Studies – up to \$10,000

Grant Term: 1 year

Application Deadline: Open through April 1, 2017

Matching Funds for Projects:

- Entities requesting funding for ground water conservation projects must provide \$2 (66%) for every \$1 (33%) awarded by the IWRB
- In-kind services can be used for one-third (33%) of the projects costs

Matching Funds for Studies

- Entities requesting funding for ground water conservation studies must provide \$1 (50%) for every \$1 (50%) awarded by the IWRB

Funding Distribution:

- 25% of the grant funds will be distributed at the start of the project upon contract execution
- 25% will be distributed upon submittal of Mid-Point Progress Report
- The final 50% of the grant funds will be distributed at the end of the project and upon submittal of the Grant Performance Report

Project Deliverables: Entities that receive grant funding will be required to provide a written final Grant Performance Report to the IWRB (including a review of the activities completed under the grant), an estimate of actual water savings realized and other information that may be relevant to the IWRB. Future grant funds will not be considered if a Grant Performance Report is not submitted.

IWRB Districts are as follows:

District No. 1: Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone, Benewah, Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho counties

District No. 2: Adams, Valley, Washington, Payette, Gem, Boise, Canyon, Ada, Elmore and Owyhee counties

District No. 3: Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Twin Falls, Cassia, Blaine, Lincoln, Minidoka, Lemhi, Custer and Butte counties

District No. 4: Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bingham, Bonneville, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Oneida, Franklin and Bear Lake counties

**Entities with agricultural operations of more than 40 acres are not eligible for this grant. Other funding sources are available for these entities.*

***The IWRB can adjust and/or waive these criteria on a case-by-case basis by resolution.*