

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)
FY 2023 Agricultural Water Conservation Grants ADDENDUM 1:
QUESTIONS / RESPONSES

Question: Is a drainage district eligible to apply?

Response: Yes, drainage districts are eligible entities for the program.

Question: Is there a required amount to match?

Response: No, there is no required match, though it is encouraged. If an applicant cannot, for some reason, provide a local match, that would not prevent them from applying.

Question: Is there a minimum and/or maximum amount to ask for?

Response: No, there is no minimum and/or maximum amount to ask for. Most projects average around \$200,000, but it can be less or more.

Question: Is the application scored by points?

Response: Yes, there is a grading rubric. Please refer to the application selection process and criteria.

Question: Are collaborations with non-profits or water districts on projects allowed?

Response: Yes, collaborations are encouraged.

Question: What are eligible use of the funds?

Response:

Sec. 17.898. CONSERVATION PROJECT. (a) A conservation project is a project that:

1. Improves water efficiency of water delivery and application on existing irrigation systems;
 2. Prepares irrigated land for conversion to dryland conditions;
 3. Prepares dryland for more efficient use of natural precipitation;
 4. Purchases and installs on public or private property devices designed to indicate the amount of water withdrawn for irrigation purposes;
 5. Prepares and maintains land to be used for brush control activities in areas of the state where those activities in the board's judgment would be most effective, including activities conducted under Chapter 203, Agriculture Code; or
 6. Implements any other agricultural water conservation project defined by board rule.
- The costs of a conservation project eligible for financial assistance under Section 17.899 are the costs of the capital equipment, materials, labor, preparation, installation, or administration directly associated with implementing and completing this project.