

# Alternative Funding Sources to Consider

## Federal

### **2008 NRCS Farm Bill Conservation Programs**

**Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI):** a voluntary program established to foster conservation partnerships that focus technical and financial resources on conservation priorities in watersheds and air sheds of special significance.

Type of funding: Applicants may request up to \$200,000 (but not less than \$50,000) in funding through CCPI for the project planning phase. Applicants must provide a 1:1 match using non-NRCS funding. Up to 100 percent of the match may come from in-kind contributions.

Eligibility requirements: Funds are awarded to State and local governments and agencies; Indian tribes; and non-governmental organizations that have a history of working with agricultural producers.

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**Conservation of Private Grazing Land:** will ensure that technical, educational, and related assistance is provided to those who own private grazing lands. It is not a cost share program. This technical assistance will offer opportunities for: better grazing land management; protecting soil from erosive wind and water; using more energy-efficient ways to produce food and fiber; conserving water; providing habitat for wildlife; sustaining forage and grazing plants; using plants to sequester greenhouse gases and increase soil organic matter; and using grazing lands as a source of biomass energy and raw materials for industrial products.

Type of funding: Technical assistance. The intent of this provision is to provide accelerated technical assistance to owners and managers of grazing land. The purpose is to provide a coordinated technical program to conserve and enhance grazing land resources and provide related benefits to all citizens of the United States.

Eligibility requirements: All owners and managers of private grazing land are eligible to receive technical assistance from NRCS.

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**Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):** a voluntary program for agricultural landowners. Through CRP, you can receive annual rental payments and cost-share assistance to establish long-term, resource conserving covers on eligible farmland. CRP protects millions of acres of American topsoil from erosion and is designed to safeguard the Nation's natural resources. By reducing water runoff and sedimentation, CRP protects groundwater and helps improve the condition of lakes, rivers, ponds, and streams. Acreage enrolled in the CRP is planted to resource-conserving vegetative covers, making the program a major contributor to increased wildlife populations in many parts of the country.

Type of funding: The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes annual rental payments based on the agriculture rental value of the land, and it provides cost-share assistance for up to 50 percent of the participant's costs in establishing approved conservation practices. Participants enroll in CRP contracts for 10 to 15 years.

Eligibility requirements: To be eligible for CRP enrollment, a producer must have owned or operated the land for at least 12 months prior to close of the CRP sign-up period, unless: The new owner acquired the land due to the previous owner's death. The ownership change occurred due to foreclosure where the owner exercised a timely right of redemption in accordance with state law. The circumstances of the acquisition present adequate assurance to FSA that the new owner did not require the land for the purpose of placing it in CRP.

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**Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):** to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible national goals. EQIP offers financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management practices on eligible agricultural land.

Type of funding: Cost share—may cost-share up to 75 percent of the costs of certain conservation practices. Incentive payments may be provided for up to three years to

encourage producers to carry out management practices they may not otherwise use without the incentive. However, limited resource producers and beginning farmers and ranchers may be eligible for cost-shares up to 90 percent. Farmers and ranchers may elect to use a certified third-party provider for technical assistance. An individual or entity may not receive, directly or indirectly, cost-share or incentive payments that, in the aggregate, exceed \$450,000 for all EQIP contracts entered during the term of the Farm Bill.

Eligibility requirements: Must be an agricultural producer, be in compliance with the highly erodible, land and wetland conservation provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill, provide the Social Security number of all individuals who will benefit from the assistance, and develop an EQIP plan of operations,

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**Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG):** is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production.

Type of funding: Under CIG, Environmental Quality Incentives Program funds are used to award competitive grants to non-Federal governmental or non-governmental organizations, Tribes, or individuals. CIG enables NRCS to work with other public and private entities to accelerate technology transfer and adoption of promising technologies and approaches to address some of the Nation's most pressing natural resource concerns.

Eligibility requirements: All agricultural producers receiving direct or indirect payments through participation in a CIG project must meet the EQIP eligibility requirements as set forth in 16 U.S.C. 3839aa-1. Refer to <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/> for more information on EQIP eligibility requirements. Participating producers are not required to have an EQIP contract.

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**Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program:** provides matching funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farm and rangeland in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs, USDA partners with State, tribal, or local

governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements or other interests in land from landowners.

Type of funding: USDA provides up to 50 percent of the fair market easement value of the conservation easement.

Eligibility requirements: To qualify, farmland must: be part of a pending offer from a State, tribe, or local farmland protection program; be privately owned; have a conservation plan for highly erodible land; be large enough to sustain agricultural production; be accessible to markets for what the land produces; have adequate infrastructure and agricultural support services; and have surrounding parcels of land that can support long-term agricultural production. Depending on funding availability, proposals must be submitted by the eligible entities to the appropriate NRCS State Office during the application window.

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**Grassland Reserve Program:** is a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance grasslands on their property. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and Forest Service are coordinating implementation of GRP, which helps landowners restore and protect grassland, rangeland, pastureland, shrub land and certain other lands and provides assistance for rehabilitating grasslands. The program will conserve vulnerable grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses and conserve valuable grasslands by helping maintain viable ranching operations.

Type of funding: 30-year and permanent easements; 10-year, 15-year, 20- year, or 30-year rental agreements; and cost share restoration agreements which may be used in conjunction with any easement or rental agreement.

Eligibility requirements: Eligible land includes privately owned and Tribal lands, such as grasslands; land that contains forbs or shrubs (including improved rangeland and pastureland); or land that is located in an area that historically has been dominated by grassland, forbs, or shrubs that has the potential to serve as wildlife habitat of significant ecological value.

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**Healthy Forest Reserve Program:** is a voluntary program established for the purpose of restoring and enhancing forest ecosystems to: 1) promote the recovery of threatened and endangered species, 2) improve biodiversity; and 3) enhance carbon sequestration.

Type of funding: 1) A 10-year cost-share agreement; for which the landowner may receive 50 percent of the cost of the approved conservation practices, 2) A 30-year easement, for which the landowner may receive 75 percent of the market value of the enrolled land plus 75 percent of the cost of the approved conservation practices, or 3) An easement of not more than 99-years, for which landowners may receive 75 percent of the market value of the enrolled land plus the cost of the approved conservation practices.

Eligibility requirements: To be eligible for enrollment, land must be private land which will restore, enhance, or measurably increase the likelihood of recovery of a threatened or endangered species, must improve biological diversity, or increase carbon sequestration.

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**Wetlands Reserve Program:** a voluntary program offering landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. The NRCS goal is to achieve the greatest wetland functions and values, along with optimum wildlife habitat, on every acre enrolled in the program. This program offers landowners an opportunity to establish long-term conservation and wildlife practices and protection.

Type of funding: 1. *Permanent Easement.* This is a conservation easement in perpetuity. Easement payments for this option equal the lowest of three amounts: the difference in the appraised fair market value of the larger parcel before the easement is in place and the appraised fair market value of the larger parcel after the easement is in place, an established payment cap, or an amount offered by the landowner. In addition to paying for the easement, USDA pays up to 100 percent of the cost of restoring the wetland. 2. *30-Year Easement.* Easement payments through this option are 75 percent of what would be paid for a permanent easement. USDA also pays up to 75 percent of restoration costs. 3. *Restoration Cost-Share Agreement.* This is an agreement (generally for a minimum of 10 years) to re-establish degraded or lost wetland habitat. USDA pays up to 75 percent of the cost of the restoration activity. This enrollment option does not place an easement on the property.

Eligibility requirements: To offer a conservation easement, the landowner must have owned the land for at least 12 months prior to enrolling it in the program, unless the land was inherited; the landowner exercised the landowner's right of redemption after foreclosure, or the landowner can prove the land was not obtained for the purpose of enrolling it in the program. To participate in a restoration cost-share agreement, the landowner must show evidence of ownership. To be eligible for WRP, land must be restorable and be suitable for wildlife benefits.

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**Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP):** a voluntary program for people who want to develop and improve wildlife habitat primarily on private land. Through

Type of funding: technical assistance and up to 75 percent cost-share assistance to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. WHIP agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 5 to 10 years from the date the agreement is signed.

Eligibility requirements: Eligible lands under the program are: privately owned land; federal land when the primary benefit is on private or Tribal land; state and local government land on a limited basis; and tribal land. If land is determined eligible, NRCS places emphasis on enrolling: habitat areas for wildlife species experiencing declining or significantly reduced populations; practices beneficial to fish and wildlife that may not otherwise be funded; and wildlife and fishery habitats identified by local and State partners and Indian Tribes in each State.

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## USDA, FSA, NRCS Loan Programs

**Direct Farm Operating Loans:** To enable individuals to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals, supplies, and insurance, to promote soil and water conservation, and to refinance indebtedness within certain limitations.

Type of funding: Loan program – maximum loan of \$200,000 with length of 1 to 7 years. Rates based on Agency borrowing cost. Temporary limited-resource interest rates are available for those unable to repay at regular rates.

Eligibility requirements: Have the legal capacity to incur the obligations of the loan. Be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms to finance loan needs. Be the operator of the family farm after the loan is closed. Not be delinquent on any Federal debt.

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**Direct Farm Ownership Loans:** To enable individuals to purchase farmland, build or repair buildings and other fixtures, and promote soil and water conservation.

Type of funding: Loan program – maximum loan of \$200,000 with length of up to 40 years. Rates based on Agency borrowing costs. Temporary limited-resource interest rates are available for those unable to repay at regular rates. Interest rate of 5%, if 50% of loan amount is provided by another lender.

Eligibility requirements: Applicant must have participated in the business operations of a farm or ranch for at least 3 years (for Direct FO Loans only). Have the legal capacity to incur the obligations of the loan. Be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms to finance loan needs. Be the owner and operator of the family farm after the loan is closed. Not be delinquent on any Federal debt.

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**Guaranteed Farm Operating Loans:** To enable individuals to purchase livestock, poultry, equipment, feed, seed, farm chemicals, supplies, and insurance, to promote soil and water conservation, and to refinance debts.

Type of funding: Loan program – maximum loan of approximately \$782,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) with length of 40 years. Rates not to exceed those charged to lender's average farm customers.

Eligibility requirements: Have the legal capacity to incur the obligations of the loan. Be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms to finance loan needs. Be the operator of the family farm after the loan is closed. Not be delinquent on any Federal debt.

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**Guaranteed Farm Ownership Loans:** To enable individuals to purchase farmland, build or repair buildings and other fixtures, and promote soil and water conservation. Guaranteed loans may also be used to refinance debts.

Type of funding: Loan program – maximum loan of approximately \$782,000 (adjusted annually for inflation) with length of 40 years. Rates not to exceed those charged to lender's average farm customers.

Eligibility requirements: Have the legal capacity to incur the obligations of the loan. Be unable to obtain sufficient credit elsewhere at reasonable rates and terms to finance loan needs. Be the owner and operator of the family farm after the loan is closed. Not be delinquent on any Federal debt.

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**Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities (WWDSRC):** This USDA Rural Utilities Service program provides monies to provide basic human amenities, alleviate health hazards, and promote the orderly growth of the rural areas of the nation by meeting the need for new and improved rural water and waste disposal facilities.

Type of funding: Grants and loans

Eligibility requirements: Funds may be used for the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural water facility including costs of distribution lines and well pumping facilities. Funds also support the installation, repair, improvement, or expansion of a rural waste disposal facility, including the collection and treatment of sanitary waste stream, stormwater, and solid wastes.

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## US Fish & Wildlife Service

**Bring Back the Natives (BBTN):** Funds efforts to restore native aquatic species to their historic range.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program (2:1 non-federal match is required)

Eligibility requirements: Preference will be given to support projects that will keep sensitive or declining species off of the Endangered Species List, or for listed species that have a chance for recovery and de-listing within five to ten years.

Contact: <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/ks1.html>

**Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program (PFWP):** To promote and implement habitat improvement projects that benefit Federal Trust Species, provide conservation leadership and promote partnerships, encourage public understanding and participation, work with USDA to implement conservation program.

Type of funding: Technical and financial assistance to private landowners and Tribes who are willing to work with the Partners Program on a voluntary basis to meet the habitat needs of Federal Trust Species.

Eligibility requirements: Projects are ranked based on national priority ranking factors posted on website.

Contact: <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/ks1.html>

**Private Stewardship Grants Program:** Provides grants and other assistance on a competitive basis to individuals and groups engaged in private conservation efforts that benefit species listed or proposed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program

Eligibility requirements: Business , Community/Watershed Group , Nonprofit Groups , Educational Institution , Private Landowner , Conservation District , Local Government

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## **Bureau of Reclamation**

**Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program:** Designed to contribute to this goal by providing 50% funding for projects that will conserve water, increase water use efficiency, or enhance water management, using advanced technology, improvements to existing facilities, and water banks and markets.

Type of funding: Cost-Share (Maximum 50% federal match)

Eligibility requirements: Irrigation/water districts and state governmental entities must be located in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming

## **Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service**

**National Integrated Water Quality Program (NIWQP):** Provides funding for research, education, and extension projects aimed at improving water quality in agricultural and rural watersheds.

Type of funding: Grant (Match is case-dependent, required for commodity specific research (corn, soybeans))

Eligibility requirements: Four-year degree granting colleges and universities. NIWQP has eight themes that are being promoted: 1, animal manure and waste management; 2, drinking water and human health; 3, environmental restoration; 4, nutrient and pesticide management; 5, pollution assessment and prevention; 6, watershed management; 7, water conservation and ag water management; 8, water policy and economics.

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### **Watershed Processes and Water Resources Program (National Research Initiative):**

The Watershed Processes program sponsors basic and mission-linked research that address two areas: (1) Understanding fundamental processes controlling a) source areas and flow pathways of water, b) the transport and fate of water, sediment, nutrients, dissolved matter, and organisms (including water-borne pathogens), within forest, rangeland, and agricultural environments as influenced by watershed characteristics and contaminant origin, and c) water quality. (2) Developing appropriate technology and

management practices for improving the effective use of water (consumptive and non-consumptive) and protecting or improving water quality for agricultural and forestry production, including the evaluation of management policies that affect the quantity and quality of water resources.

Type of funding: Grant (Match is case-dependent; required for commodity specific research).

Eligibility requirements: Business , Community/Watershed Group , Nonprofit Groups , Educational Institution , Private Landowner , Conservation District , Local Government , State/Territorial Agency , Tribal Agency , Federal Agency

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## US Forest Service

**Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost-Share Grants:** Provides financial, technical, educational, and related assistance to State Foresters or equivalent agencies to assist private landowners in sustainable forest management to enhance production of timber, fish and wildlife habitat, soil and water quality, wetland, recreational resources, and aesthetic values.

Type of funding: Federal Grant/Cost-Share Program (1:1 match)

Eligibility requirements: Pre-Proposal/Full Proposal system. The program supports an ecosystem approach to managing urban forests for their benefits to air quality, stormwater runoff, wildlife and fish habitat, and other related ecosystem concerns. The Forest Service awards these grants based on recommendations made by The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council, a 15-member advisory council created by the 1990 Farm Bill to provide advice to the Secretary of Agriculture on urban and community forestry.

Contact: <http://www.fs.fed.us/>

**Forest Land Enhancement Program:** Provides financial, technical, educational, and related assistance to State Foresters or equivalent agencies to assist private landowners in sustainable forest management to enhance production of timber, fish and wildlife habitate, soil and water quality, wetland, recreational resources, and aesthetic values

Type of funding: Federal cost-share may not exceed 75%, actual percentage varies by state.

Eligibility requirements: Program designed to assist State Foresters or equivalent agencies in sustainable forest management on nonindustrial private forest lands. Program may include agreements with other agencies or organizations to serve as a third party to deliver parts of FLEP.

Contact: Kansas Forestry Service  
<http://www.kansasforests.org/>

## **Environmental Protection Agency**

**Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program:** Grant to eligible entities to help their communities form collaborative partnerships, develop a comprehensive understanding of the many sources of risk from toxics and environmental pollutants, set priorities, and identify and carry out projects to reduce risks through collaborative action at the local level.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program

Eligibility requirements: Eligible entities must be a 501c3, or a non-profit as defined by OMB Circular A-122

**Environmental Education Grant (EEG):** To support environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program. EPA distributes between \$2 to \$3 million annually. More than 75% of these grant recipients receive less than \$15,000.

Eligibility requirements: Applicants must represent a local education agency, a state education or environmental agency, a college or university, an NPO - 501( c )(3), a noncommercial educational broadcasting entity, or a tribal education agency.

**Environmental Justice Grant Programs:** To provide financial assistance to eligible organizations to build collaborative partnerships, to identify the local environmental and/or public health issues, and to envision solutions and empower the community through education, training, and outreach.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program

Eligibility requirements: Applicant must be either a 501 ( c ) (3) NPO or a NPO recognized by the state, territory, commonwealth, or tribe in which it is located. In addition, eligible applicant must be able to demonstrate that it has worked directly with

affected community (a community disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks and has a local environmental and/or public health issue that is identified in the proposal).

**Five-Star Wetland Restoration Grant:** To provide environmental education and training projects that restore wetlands and streams

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program. \$5,000 to \$20,000 with \$10,000 as the average per project.

Eligibility requirements: The program's objective is to engage five or more partners in each project to contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support or other in-kind services that match the program's funding assistance. Consideration for funding is based upon the project's educational and training opportunities for students and at-risk youth, the ecological benefits to be derived, and the project's social and economic benefits to the community.

**Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Grants:** To support the reduction of risks from pesticides in agricultural and non-agricultural settings and to to implement pollution prevention measures.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program

Eligibility requirements: Open only to PESP (Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program) Partners and Supporters; membership is completely voluntary.

## **State**

### **Kansas Department of Health & Environment**

**Clean Water Neighbor Grant (CWN):** Encourages citizens to take steps that will prevent nonpoint source pollution and protect important water resources.

Type of funding: Grants up to \$10,000 provided through KDHE with funding from EPA. Local match of 40% must be provided.

Eligibility requirements: There must be non-point source pollution reduction. There must be an information and education component to the project. The project must score 35 or above on the ranking sheet. Applicant must show local financial or in-kind support to meet the 40% match requirement and have available financial resources to allow activity to continue for approximately four months while awaiting payments from KDHE.

Contact:

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**Illegal Dump Cleanup (IDC):** To work with city and county governments to clean up illegal dumps throughout Kansas.

Type of funding: Financial assistance, KDHE is authorized to contribute 75% (up to a maximum of \$10,000 per site) with the city or county being responsible for 25% of in-kind services.

Eligibility requirements: The responsible party must be unknown, unwilling, or unable to clean up the site, the state may spend no more than \$10,000 per site, the city or county must consent to the clean-up and must pay a minimum of 25% of the cost of the clean-up.

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**Kansas Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program (KWPCRLP):** To help communities finance water pollution control projects through low interest loans to local governments.

Type of funding: Revolving Loan Fund based on Federal grant and 20% State match

Eligibility requirements: Municipalities apply. Eligible projects include: construction costs related to public health protection, water quality improvement, and permit compliance.

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## **Kansas Forest Service**

**Conservation Tree Planting Program (CTPP):** Offers tree and shrub seedlings as well as other items for use in conservation plantings. Plantings may function as wildlife habitat, windbreaks, wood lots, timber plantations, or Christmas tree farms, etc.

Type of funding: Low-cost trees and shrubs provided for conservation plantings.

Eligibility requirements: The minimum order is 1 unit (25 seedlings), and orders must be placed in whole units. There are limited numbers of seedlings available each year and selling out is not uncommon for many species.

Contact: Contact local Forest Service District Office:

<http://www.kansasforests.org/>

## **Kansas State Treasurer**

**Agricultural Production Loan Deposit Program (APLDP):** Provide financial assistance for the operating expenses involved in farming.

Type of funding: Linked Deposit Loan provides the ability for Kansas banks and Farm Credit Associations to make loans of up to \$250,000 to farmers with a maximum loan length of 8 years.

Eligibility requirements: Be an individual, limited liability agricultural company, limited agricultural partnership or family farm corporation as defined in KSA 17-5903, involved in farming, and live and farm in Kansas, and have a debt-to-asset ratio of 40% or greater, and have not obtained any other agricultural production loan from any lender pursuant to this program, and use the loaned funds exclusively for the operating expenses involved in farming.

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## **Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education**

**Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE):** To advance farming systems that are more profitable, environmentally sound and good for communities. More specifically, SARE funds scientific investigation and education to reduce the use of chemical pesticides, fertilizers, and toxic materials in agricultural production; to improve management of on-farm resources to enhance productivity, profitability, and competitiveness; to promote crop, livestock, and enterprise diversification and to

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facilitate the research of agricultural production systems in areas that possess various soil, climatic, and physical characteristics; to study farms that have are managed using farm practices that optimize on-farm resources and conservation practices; and to promote partnerships among farmers, nonprofit organizations, agribusiness, and public and private research and extension institutions.

Type of funding: Federal Grant Program

Eligibility requirements: Educational institutions eligible include land-grant colleges or universities and other universities. Also eligible are state agricultural experiment stations, state cooperative extension services, and individuals with demonstrable expertise.

Producers are eligible for a separate small grants program.

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## State Conservation Commission

**Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPS PC):**

**Riparian and Wetland Protection Program (RWPP):**

**Water Resources Cost-Share Program (WRCSP):** Provide financial assistance to eligible landowners for conservation practices that reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and/or conserve water.

Type of funding: Cost-Share with rates not to exceed 70%; administered locally in each county by the conservation district.

Eligibility requirements: Most proposed practices must meet NRCS standards and standards to ensure functionality and long life. Applicants must sign a SCC Contract for Financial Assistance which assures proper conformance to state practice implementation and maintenance requirements for a minimum of 10 years. Contract must be approved by the conservation district, the SCC, and signed by the landowner(s).

Contact: Local conservation district office: <http://www.scc.ks.gov/>

## Additional State Funding Sources

**Watershed Information and Education Small Grants Program (WI&E):** To provide Conservation Districts in Kansas with supplementary monetary support for both adult and preK-12 student water related information and education to assist WRAPS initiatives in their regions

Type of funding: Conservation Districts in Kansas that have an established WRAPS project in their county, or have a new WRAPS project starting in their county, are eligible to apply for up to \$5000 per district each state fiscal year (up to \$2500 per project and up

to \$5000 for multiple projects). A total of \$40,000 can be awarded, with approximately half the funding going to water information and education projects and programs that impact preK-12 aged students and the other half funding adult/community based information and education programs. Examples of projects and programs eligible for this funding include but are not limited to: water celebrations, environmental field experiences, workshops, educational tours/field days, Ag in the Classroom, brochures or newsletters, etc.

Eligibility requirements: Application deadlines **15 January 2009 and 15 July 2009**  
Grant applications will be reviewed and approved for funding twice per year following the above deadlines. One application per Conservation District (may include multiple projects per application) will be accepted each grant deadline (districts may apply for up to \$5000 for multiple projects at once, or over two grant cycles in a state fiscal year).

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**Additionally, the acronyms accompanying the programs listed on this handout are intended to correspond with the acronyms given on the PowerPoint presented at the WRAPS Capacity Building Seminar held 17 December 2009 in McPherson, Kansas. Copies of this PowerPoint presentation are available from Melissa Arthur, KACEE, or Constance Buckner, KDHE Watershed Management Section.**

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