

Program Rules for 2026 CSCB Matching Grant Cost-Share Program

1. Cost-share is 50/50 meaning: 50% of the project total will be paid by the B-TCD and 50% will be paid by landowner.
2. The maximum cost to be covered will be capped at \$2,500 per landowner.
3. NEW: Landowner must provide at least 2 BEFORE photographs of the project area (via text to our district manager at 407-749-2722 or by email to bransontrinchradistrict@gmail.com)
4. Only private landowners or operators of leased land may apply for this program. If land where practice is installed is leased land the owner of the leased land and the lessor must both sign the application and rules. Valid lease must be provided if requested by the Conservation District.
5. Engineering practices must be planned and installed in accordance with technical standards and specifications provided to the landowner(s) by the Conservation District.
6. The Conservation District is not responsible for any legal disputes regarding property or boundary lines. In the case of questions regarding property or boundary lines, a legal survey is required entirely at the expense of the interested parties and will not be covered by any cost-share.
7. Items of cost for which reimbursement is later claimed are to be supported by documentation of payment made or due to contractors or other workers.

NEW ideas for projects welcome in 2026 including: shade/aqua ball demonstration projects (special ranking bonus for 2026), weed and/or woody species treatments (including cost share with district power pellet sales), solar ideas, de-icing tank demonstration projects, etc. Fencing, water, and similar projects still accepted.

Applications are due by February 27, 2026.

Applicant completes an application in consultation with District or NRCS personnel. All applications go before the Board and will be ranked at the March 18, 2026 meeting. Applicants will be notified by mail of approval and funding level by March 18, 2026. If approved for funding projects may begin starting March 18, 2026, provided that the landowner has consulted with District or NRCS personnel and has the go ahead to start the project.

The applicant will complete the project according to instruction and specifications provided by the Conservation District and will submit invoices to the District office after project completion.

NRCS personnel and/or a District representative will check the project upon completion. The project check out must be requested by landowner and completed on or before close of business on November 20, 2026 to receive cost-share.

Invoices submitted by the applicant, are reimbursed at 50% of the estimated, awarded cost of the project, as stated in your award letter, up to the \$2,500 limit.

All projects must be completed and checked out by close of business on November 20, 2026.

ALL COST OVERRUNS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT AND WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED BY THE DISTRICT.

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Landowner signature

By signing above, I acknowledge that I understand the above rules for the Branson-Trinchera Conservation District Cost-Share Program and will abide by said rules in order to receive cost-share payment.

CSCB MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM
CSCB Cost-Share Assistance Agreement and Payment Claim - Revised

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE Branson-Trinchera CONSERVATION DISTRICT (CD)	SS#	Landowner district ID (optional)	Landowner
			Address
			City-ST-ZIP

(We) the undersigned, request cost-share assistance for the cost of installing natural resource conservation practices as listed below. It is agreed that:

1. This agreement and payment claim will not be effective until all sections completed and approved by the Conservation District (CD). Form must be submitted w/reimbursement Request.
2. The authorizing technician must make prior determination (through a site visit) that the requested practices are necessary and feasible on the site propose; they will be appropriately planned and installed; and the costs are reasonable. The landowner must sign in agreement to the request as stated below **before** work begins.
3. Engineering practices should be necessary and practical and evaluated by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), their designee, **or be authorized by a professional engineer.**
4. The authorizing technician must inspect completed work & certify satisfactory completion as pre-requisite to cost-share payments.
5. Before receiving any cost-share funds, the landowner(s) must sign the agreement below relating to the installation and maintenance of practices installed.
6. Items for which reimbursement are claimed are to be supported by documentation of payments made or due, or applicable in-kind records, and reviewed by the conservation district Board or assignee prior to cost-share payment.
7. Maximum reimbursement will be limited to the % of the costs as specified below, or the amount obligated by the Conservation District - whichever is the least.

Location of Practice				
1/4	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	COUNTY

APPLICANT'S REQUEST FOR PRACTICES							PRACTICES COMPLETED (explain if different than planned)					
Month and Year	PRACTICE DESCRIPTION (for weeds, describe species, control method, chemicals)	UNIT (No/ Ac/Ft)	No. of UNITS (a)	\$/ UNIT (b)	COST SHARE a x b x c		Practice Lifespan (yrs)	Month and Year	No. of UNITS (a)	\$/UNIT (b)	COST SHARE a x b x c	
					% (c)	\$					% (c)	\$
					50						50	
If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.				Cost Share Total				Cost Share Total				
							LESS OTHER COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE FROM LANDOWNER / DISTRICT					

Signature: Landowner/Authorized Rep	Date	TO BE PAID TO LANDOWNER	
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I have inspected the site and certify that practices and quantities requested are necessary and practical.

Authorizing Technician/Engineer _____ Date _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT APPROVAL OF REQUEST:

The Conservation District Board of Supervisors approved this request and hereby obligates a maximum of _____

District Board Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

WORK COMPLETION TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the practices reported as completed above were inspected by me as completed and **were** **were not** installed to NRCS technical standards and specifications. (Check one box above)

Signature of Authorizing Technician/Engineer _____ Date _____

Print name of authorizing Technician/Engineer _____

LANDOWNER(S) COMPLETION CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT:

I certify that the above practices are complete and all items for which payment is claimed relate to these practices and are reasonable, proper, and correct. I certify that I am the owner of the above described property and agree that if any of the above installed practices shall be removed, altered, or modified so as to lessen their effectiveness without consent of the Conservation District for the practice life span after the date of receiving payment, that portion of the claimed amount shall be refunded to the Conservation District. **If title to this land is transferred to another party, it shall be my responsibility to advise the new owner of this agreement and obtain such new owner's acceptance of the responsibilities herein.**

Signature of Landowner(s) _____ Date _____

CONSERVATION DISTRICT PAYMENT CLAIM CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the above claim cost documentation has been reviewed by me and is a legitimate claim. **Note any changes to amount approved in space below to validate amount actually paid.**

District Board Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Print name of authorized signatory _____