



Farm Bill Assistance

BWSR Grant Profile

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Grant Description

Farm Bill Assistance grants allow SWCDs to hire staff to accelerate implementation of the Farm Bill as well as other state and federal conservation projects that involve grasslands and wetlands. A yearly request for proposals will solicit all 90 SWCDs' interest in hiring field staff to concentrate on direct marketing and enrollment assistance. The Farm Bill Assistance Committee reviews, scores and ranks these requests based upon identified workload, goals, past performance and available funding.

Information on the Farm Bill Assistance program can be found at <http://www.bwsr.state.mn.us/practices/farm-bill/index.html>.

Reporting Overview

Farm Bill Assistance grants are paid on a reimbursement basis. An expense, hours, and accomplishment reporting form is sent to grantees quarterly to the FBA program staff person at each SWCD. Completed reports are returned to BWSR for program tracking and payment processing.

Reporting in eLINK is not required. However, the grant agreement is distributed through eLINK, and an executed grant agreement—distributed through eLINK—is required for BWSR to disburse funds.

eLINK Reporting Requirements

Type: Noncompetitive
Administered by: BWSR
Application completed in eLINK? No
Proposed Indicators in Application: No
Grant Agreement distributed through eLINK*: Yes
Exempt from eLINK reporting: Yes
Additional Report Attachment: Yes
Non-eLINK reporting required: Yes
Workplan: No
Match Requirement: No match required
Activity Details (Practices & Indicators): No
Mapping: No
Rates & Hours: No
Expenses: No
Actual Results: No
Payment Schedule: REIMBURSEMENT

*Applies to FY14 and beyond