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| *Name:* | **CREP: Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program** | **EQIP: Environmental Quality Incentive Program** | **FSP: Forest Stewardship Program** |
| *Program Focus:* | Restoration of degraded agricultural lands to native forest communities |  Plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland. | Management of forest resources for conservation, restoration, or timber production |
| *Eligible Lands:* | Land must be physically and legally capable of being agriculturally productive. There are two land classifications, cropland and marginal pastureland, that land is classified under. Cropland must have been cropped 4 out of 6 years; and marginal pastureland is everything else but land must be adjacent to a water source (riparian area, pond, etc) to be eligible. | Owners of land in agricultural or forest production or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible land | Eligible on private owned or leased forested or formally forested lands through Hawaii. |
| *Applicant Eligiblity:* | Landowner or land operator with legal authority to manage the offered area. Applicant is required to provide the names of any associated entities to the offered area. \*Applicant is subject to USDA Farm Bill AGI limitation | Landowner or land manager with legal authority to manage the offered area. Applicant is subject to USDA Farm Bill AGI limitation. | Landowner or land manager with legal authority to manage the offered area. |
| *Minimum Enrollment:* | For marginal pastureland minimum enrollment is 30 foot buffer from riparian area. No minimum buffer for cropland. | No minimum enrollment | Minimum enrollment is 5 contiguous acres. Interested parties may combine resources with surrounding neighbors in order to meet minimum acreage requirement. |
| *Sign-up Information:* | Continuous sign-up. Maui and Hawaii Island eligible for enrollment starting April 2009; Molokai and Lanai eligible enrollment October 2010; Kauai eligible for enrollment October 2011; and Oahu eligible October 2012. | Continuous sign-up with established application 'cut-off' or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking for available annual funding. | Continuous sign-up, eligible projects are reviewed by the State Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee and the Department of Land and Natural Resources. |
| *Facts to Consider:* | Offered area must be removed from agricultural production for the duration of the program agreement | Subject to USDA Farm Bill AGI limitations | Application for the program is a two step process, involving the submission of a project proposal and management plan. |
| *Contract length:* | Requires a 15 year agreement | Minimum commitment is 1 year after completion of conservation practice. Maximum term of 10 years. Dependent on scheduled conservation practices. | Minimum commitment 10 years of management. An additional maintenance period may be negotiated for up to 20 additional years (minimum term for timber production is 30 year agreement). |
| *Implementing Agency:* | Farm Service Agency, NRCS, & HI Division of Forestry and Wildlife | NRCS | Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife |
| *Financial Incentives:* | Federal: Sign-up Incentive Payment ($100/acre); Annual Rental Payment ($43/acre/yr to $219/acre/yr); Cost-share Reimbursement (50% based on allowed rates); and Practice Incentive Payment (40% for select practices). State: Hawaii CREP Incentive Payment ($17/acre/yr); Cost-share Reimbursement (based on annual availability); and Conservation Easement support. | 50% reimbursement of incurred costs (based on allowed rates); historically underserved may be eligible for payments up to 90%. | 50% reimbursement of allowed practices as approved in management plan. The program may also be able to fund the development of the management plan (up to 75%). |

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| *Name:* | **PFW: Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program** | **WHIP: Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program** | **CSP: Conservation Stewardship Program** |
| *Program Focus:* | Habitat restoration of private lands through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Trust Species. | Develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, nonindustrial private forest land, and Indian land.  | Encourage producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.  |
| *Eligible Lands:* | Private lands, County, and Hawaiian Homelands | Private agricultural land including cropland, grassland, rangeland, pasture, and other land determined by NRCS to be suitable for fish and wildlife habitat development; non-industrial private forest land including rural land that has existing tree cover or is suitable for growing trees | Available on private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land; cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pastureland, rangeland, and nonindustrial private forest land. |
| *Applicant Eligiblity:* | Landowner or a third-party with written permission from the landowner to conduct conservation activities. | Landowner or land manager with legal authority to manage the offered area. Applicant is subject to USDA Farm Bill AGI limitation. | Individual, legal entities, joint operations that are the operator of record in the USDA farm records management system; have effective control of the land for the term of the proposed contract; be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetland conservation provisions; and include the eligible land in their entire agricultural or forestry operation. |
| *Minimum Enrollment:* | 10 acre minimum size, and maximum of $25,000 per conservation agreement (additional funds available with waiver) | No minimum enrollment | No minimum enrollment |
| *Sign-up Information* | Continuous sign-up. Check Grants.gov or contact the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Coordinator | Continuous sign-up with established application 'cut-off' or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking for available annual funding. | Continuous sign-up with established application 'cut-off' or submission deadline dates for evaluation and ranking for available funding. |
| *Facts to Consider:* | Project funding shall not exceed $25,000 with an equal amount match from the landowner. Projects needed more than $25,000 or a greater match from the federal government, are allowed on a case-by-case basis. | Payments under WHIP shall not exceed $50,000 per year. Subject to USDA Farm Bill AGI limitations | Although there is no enrollment limit, it may be more financially attractive for larger scale projects. Also applications are subject to the USDA Farm Bill AGI limitations. Payment limitation - may not receive more than $40,000 in any year or more than $200,000 during any 5-year period.  |
| *Contract length:* | Requires a 10 year landowner commitment to implement, and maintain the conservation actions. | Cost-share agreements generally last from one year after the last conservation practice is implemented to no more than 10 years from the date of the agreement is signed. | 5 year contracts |
| *Implementing Agency:* | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service | NRCS | NRCS |
| *Financial Incentives:* | Federal to landowner match is 1:1 | 75% cost-share reimbursement to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Up to 25% of WHIP funds will be available for long-term cost-share agreements (15 years or longer) to protect and restore essential plant and animal habitat - NRCS can pay up to 90% of the costs to install conservation practices in these long-term agreements. | Annual payment is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing practices, the higher the operational performance, the higher their payment. A supplemental payment is available to participants who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation. |