

Forestry Financial Assistance Programs

CREP

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

Program Focus: Restoration of degraded agricultural lands to native forest communities.

Eligible Lands: Land must be physically and legally capable of being agriculturally productive: cropland and marginal pastureland. Cropland-cropped 4 out of 6 years. Marginal pastureland— includes all other lands, but must be adjacent to a water source (riparian area, natural pond, etc).

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.



EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentive Program

Program Focus: 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.

Eligible Lands: Owners of land in agricultural or forest production lands or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible lands.

Incentives: 75% reimbursement of incurred costs (based on allowed rates); historically underserved may be eligible for payments up to 90%.



FSP

Forest Stewardship Program

Program Focus: Management of forest resources for conservation, restoration, or timber production.

Eligible Lands: Privately owned or public lands under long-term lease; must be forested or have the potential for reforestation.

Incentives: 50% reimbursement of allowed practices as approved in management plans. The program also funds the development of a long term management plans (up to 75%) that may also be eligible for incentives under other assistance programs.



PFW

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program

Program Focus: Habitat restoration of private lands through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Listed Species.

Eligible Lands: Private lands, County, and Hawaiian Homelands.

Incentives: Federal to landowner match is 1:1. Project funding shall not exceed \$25,000 with an equal amount match from the landowner. Projects that require more than \$25,000 or a greater funding support from the federal government are allowed on a case-by-case basis.



CSP

Conservation Stewardship Program

Program Focus: 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: Available on private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land; cropland, grassland, prairie land, improved pastureland, rangeland, and non-industrial private forest land.

Incentives: Annual payment is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing practices, the higher the operational performance, the higher their payment. Supplemental payment is available to some participants.



WHIP

Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

Program Focus: Develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land, and Tribal lands.

Eligible Lands: 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.

Incentives: 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.



More Information

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US Fish and Wildlife Service: <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/> (808) 792-9400

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