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EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF COST SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Mission Statement

Clear Creek Conservation District is dedicated to the development and implementation of programs to provide leadership and technical assistance for the conservation of Johnson County's natural resources, agricultural heritage and resource base, to promote the control of soil erosion, to promote and protect the quality and quantity of Wyoming's waters and all other natural resources, to preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, to protect the tax base and to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of this County through responsible conservation planning.

General Program Objectives

The Clear Creek Conservation District (CCCD) has created the *Emergency Drought Relief Cost Share* program to financially assist *agricultural producers* within the district's boundaries in addressing stock water well deficiencies caused by continuing drought conditions in Johnson County. The focus of the program is to address these deficiencies through working over an existing well, drilling a new well, or conversion of a coal-bed methane (CBM) well to a stock water well. This program is not intended for municipal/homes, pipelines, tanks, storage tanks, or small acreage parcels. In addition, the program is intended for drilling of the well only, no equipment or material will be paid for (pump, motor, well tubing, or tanks).

Eligibility Criteria

- Only one application per operating entity.
- An existing well must have failed due to water level or water quality issues.
- An existing well must have failed due to casing, pipe, or bore integrity issues.
- Proof of the issue must be provided. This can be done by using a credible well drilling service to identify and assess the problem and provide a solution. Not applicable to CBM conversion projects.
- Applicant must prove they have funds to fund the entire well replacement, new well drilling, or CBM well conversion to stock water well. This can be done by providing a letter from your bank verifying funds are available to complete the project.
- If converting from a CBM well to stock water well it is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the necessary permits through the Wyoming State Engineer's Office. *Please contact Lisa Lindemann at 307-777-5063 or lisa.lindemann@wyo.gov with questions concerning well conversions.*

Funding Criteria

- Cost share will be 50% of the total project cost or \$10,000.00 whichever is lower.
- Maximum payment is \$10,000.00 regardless of final project cost.
- Remaining amount over 50% or \$10,000.00 will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- Cost share dollars will be reimbursable. Invoices and copies of receipts will be required for reimbursement.
- No payment will be made for work that results in a dry well or unsuccessful work over.
- No payment will be made for work that has been done previous to this program starting.

Selection Process and Timeline

- The application process will be open from **May 6th, 2022** until **September 1st, 2022**.
- Projects must be completed within 1-year of the accepted application date. An extension can be granted if funds can be verified.
- Grant selection and payment decisions will be made within 10 business days of receiving the application.

For more information, please contact Zach Byram at 307-620-3021.

