

Yellow Medicine SWCD—FY2016

BWSR Grants

Erosion Control & Water
Management Program (Former
State Cost Share) = \$17,060.00
T&A = \$3,412.00
Project = \$13,648.00

12/31/2015

Funds Returned to State

Type \$.00
Date Fund Returned: NA

Grant Period (incl. extensions)

From: Date:8/1015
To: Date 12/31/2017

State Cost Share Expenditures by Category

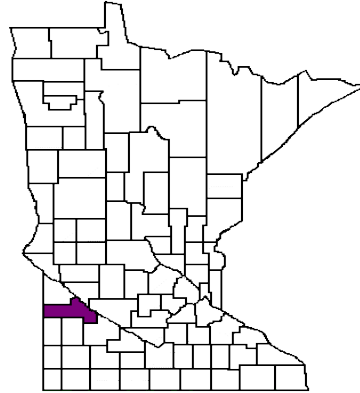
Technical Assistance Funds	
Tech & Admin Funds	\$187.05
Total TA Funds	\$187.05
Implementation Funds	
Field Windbreaks	
Terraces or 638's	\$3,791.00
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Total State Cost Share Implementation Expenditures	\$3,791.00

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Project Title: FY 2016 Erosion Control & Water Management Program (Former State Cost Share Program)

Yellow Medicine County map - Yellow Medicine SWCD Boundaries



Overall Project Description (abstract)

The Erosion Control & Water Management Program (Former State Cost Share Program) was established in 1977 and is administered locally by the Yellow Medicine Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The State Cost Share Program provides financial assistance to landowners for installing conservation practices that protect and improve water quality by controlling soil erosion and reducing sedimentation. The program provides up to 75% of the total eligible cost of a practice. The SWCD provided technical assistance to landowners to install conservation practices by:

- Conducting a site investigation with the landowner
- Working with the landowner to determine the best management practice (BMP) for the given situation
- Surveying and designing the project
- Producing a rough cost estimate
- Providing the landowner with a designed plan for submission of bids
- Performing a pre-construction conference with the contractor and landowner
- Supervising construction
- Certifying completion of the project
- Status reviews

This grant from the Board of Water & Soil Resources was issued August 10, 2015. As of December 31, 2015 a total of \$3,978.05 were spent. Of that \$187.05 were technical and administrative dollars and \$3,791.00 was project funds. See next page for breakdown of funds.

Yellow Medicine SWCD—FY 2016 Service Grants

12/31/2015

BWSR Service Grants

Conservation Delivery \$19,263
 Easement Delivery \$ 9,257
 Farm Bill Assistant \$33,745

Funds Returned to State

Type \$.00
 Date Fund Returned: NA

Grant Period (incl. extensions)

From: Date: 9/10/2015
 To: Date 12/31/2017

Expenditures by Service Grant

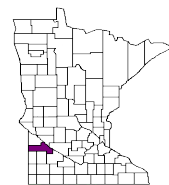
Conservation Delivery Grant	\$19,263.00
Easement Delivery Grant	\$4,532.78
Farm Bill Assistant Grant	\$14,892.00

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Project Title: FY 2016 BWSR Grants: Conservation Delivery; Easement Delivery; and Farm Bill Assistant Grant

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Overall Project Description and Outputs

The grants were executed on August 25, 2014.

The Conservation Delivery Grant is given to the SWCD for the general administration and operation of the district. The grant was signed and received on August 10, 2015.

The grant dollars were used to fund the following:

- Supervisors Comp/Expense = \$4,710.65
- Supplies/Office Maintenance= \$2,538.15
- Employee Expense/Training = \$1,227.04
- Dues = \$4,237.34
- Annual MCIT Insurance Premiums = \$6,241.00
- Conservation Farmer expense to attend State Convention = \$308.82

This grant is deemed complete

The Easement Delivery Grant is given to the SWCD to provide a service to ensure proper management of the 196 plus RIM contracts in the county. Services provided included: perform on-site investigations and surveys; monitor easements and conduct spot-checks; maintain files, prepare documents to change ownership, address issues, and conduct status reviews. The grant was signed and received on August 10, 2015. As of December 31, 2015 a total of \$4,532.78 was spent on the following:

- \$1,434.15 ownership changes/modifications/boundaries, etc.
- \$1,706.74 vegetative management/conservation planning, etc.
- \$524.17 administration
- \$750.19 site inspections
- \$117.53 training

The Farm Bill Assistant (FBA) Grant is given to the SWCD to hire staff to increase landowner participation in the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill, which increases the amount of native grasses and wetlands on the landscape to enhance water quality, reduce soil erosion, and increase fish & wildlife habitat. The Yellow Medicine SWCD, as well as the two Pheasants Forever Chapters in the County contribute the matching funds needed for this grant. The grant was signed and approved on August 14, 2015.

As of December 31, 2015 the FBA made 136 contacts; 91 contracts totaling 1,135.8 acres were signed as follows.

- 7 contracts with management activities totaling 256.44 acres
- 55 Continuous CRP (CCRP) filter strip contracts totaling 391.36 acres
- 17 CCRP wetlands totaling 327.17 acres
- 1 CCRP riparian for a total of 6.68 acres
- 11 CCRP grassland contracts totaling 154.15 acres.

The SWCD spent 688.5 hours promoting and signing up individuals to various conservation programs and utilized \$14,892.00 of the grant.

**Yellow Medicine
SWCD—FY 2016
Service Grants**
12/31/2015

NRBG WCA **\$8778.00**
NRBG WCA Match **\$8778.00**
As of 12/31/2015

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**Expenditures by
Service Grant**

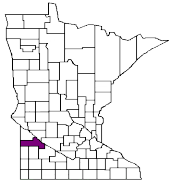

**Technical/Administrative
Assistance Funds**

NRBG-Wetland Conservation Act Grant	\$.00
Wetland Conservation Act-SWCD In-kind Match	\$.00
2016 Buffer Grant	\$35,000.00

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**Project Title: Natural Resource Block Grant -
Wetland Conservation Act;**

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Overall Project Description and Outputs

Wetland Conservation Act (WCA)- Yellow Medicine County appointed the SWCD as the local governmental unit to administer the Wetland Conservation Act. The SWCD technician will administer all technical aspects of this grant and is a certified wetland delineator. The administrative assistant and district manager will assist with administering this program by maintaining the registers, reporting results in eLINK, sending out decisions, etc.

This grant was signed on October 19, 2015, and Yellow Medicine County issued a check to the SWCD on November 20, 2015. As of December 31, 2015 no funds were spent. The SWCD is still utilizing fiscal year 2015 funds to administer the Wetland Conservation Act.

Buffer Implementation Grant: The Buffer Grant with BWSR was executed on December 2, 2015. Grant dollars were utilized for the following:
Administration/Coordination (\$3,085.78): Educating staff on buffer initiative thru both live presentations, webinars; advertising and interviews for new position to assist with implementing the buffer law.
Education/Promotion (\$1,837.25): Informing public of buffer initiative thru newsletter published by district and newspaper ad. Staff time was also spent gathering info on Buffer Law and filter strips for presentations.
Equipment (\$30,076.97): A portion of the cost of a used pickup and a portion of the cost of a John Deere Gator was taken from this grant.
 Budgeted dollars for the buffer grant were adjusted in April to accommodate the purchase of a used pickup and Gator. **The grant is deemed complete.**