

FY16 Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)

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Conservation Innovation Grants

Purpose:

To stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging the federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production.

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Objective:

NRCS expects to incorporate innovative technologies and approaches that result from CIG into NRCS programmatic and technical manuals, guides, activities, and references, and to transfer these innovations to others in the public sector.

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National Component

- Maximum award amount not to exceed \$2 million (NEW)
- Funding level \$20 million

State Component

- Maximum award amount not to exceed \$75,000
- Funding level; up to 5% of State Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) State Allocation
- For **FY16 \$250,000** is allocated to the program

CIG Requirements

- Applicants must be: Federally-recognized Indian tribes, State or local unit of governments, non-governmental organization; and individuals.
- Must involve farmers, rancher, NIPF producers.
- Project or activity must promote environmental protection or natural resources enhancement.
- Applicants must show 1:1 match which can be any ratio of cash and/or in-kind).
- Project must be transferable to NRCS and the Agricultural and Forest community to adopt.

Funding Priority

- Local adaptation
- Integration to NRCS Oregon's Implementation Strategy
- Promotes environmental enhancement in conjunction with agricultural production
- Improves and enhance existing conservation efforts
- Transferability to agricultural community

FY16 CIG State Component

State Resource Concern Category

Energy

AIR Quality/Climate Change

Water Quality

Water Quantity

Plant Health/Vigor

Soil Quality/Health

Wildlife Habitat

FY 2016 CIG State and National Component Announcement

National CIG: opens March 7, 2016; closes MAY 10, 2016

State CIG:

Anticipated date to announce the State CIG **March 25, 2016**;
closing date May 23, 2016

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