

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Pasture/Range BF/LRP

This is the FY 2014 Ranking Tool for Beginner Farmer and Limited Resource Producer (Historically Underserved) Pacific Islands Area participants addressing "Pasture or Range" land uses, including irrigated and/or wildlife modifiers. This will be used for all 2014 EQIP applications assigned to the county "Pasture/Range BF/LRP" fund code. Priority Pacific Islands Area pasture and range environmental resource concerns along with conservation practices to resolve those concerns will be considered for funding. Conservation Activity Plans (CAP) are available within this funding pool and are set to receive the highest priority for funding when ranked within this funding pool. Field Offices are required to follow all programmatic and technical policies when planning and implementation practices.

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO2 (Carbon Dioxide), CH4 (Methane), and N2O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Application/Contract Addresses Development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP):	
1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Resource Concerns Addressed by this Application/Contract:	
1. Degraded Plant Condition: Undesirable Plant Productivity & Health; Excessive Plant Pressure and/or; Inadequate Structure & Composition	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Soil Erosion: Sheet, Rill, and Wind; Concentrated Flow (Classic Gully or Ephemeral Gully) or; Streambank Erosion	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Water Quality: Excessive Suspended Sediment & Turbidity; Excessive Nutrients and Organics and/or; Excessive Pathogens and Chemicals from Manure or Biosolids.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Livestock Production Limitation: Inadequate Livestock Water; Inadequate Feed and Forage	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife: Habitat Degradation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Soil Quality: Compaction	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. 3 or more Resource Concerns from this list: Soil Quality - Organic Matter Depletion ; Insufficient Water - Use of Irrigation Water Inefficient Moisture Management; Degraded Plant Condition- Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation; Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Livestock Shelter; Air Quality - Objectionable Odors or Emissions of Particulate Matter and PM Precursors; or Inefficient Energy Use - Farming/Ranching Practices and Feed Operations.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. 1-2 Resource Concerns from this list: Soil Quality - Organic Matter Depletion ; Insufficient Water - Use of Irrigation Water Inefficient Moisture Management; Degraded Plant Condition- Wildfire Hazard, Excessive Biomass Accumulation; Livestock Production Limitation - Inadequate Livestock Shelter; Air Quality - Objectionable Odors or Emissions of Particulate Matter and PM Precursors; or Inefficient Energy Use - Farming/Ranching Practices and Feed Operations.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Conservation Plan Type Addressed by this Application/Contract:	
1. Conservation Plan is RMS plan (all identified resource concerns treated to the planning criteria - refer to Conservation Planning Tech Note #1).	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. A Progressive Plan addressing at least 4 resource concerns.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3. A Progressive Plan addressing at least 1 resource concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Application/Contract Addresses Development of a Conservation Activity Plan:	
1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP) for a TSP prepared Conservation Plan? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer "Yes" to each question as it applies to this application:	
1. Does this application/contract address increasing livestock water capacity due to drought conditions?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does this application/contract include wildlife habitat for a target species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does this application include energy conservation related practices? Energy conservation = a reduction in fossil fuel usage.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.