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AWEP

Agriculture Water Enhancement program

- Part of EQIP
- Purpose is to further water conservation efforts through partnerships
- National Competition for funding
- NRCS signs agreement with Partners to focus funding on project areas (max 5 yrs)
- Individual contracts are written with EQIP eligible producers in the project area

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AWEP

- Proposals & Ranking (2009 RFP):
 - Partnership Capacity, leveraging funds
 - Lands to be treated, map, objectives
 - Producer Information, participation level
 - Project action plan & schedule, monitoring
 - STC letter of review

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Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI)

- Law requires States to set aside at least 6% for CCPI
 - EQIP \$1,507,497
 - WHIP \$ 100,397
 - CSP
- NRCS signs agreements with partners to leverage FA or TA into project areas
 - NRCS “Trolling” for FA or TA
- No specific match amount required, but is a consideration in selection & funding
- Individual EQIP or WHIP contracts are written with producers in the project area.

Similar to AWEP in how it works

Law requires we set aside 6% of funds; these are state level funds

Also, let your area office know if anyone is interested in submitting a CCPI proposal.

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CCPI

Proposals & Ranking (2009 RFP)

- Describe objectives, resources, practices
- Monitoring & evaluation plan
- Percentage of producers participating
- Complete agreement in ≤ 5 years
- Significantly leverage FA and TA
- Outreach to BFR & socially disadvantaged
- State Review Panel recommendation to STC

Similar to AWEF in how it works

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CIG
Conservation Innovation Grants

- Only NRCS “grant” program
- Part of EQIP
- Purpose
 - further innovative technology,
 - stimulate adoption of new conservation methods
 - not for research
- Leveraging & Partnerships
- Technology transfer is important
- 50% Match
- National competition or States may elect to offer a State Component

Past CIG’s – Lake DeSMet CD-Sagebrush ecosystem work for sagegrouse

UW – remote solar wells

TU – fish screens in Lincoln County

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Comparison			
	AWEP	CCPI	CIG
Program	EQIP	EQIP, WHIP, CSP	EQIP
Competition	National	State	National or State
Match or Leverage	Leverage TA or FA	Leverage TA or FA	50% Match
Agreements	Agreement w/ Partner, Contracts w/ Individuals	Agreement w/ Partner, Contracts w/ Individuals	Agreement w/ Grant recipient
Notification	National RFP	National RFP	National RFP

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Key Points
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>AWEP</u>: opportunity to leverage funds to conserve water and improve water quantity or quality• <u>CCPI</u>: opportunity for partners to see NRCS funds focused toward their priority interests; “trolling” for FA and TA• <u>CIG</u>: opportunity to explore innovative practices or methods of delivering conservation

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