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## **USDA IN GEORGIA SEEKS PROPOSALS FROM CONSERVATION MINDED PARTNERS**

**ATHENS, GA, January 13, 2021** – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is requesting proposals to assist with implementing key priorities in Georgia. Conservation minded organizations who can enhance conservation planning technical assistance, conduct effective outreach and education, and improve Farm Bill program delivery across Georgia, are encouraged to review the National Funding Opportunities (NFO) that are currently posted on <https://www.grants.gov> and if interested, submit their proposals by the respective deadlines.

"New and effective partnerships help us expand resources available to better assist our customers," said Terrance O. Rudolph, state conservationist for NRCS in Georgia. "Opportunities like these, show how USDA can partner with a variety of groups to be more efficient and customer focused."

NRCS in Georgia anticipates funding approximately \$3,000,000 this fiscal year 2021 for projects that address topics such as soil health, aquatic/water quality; certain wildlife habitat enhancements urban agriculture and conservation education, as well as incorporating new methods/technologies in conservation outreach and partnerships.

**Please note that there are two separate NFOs (USDA-NRCS-GA-MULTI-21-NOFO0001039 and USDA-NRCS-GA-MULTI-21-NOFO0001054).** Each funding opportunity has its own priorities, potential funding amounts, and deadlines. All awards are subject to the availability of funds appropriated by Congress.

For further questions about this funding opportunity, please contact Tansel Hudson at [tansel.hudson@usda.gov](mailto:tansel.hudson@usda.gov).

### **Funding Authority**

These announcements are authorized and funded under the Soil and Water Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP). For more information on these programs in Georgia, please visit [www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ga.nrcs.usda.gov).

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## **Federal Financial Assistance Training**

The funding available through this NFO is Federal financial assistance. Grants 101 Training is highly recommended for those seeking knowledge about Federal financial assistance. The training is free and available to the public via <https://www.cfo.gov/grants-training/>. It consists of five modules covering each of the following topics: 1) laws, regulations, and guidance; 2) financial assistance mechanisms; 3) uniform guidance administrative requirements; 4) cost principles; and 5) risk management and single audit. FPAC agencies also apply Federal financial assistance regulations to certain non-assistance awards (e.g., non-assistance cooperative agreements).

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