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NRCS seeks proposals for innovation conservation grants in Maine

Fiscal Year 2021 Conservation Innovation Grant program addresses natural resource concerns

BANGOR, Maine (April 27, 2021) – Do you have an idea that could improve NRCS conservation work in Maine?

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is announcing availability of Conservation Innovation Grants (CIGs) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in Maine. NRCS anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in Maine in Fiscal Year 2021 will be up to \$250,000, with a per-award maximum of \$75,000.

Proposals are requested from eligible governmental or non-governmental organizations, or individuals, for competitive consideration of grant awards. Projects will be between one and three years in duration.

For Fiscal Year 2021, NRCS will consider offering CIGs in the following areas: Forestry; Aquatic Organism Conservation; Soil Health; Pollinator Conservation; and Irrigation and Natural Soil Moisture Management.

CIG will fund single and multi-year projects, with an anticipated project start date of Aug. 31, 2021. Funds will be awarded through a competitive grants process. Selected applicants may receive CIG grants of up to 50 percent of their total project cost, and recipients must provide non-Federal funding equal to the amount

of Federal funds requested. Non-Federal funds must be derived from cash and/or in-kind sources as outlined in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (USDA-NRCS-ME-CIG-21-NOFO0001101) on grants.gov.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through <http://www.grants.gov/>. In addition, copies of the proposals must be emailed to tony.jenkins@usda.gov in PDF format. **Proposals must be received by NRCS before midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST) on June 21, 2021.**

For additional information visit the [NRCS-Maine website](#) or contact State CIG Program Manager Tony Jenkins at (207) 478-7604.

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