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Forest Financial Assistance Programs

**CREP**

**Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program**

**Program Focus:** Restoration of degraded agricultural lands to native forest communities.

**Eligible Lands:** Land must be agriculturally productive. May include cropland and marginal pastureland. 4 out of 6 years. Marginal pastureland—includes all other lands.

**Incentives:** Federal: Sign-up Incentive Payment ($100/acre); Annual Rental Payment ($43/acre/yr to $219/acre/yr); Cost-share Reimbursement (50% based on allowed rates); and Practice Incentive Payment (40% for selected practices). State: Hawaii CREP Incentive Payment ($1/acre/yr); Cost-share Reimbursement (based on annual availability); and Conservation Easement support.

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**EQIP**

**Environmental Quality Incentive Program**

**Program Focus:** Plan and implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns and to improve soil, water, plant, animal, air and related resources on agricultural land and non-industrial private forestland.

**Eligible Lands:** Owners of land in agricultural or forest production lands or persons who are engaged in livestock, agricultural or forest production on eligible lands.

**Incentives:** 75% reimbursement of incurred costs (based on allowed rates); historically underserved may be eligible for payments up to 90%.

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**FSP**

**Forest Stewardship Program**

**Program Focus:** Management of forest resources for conservation, restoration, or timber production.

**Eligible Lands:** Privately owned or public lands under long-term lease; must be forested or have the potential for reforestation.

**Incentives:** 50% reimbursement of allowed practices as approved in management plans. The program also funds the development of a long term management plans (up to 75%) that may also be eligible for incentives under other assistance programs.

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**CSP**

**Conservation Stewardship Program**

**Program Focus:** Encourage producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by undertaking additional conservation activities; and improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities.

**Eligible Lands:** Available on private agricultural lands and non-industrial private forest land; cropland, grassland, pastureland, and non-industrial private forest land.

**Incentives:** Annual payment is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing practices, higher the operational performance, the higher their payment. Supplemental payment is available to some participants.

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**PFW**

**Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

**Program Focus:** Habitat restoration of private lands through financial and technical assistance, for the benefit of Federal Listed Species.

**Eligible Lands:** Private lands, County, and Hawaiian Homelands.

**Incentives:** Federal to landowner match is 1:1. Project funding shall not exceed $25,000 with an equal amount match from the landowner. Projects that require more than $25,000 or a greater funding support from the federal government are allowed on a case-by-case basis.

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**WHIP**

**Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program**

**Program Focus:** Develop and improve wildlife habitat on agricultural land, non-industrial private forest land, and Tribal lands.

**Eligible Lands:** Private agricultural land including cropland, grassland, range land, pasture, and other land determined by NRCS to be suitable for fish and wildlife habitat development; non-industrial private forest land including rural land that has existing tree cover or is suitable for growing trees.

**Incentives:** 75% cost-share reimbursement to establish and improve fish and wildlife habitat. Up to 25% of WHIP funds will be available for long-term cost-share agreements (15 years or longer) to protect and restore essential plant and animal habitat - NRCS can pay up to 90% of the costs to install conservation practices in these long-term agreements.

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