

Resolution: 21-07

MACD Funds Acceptance Policy

Submitted by Meagher CD, 2021

Whereas, the mission of the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) is to serve and support Conservation Districts in Montana;

Whereas, the membership of MACD is made up of Conservation Districts;

Whereas, MACD partners with entities outside of Conservation Districts, and many Conservation Districts across Montana are concerned about the entities with whom MACD partners;

Whereas, past funding accepted by SWCDM has had little to no direct benefit to Conservation Districts, and many Conservation Districts across Montana are concerned about how MACD partner funds will be utilized, and;

Whereas, MACD has no written policy directing them on how funds are solicited or accepted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MACD create an ad hoc committee made up of CD Supervisors and/or Staff to create a written policy and ranking criteria for funds that are solicited or accepted outside of Conservation District dues, with the specific priority that accepted or solicited funds must directly build Conservation Districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee creating said policy also determine how outside funds are spent, so that Conservation District dues—as tax-based funds— are not co-mingled with funds that are spent on special interest projects that are not supported by Conservation Districts.

Submitted by: Meagher County CD