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Hello, conservation districts and partners!

We hope you've seen the previous announcement for Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) host site applications. We are excited to announce that MACD and Little Beaver CD, with the support of the DNRC Conservation Districts Bureau, have funding for conservation districts and partners to host BSWC members focused on soils-related programs and projects as part of a 'Soils Team' pilot.

If you are interested in hosting a BSWC Soils Team member, you need to do 3 things:

1. **Contact Kay Webb ASAP** to let her know you are interested. Kay has time allocated to help CDs develop host site projects and ideas and facilitate co-hosting or sharing a BSWC Soils Team member. littlebeavercd@macdnet.org (406)778-2965
2. **Submit a BSWC Host-Site Application** to Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) by **September 2nd - However, if you need more time (a 1 or 2 week extension) to apply, let Kay know ASAP.** You can find more information on the overall [BSWC program here](#)
3. **Apply for Soils Team funding** by **September 16th at 5pm** here: [Soils Team Funding Application.](#)
4. **(Bonus #4!)** Attend a BSWC intro call or Soils Team Intro Call (see info below).

***Please note:** You will not need to commit to hosting a member until after you hear back about this funding. However, it is important that you get your host-site application submitted to MCC by the Sept. 2 deadline or let Kay know if you will need an extra week or two*

BSWC Soils Team members will provide conservation districts with added capacity to work on soil conservation through projects focused in areas such as education, outreach, monitoring, and demonstration sites. This added capacity will increase districts abilities to conserve soil locally by working with landowners and other partners. Approximately \$33,000 is available.

Up to \$9,000 may be awarded to each qualifying organization for:

- 1) Offsetting the \$12,250 cost share payment for hosting a BSWC Soils Team member
- 2) Assisting your member with housing costs

Additional funds may also be available to host sites for:

- 1) Purchasing technology for use by the Soils Team member during their term
- 2) Providing funding for member travel.

Need more information?

Background on the Soils Team concept can be found in the [Conservation Districts Soil Corps Feasibility Report 2022](#) and in the [Soils Team Funding Application](#).

There will be an introduction/orientation webinar for anyone interested in potentially hosting a BSWC member(s) for the first time. This one-hour virtual meeting will cover the basics of the BSWC program and address questions of potential first-time host sites and supervisors. It is NOT required but highly recommended for any first time host site partners/supervisors.

BSWC Intro Call - Wednesday, August 24th @ 9:00am

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86735831500>

Call-in Number: (669)-900-6833

Meeting ID: 867 3583 1500

Additionally, there will be info sessions with Kay Webb (Little Beaver CD) and Becca Bolsough-King (MACD) regarding the Soils Team concept and available funding. If needed, another Soils Team Office Hours will be scheduled for the first week of September.

Soils Team Info Session - Monday, August 22nd at 10:00am

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81392961567?pwd=eWRLb1RZS3lVV1RKSWFGRnRTd2FiQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 9296 1567

Passcode: 110161

Call-in Number: +12532158782 or +13462487799

Soils Team Info Session - Wednesday, August 24th at 1:00pm

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83854270571?pwd=UitRd2ZqZWp1d2w3N2lYMzBtdXB6QT09>

Meeting ID: 838 5427 0571

Passcode: 087119

Call-in Number: +12532158782 or +13462487799

Thank you,
Kay Webb, Little Beaver CD Administrator
Becca Boslough-King, MACD Executive Director