



MONTANA
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DISTRICTS

Ranching for Rivers Cost-Share Application - 2024

- First Call for Applications deadline: January 11, 2024.

After that date applications are accepted on a rolling basis through September, 2024.

- Submit Application and required supporting documents to brenna@macdnet.org
 - Projects MUST be completed and reported to MACD by October 31st, 2025
- Please review the Program Information and Application Instructions before applying

This funding is available as pass through from Clean Water Act, Section 319, and has been made available to MACD from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Funding is available for 50% of all materials and use of equipment. Labor is not included in the cost share eligibility, but may be used as non-federal match.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name / Affiliation:			
Mailing Address:			
Phone:			
Email:			
Is this project part of an overall conservation plan for your ranch? If so, please explain:			

Location of Project

Landowner Name (if different than Applicant): _____

Name of Conservation District/ Watershed
Group/ Partners you are working with: _____

County of Project Location: _____

Watershed Restoration Plan Name: _____

River/Stream where project is located: _____

DEQ-listed Impairments: _____

Ranching for Rivers is a partner project funded and run by:



Watershed Restoration Plan

Project Description

Please give a brief description of the project, including proposed grazing use:

Please explain how this project fits in with conservation goals of the ranch:

Project Timeline

Estimated completion date of project: _____

Additional Funding Sources

Have you applied for additional funding sources? If so, please list:

Secured funding sources: _____

TASK 1: Fencing Project Information

Estimated feet of fencing needed: _____

Type of fencing to be installed: _____

Estimated acreage affected: _____

Estimated streambank mileage affected: _____

Estimated total fencing project cost: _____

TASK 2: Water Development Project Information

Description of water development to be installed: _____

Estimated feet of pipeline needed: _____

Estimated total water development project cost: _____



TASK 3: Grazing Management Plan Development

Identified Consultant or Approved Entity: _____

Estimated total consultant cost: _____

TASK 4: Conservation District (CD) / Watershed Staff - Technical Assistance

Activities proposed to be completed: _____

Estimated staff hours: _____

Estimated total staff cost: _____

Itemized Estimated Project Cost

What is the cost of the project and how will the 50% non-federal match be met? List by line-item or task all anticipated expenses and match sources. When combining/clumping costs in the budget table, clarify specific costs in the description below.

ITEM/ TASK	REQUESTED FUNDING (50% MAX)			IN-KIND MATCH	TOTAL
TOTAL					

[The Fiscal Year 2020 NRCS Field Office Technical Guide offers state rates and methods for many practices. This document may be used to help guide cost-estimates.](#)

Describe specific budget items, other secured funding sources, and in-kind match listed in the budget table. Please include volunteer rates where necessary and refer to [DEQ's Estimating the Value of Volunteer Labor](#) for guidance

**Please attach a map of the proposed project to this application. Maps can be obtained through Google Earth or from your local conservation district.

Questions on this application?

Contact Brenna Rietmann, MACD
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