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Ranching for Rivers Cost-Share Application - 2025

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:

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:

Project Information

- 1. Please give a brief description of the project, including proposed grazing use.**

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2. Is this project part of an overall conservation plan for your ranch and how does it fit with the conservation goals of the ranch?

3. Please explain what nonpoint source pollution issues this project addresses. Provide as much detail as possible.

4. Estimated completion date of project:
(Projects *MUST* be completed and reported to MACD by October 31st, 2026)

5. Have you applied for additional funding sources?
If yes, please list your 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:

Will there be a 35ft buffer from any stream bank?

TASK 2: Water Development Project Information

Description of water development to be installed:

Estimated feet of pipeline needed:

Estimated total water development project cost:

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TASK 3: Grazing Management Plan Development

Does a grazing plan already exist for the property?

- If no, will a grazing management plan be developed as part of this project?

Identified Plan 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 Budget

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 notes section below.

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

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

Please include volunteer rates where necessary (Montana is [currently \\$30.84 per hour for general volunteer labor](#)) and refer to [DNRC Match PowerPoint](#) for more information on what can be used as match.

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Budget Notes:

By signing this application, I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information on this application is true, complete and accurate and that the expenditures will be for the sole purpose of this project.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Title: _____

Attachments

1. Map of the proposed project area with descriptions so someone who has never visited the property can get an understanding of the landscape.
2. Proof of Liability Insurance

Submit Application and required supporting documents to s.shteir@macdnet.org.

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