



# Bow Creek Watershed Project

## Incentive and Education Payments



**Purpose:** To decrease pollutant levels in Bow Creek by increasing adoption of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in the Bow Creek Watershed. This program will assist with technical and financial needs to facilitate implementing multi-faceted BMPs that increase management capability. Practices eligible for Bow Creek Watershed Project (BCWP) funds must be part of a LCNRD, NRCS or FSA contract.

**Guidelines:** Practices eligible for BCWP funds must be part of a LCNRD, NRCS or FSA contract to implement BCWP eligible conservation practices. Incentive payments will be as follows:

If one individual practice is being implemented, **increase cost-share to 75%** for:

- Cover crops
  - Residue and Tillage Management
  - Conservation Cover
  - Grassed Waterway
  - Irrigation Management
- Maximum of \$7,500 per applicant.

If pairing with another practice **pay 90% cost-share for each of two or more practices:**

- Cover crops
  - Residue and Tillage Management
  - Conservation Cover
  - Grassed Waterway
  - Irrigation Management
- Maximum payment of \$10,000 per applicant.

These practices **pay 90% alone:**

- Nutrient Management
  - Riparian Cover / Buffer
- Maximum payment of \$10,000 per applicant.

Other eligible practices:

- Conservation Crop Rotation - \$8/acre (pay all 3 years up front \$24)
- CRP along stream corridors or selective sites— \$50/acre/year (one-time payment)
- Alternative Water Source for Livestock Exclusion – up to 90% of cost of water system not covered by EQIP (estimated around \$4500).
- Grazing Management / Rotational Grazing – up to 90% of cost of grazing system not covered by EQIP (estimated around \$5,000).

Maximum payment of \$10,000 per applicant.

Other practices may be eligible based on resource concerns. Proof of LCNRD, NRCS or FSA approved contract must be received before payment(s) is issued. Fifty percent of BCWP payments will be paid upon signed BCWP contract. The remainder will be paid within 12 months of first payment, following educational requirement completion. Maximum program payment per producer / entity is \$7,500 for single practices or \$10,000 for multiple or priority practices.

If producer / entity fails to fulfill LCNRD, NRCS or FSA contract, BCWP funds must be paid back to LCNRD in full.

Work completed prior to application approval is not eligible for reimbursement. BCWP application is not guaranteed for approval of LCNRD, NRCS or FSA contracts; LCNRD, NRCS or FSA contracts are not a guarantee for BCWP approval.

BCWP payments can be paired with other non-contract payments. Other non-contract payments will not count towards \$7,500/\$10,000 maximum payment.

BCWP Incentive and Education Applications may be picked up from Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coordinator, at 608 N Robison Ave. Hartington, NE 68739. Applications may also be downloaded from the LCNRD website under the Bow Creek Tab [lcnrd.nebraska.org](http://lcnrd.nebraska.org). Contact Becky Ravenkamp at 402-254-6758 or [bravenkamp@lcnrd.org](mailto:bravenkamp@lcnrd.org) with any questions.