



BWSR Conservation Delivery and Easement Delivery Grants for FY 2017

Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District	
BWSR Grant Awarded	
Conservation Delivery	\$20,133
Easement Delivery	\$ 1,836
	\$ 21,969



The Conservation Delivery Grant is used to offset ongoing operating expenses for the SWCD.

The Easement Delivery Grant supports SWCD staff time and overhead for annual site inspections and other responsibilities for Reinvest in Minnesota conservation easements.

Grant Period (incl. extensions)
From: August 16, 2016
To: December 31, 2018

Outputs and Outcomes

Funds Returned to State
Type \$0
Date Fund Returned: N/A

Outputs:
 2016: There were no expenditures from the FY2017 Conservation Delivery Grant in 2016.
 2017: Technical staff hours for State Cost Share Technical Assistance totaled \$44,414 (643 hrs x \$43.95 + 381 hrs x \$42.45) of which the FY17 Conservation Delivery Grant of \$20,133 paid a portion (292 hrs. + 173 hrs)..

Expenditures by Category As of 12/31/2017

Administration/Coordination	\$ 0
Equipment/Supplies	\$ 0
Technical and Engineering	\$ 21,969.00
Construction	\$ 0
Total Expenditures	\$ 21,969.00

2016: Easement Delivery Grant: Status reviews were completed for 27 RIM/CREP contracts per BWSR list. All documentation was completed in the landowner files, letters were sent to the landowners and the report submitted to BWSR. New maps were created for 25 CREP and 18 RIM contracts. Transferred ownership changes on five contracts plus two that are in progress which includes updating addresses, acquiring a deed showing new ownership, explaining the program to the new owners, and a site visit if needed. 112 hours staff time in 2016 was divided among FY2015 (15.3 hrs.), FY2016 (43.3 hrs.), and FY2017 (32.5 hrs. from 8/17/16 to 12/31/16); not all staff hours were covered with the easement grant funds.

2017: Two RIM easement inspections were completed and submitted to BWSR 7/25/17. Numerous land transactions required processing paperwork with BWSR. Also processed a request received to withdraw 0.25 acres from an easement due to road construction on Fillmore County Road 1. Responded to landowner questions regarding RIM and CREP. 2017 staff hours = 81 hrs x \$43.92/hr = \$3513.16 less 2017 grant balance of \$411.52 = \$3101.64 paid 2018 grant and Fillmore County appropriation.

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Outcomes:
 A total of 517.4 acres enrolled in easement programs in Fillmore County protect highly erodible land, riparian corridors, and marginal cropland, including cropland that had been enrolled in CRP.

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