



State of Oklahoma
Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry

Mary Fallin
Governor

Jim Reese
Secretary of Agriculture

November 18, 2013

The Honorable Mary Fallin
Governor, State of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Fallin:

The Oklahoma Emergency Drought Commission recommends to Governor Mary Fallin the following expenditures:

\$300,000.00 to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC). The expenditures to the OCC shall be expended as outlined in Appendix "A". Cost-share conservation practices shall only include: water wells, pasture taps, watering facilities, water pumps, pipeline and pasture reseeding.

\$900,000.00 to the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. The expenditures shall be used to facilitate water infrastructure. The Executive Director of the OWRB shall work with eligible entities on behalf of the Oklahoma Emergency Drought Commission to ensure that all funded projects will address current water issues by completing projects in a reasonable time frame and provide long term solutions to the area. Qualifying applications approved by the Board and eligible for potential funding are Altus, Hollis, Tipton, Blair, and Guymon. Final awards will be dependent on local participation, long term remediation, and regional impact.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Reese".

Jim Reese
Chairman Emergency Drought Commission
Secretary of Agriculture

Approved: _____

Governor Mary Fallin

Date: _____

11/19/2013

ATTACHMENT "A"

DROUGHT EMERGENCY

Declaration 20131015

Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Initial Application

AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED & JUSTIFICATION

Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) is requested for allocating funds to the five qualified counties through their local conservation district to be offered as cost share for the installation of practices that enhance livestock water supply and re-establish livestock forage that has been destroyed by the drought. The lack of livestock water coupled with the loss of forage has forced producers to concentrate livestock herds in an effort to maintain herd sizes at a level that will accommodate their operation's economic demand until the drought ends. The prolonged term of the drought has forced producers to significantly reduce herd sizes to reduce damage to the soil resource from wind and ultimately water erosion that will adversely impact water quality. The prolonged term of the drought and lack of required ground moisture has destroyed significant amounts of established grass that will have to be re-established when adequate ground moisture is again available.

COST SHARE OR MATCHING FUNDS PROVIDED BY APPLICANT

Cost share rates for practices installed will be determined by the local conservation district, not to exceed 75% of the established average cost of the practice. The remaining actual cost of the installed practice above the cost shared rate at the average cost will be paid by the individual.

ABILITY TO FINANCE PROJECT WITHOUT ASSISTANCE

Drought emergency funds will allow individuals to finance projects that will prevent further deterioration of the states cow herd. Without assistance, individuals will not be able to personally finance the projects due to the economic hardships imposed by the drought.

IMPLICATIONS IF APPLICANT IS NOT FUNDED

Adverse economic impacts will continue to increase as livestock herds are reduced. Damage to the soil and water resources of the state will continue to expand.

RECOMMENDATIONS

TIMEFRAME: It is recommended that the minimum timeframe for the installation of practices and payment of claims for reimbursement be no less than 24 months.

MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT: Cost share reimbursement will not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) per participant.

UNUSED FUNDS: Any funds remaining at the end of the 24 month term will be returned to the emergency drought fund.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Practices with the average cost
2. Performance Agreement (2 pages)

IV CONSERVATION PRACTICE COST-SHARE STATE AVERAGE COSTS

Practice Code	Practice Name	Component	Life Span	Units	Unit Cost
512	PASTURE AND HAY PLANTING		10 yrs		
		Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding-Native Perennial Grasses		AC	\$123.84
		Seedbed Prep. Seed & Seeding-Introduced Perennial Warm Season Grasses		AC	\$160.00
		Grass Establishment-Sprigging with Fertilizer		AC	\$150.00
516	PIPELINE		20 yrs		
		.75 in - 1.25 in Plastic, Normal Trenching		LF	\$1.76
533	PUMPING PLANT		15 yrs		
		Electric-Powered Pump ≤ 3 HP		HP	\$819.55
		Electric-Powered Pump ≤ 3 HP with Pressure Tank		HP	\$1,083.55
		Electric-Powered Pump > 3-10 HP		HP	\$659.66
		Solar-Powered Pumping Plant, ≤ 150 ft of total head on pump		EACH	\$3,249.31
		Solar-Powered Pumping Plant, 151-300 ft of total head on pump		EACH	\$4,308.06
		Solar-Powered Pumping Plant, > 300 ft of total head on pump		EACH	\$6,425.54
561	HEAVY USE AREA PROTECTION		10 yrs		
		Rock/Gravel		SF	\$0.70
		Rock/Gravel on Geotextile		SF	\$1.29
		Rock/Gravel-GeoCell-Geotextile		SF	\$2.79
		Reinforced Concrete with sand or gravel foundation		SF	\$2.42
614	WATERING FACILITY		10 yrs		
		Freeze Proof Tank		EACH	\$1,281.20
		Energy Free Fountains		GAL	\$28.57
		Watering Facility < 1000 gallons		GAL	\$1.69
		Watering Facility 1001-1400 gallons		GAL	\$1.12
		Watering Facility 1401-2100 gallons		GAL	\$0.97
		Watering Facility 2101-3000 gallons		GAL	\$0.81
		Watering Facility 3001-5000 gallons		GAL	\$0.69
		Watering Facility > 5000 gallons		GAL	\$0.60
642	WATER WELL		20 yrs		
		Well 50 feet or less in depth		EACH	\$1,511.72
		Well 50-100 feet in depth		LF	\$35.39
		Well 100-600 feet in depth		LF	\$25.86
		Well > 600 feet in depth		LF	\$24.08
	PASTURE TAP				
		Water Tap (includes all installation cost)		EACH	\$1,200.00

Agreement No.:

STATE OF OKLAHOMA
CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

This agreement, made and entered into by and between the Conservation District, hereinafter referred to as District, and hereinafter referred to as participant.

Part I - Conservation Practice(s) To Be Completed
is the conservation practice(s) to be implemented as set forth in the participant's Conservation Plan.

Part II - Stipulations

1. The participant agrees:
 1. To perform or have performed all work described in Part I in accordance with conservation practice standards and specifications furnished by the District or the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
 2. To submit to the District a detailed, itemized statement of costs and copies of contractor's invoices when conservation practice(s) are constructed by a contractor.
 3. To submit to the District detailed invoices for participant in-kind contributions.
 4. To complete or have completed all work described in Part I on or before .
 5. To obtain required permits and approvals prior to the construction of the conservation practice(s).
 6. To permit free access to the participant's land for District and NRCS representatives to inspect the conservation practice(s) upon completion.
 7. To maintain the conservation practice(s) as outlined in the cost-share Maintenance Agreement for the specified life of the conservation practice(s) at no cost to the District.
 8. To accept the District's method of calculating the cost-share payment(s) for completed work.
2. The District agrees:
 1. To provide assistance to the participant to develop a new or revised Conservation Plan that reflects the conservation practice(s) outlined in Part I.
 2. To provide conservation practice standards and specifications and technical assistance for work described in Part I. To provide and pay a cost-share rate of % of the lesser of the established District average cost or actual cost to construct the conservation practice(s). Cost share reimbursement will not exceed \$.
 3. To accept in-kind contributions from the participant for work performed by the participant on approved cost-share conservation practice(s) constructed.

Part III - Signatures

This agreement shall be effective from the last date of signature below. Work can not begin until an effective agreement is signed and dated by the participant and the conservation district.

PARTICIPANT:

CONSERVATION DISTRICT:

Participant Signature

Authorized District Representative Signature

Social Security Number or
Federal Employee Identification Number

Date

Date

ATTACHMENT "B"

EMERGENCY DROUGHT RELIEF FUND

Public Applications

City of Altus – \$4.2 million

Rehabilitating Round Timbers Water leasehold, constructing pipeline from Round Timbers to Altus Water Treatment Plant. Altus has budgeted monies to service \$3 million in debt for this process, but no funding source or indebtedness has occurred.

City of Hollis - \$100,000

Seeking funds to drill exploratory test wells to locate new groundwater sources.

City of Guymon - \$1,588,027

Seeking funds for a waste treatment plant, water reuse and regional fire suppression, new water well and booster pump station replacement.

Town of Blair - \$849,000

Seeking funding for new water well field; sum requested includes purchase of land and construction of treatment plant.

Town of Tipton – 514,500

Seeking funding to mitigate water quality issues.

Oklahoma Conservation Commission - \$300,000

Seeking allocating funds for the five qualified counties to be distributed through local conservation districts as a cost share for the installation of practices that enhance livestock water supply and reestablish livestock forage.