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,

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)
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<th>Practice Code</th>
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<th>Component Description</th>
<th>Life Span</th>
<th>Units</th>
<th>Unit Cost</th>
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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:

Participant Signature

Authorized District Representative Signature

Social Security Number or Federal Employee Identification Number

Date
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.