

INTER-MOUNTAIN WATERSHED DISTRICT (IMWD)

Program Summary

ABANDONED WELLS

Abandoned wells can be a conduit for groundwater contamination, and can be a safety risk. Within the IMWD area, we will remove the old cribbing and properly fill and seal these wells at 100% IMWD cost with the exception of flowing artesian wells which have a maximum reimbursement of \$600/well on proof of payment. We take applications for remediation of abandoned wells year round, and usually seal them during the fall season.

COMMUNITY TREES

IMWD recognizes the environmental benefits that trees can provide, and that larger tree planting projects can be expensive. IMWD will provide young tree seedlings as per the cost schedule in the application for Community Trees; we are able to obtain cost savings by buying in bulk. Applications are accepted until we sell out of trees with pick-up of the trees for planting at our Ethelbert / Ste.Rose offices in the spring. Tractor drawn equipment for tree planting and plastic mulch application are available for rental. IMWD also has larger trees available from our Tree Nursery for Town & Community plantings (please contact our office).

COVER CROP / POLYCROP / ROTATIONAL GRAZING

Rebates are made through Prairie Watershed Climate Program (PWCP) when funds are available for the delivery of these programs. Applicants are taken on a first come first serve basis. Check back regularly to see when applications will be accepted and rebate rates become available.

FIELD CROSSING

Crossing field waterways on unimproved crossings with machinery or by livestock can cause erosion and sedimentation. This program aims to improve water quality by stabilizing crossing areas. Crossings on road allowances are not eligible. Funding for field crossings will be cost-shared at the ratio of 20% Applicant and 80% IMWD.

FORAGE SEED REIMBURSEMENT

To assist landowners in protecting marginal or erosion-prone areas through the establishment of permanent grass/forage cover. Permanent cover stabilizes soils from wind and water erosion. Rebates of up to \$35/acre for a maximum of \$2,000 are available, with approved applicants being eligible for assistance every second year. Applications are accepted until April 15th each year. Approved applicants will purchase their own seed and provide receipts to IMWD in order to receive the rebate.

GRASSED WATERWAYS

This program provides assistance to landowners who are wanting to plant areas of permanent vegetation in low areas that have water flow in spring runoff or during heavy rain events. They are designed to convey concentrated runoff while preventing soil erosion, flood effects, the formation of gullies, and nutrient and pesticide runoff from a waterbody. A cost share of 20% Applicant, and 80% IMWD upon copy of invoices.

LIVESTOCK WATERING

This program will assist landowners in providing a clean, reliable supply of water for livestock, while protecting surface water and/or groundwater by restricting or removing access by livestock to waterways. Funding livestock watering will be cost-shared in the ratio of 20% applicant and 80% IMWD to a maximum of \$3,000. Eligible costs include pump, water trough, power source (not including hydro), pipeline, hoses, and associated accessories.

RIPARIAN FENCING

The aim of this program is to protect and enhance waterways and riparian areas from erosion and nutrient loading by limiting full access to these areas by livestock. Waterways will be fenced off and managed as an exclusion zone or for limited grazing. Eligible costs are fencing materials and construction, to a maximum of \$5,000, in the ratio of 20% Applicant and 80% IMWD upon proof of payment.

SERVICE/EQUIPMENT RENTAL

IMWD has some specialized equipment not readily available in the area for use on conservation projects. This program enables landowners to rent available equipment; Tree planting machine, plastic mulch applicator, pipeline plow, and various livestock watering systems. Rental rates are in the cost schedule in the application for Service/Equipment Rental and require a \$200 deposit refunded upon return of the equipment in good repair.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

This program allows the district to consider projects with unique ideas and conservation solutions that do not fit into our current list of programs.

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION

This program provides assistance to stabilize eroding streambanks in the IMWD area. By armoring these areas with rock (rip-rap) or other suitable material, land and infrastructure is protected from further erosion also limiting/reducing nutrient and sediment loading concerns downstream. The establishment of a 10m buffered riparian area will be required to further stabilize the area. Funding for streambank stabilization is 15% Applicant and 85% IMWD in Priority 1 (threatening yard/ infrastructure) and 40% Applicant 60% IMWD in Priority 2 sites. Applicant contribution may be accepted in kind on a case to case basis as well extenuating circumstances may qualify to be 100% externally funded. Only IMWD approved contractors can do instream works.

WATERWAY MANAGEMENT

The goal of this program is to prevent erosion and flooding as a result of overland flows arising from channel obstructions. Eligible costs include the re-establishment of the natural capacity of existing natural waterways through the removal of obstructions such as silt, vegetation and / or other obstructions (not including beaver dams), where it has been determined that these obstructions restrict the flow of water through its' natural course. Funding for waterway management will be in the ratio of 20% Applicant and 80% IMWD.

WATER RETENTION

As IMWD is seeing higher peak flows in its waterways, the goal of this program is to create short-term water retention areas in order to reduce downstream water flows and the subsequent erosion and infrastructure damage. Projects could include engineered structures or simply the re-establishment of a historical wetland. As each water retention project is unique, the landowner/IMWD cost-share will be determined on a case-by-case basis. May be 100% if there is no direct benefit to the landowner as determined by IMWD. Applicant contribution may be in kind as determined by IMWD.

GROW

A program that aids in the funding of the following projects: Water Retention, Wetlands, Shelterbelts, Grassed Waterways and Pollinator Habitat. Grow projects are cost shared at 1/3 GROW, 1/3 landowner and 1/3 IMWD. All approvals are pending funding. For more information please check out our website or contact the office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Projects must fall within Inter-Mountain Watershed District (IMWD) boundaries.
- Projects funded by another agency will not be eligible to receive additional funding from IMWD
- All projects must be approved by IMWD prior to construction and are subject to available funding.
- IMWD shall determine application priority in consultation with Sub-district, Board and staff.
- All necessary agency approvals will need to be in place prior to construction.
- Engineering and technical service for project design and construction will be subject to the Availability of funding and/or staff. IMWD reserves the right to establish priorities for providing Such services and assistance.
- IMWD reserves the right for reasonable access for inspection and to promote the program.

Application forms are available from our office, website or from our partnering municipalities:

CITY OF DAUPHIN
MUNICIPALITY OF ETHELBERT
GRANDVIEW MUNICIPALITY
MUNICIPALITY OF ROBLIN
R.M. OF RIDING MOUNTAIN WEST

R.M. OF DAUPHIN
GILBERT PLAINS MUNICIPALITY
MOSSEY RIVER MUNICIPALITY
R.M. OF MOUNTAIN SOUTH

For more information contact:

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