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NRCS Offering Conservation Innovation Grants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting proposals for grants to fund projects focusing on innovative conservation approaches and technologies.

State Conservationist Eric B. Banks anticipates having \$100,000 in state-component funds available for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). He said individual grants up to \$50,000 can be used to fund up to 50 percent of the total cost of a project lasting one to three years.

"Conservation Innovation Grants are for projects targeting innovative, on-the-ground conservation and field demonstrations," Banks said. "They are tools to stimulate the adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied and have a high likelihood of success."

Proposals must be received by NRCS before 4:00 p.m. on August 7, 2015. Proposals sent via express mail or overnight courier service must be sent to the following address: State Conservationist, Attention: Administrative Services, USDA-NRCS, CIG Program, 760 South Broadway Boulevard, Salina, Kansas 67401. Proposals may also be submitted electronically at www.grants.gov. Proposals submitted via facsimile or email will not be accepted.