

**Conservation Innovation Grants
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Section 1240H of the Food Security Act of 1985, as added by section 2301 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-171) established Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) [16 U.S.C. 3839aa-8]. Through CIG, the Secretary of Agriculture may pay the cost of competitive grants to carry out projects that stimulate innovative approaches to leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. The Secretary of Agriculture delegated the authority for the administration of EQIP and CIG to the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), who is a vice president of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). EQIP is administered by NRCS under the authorities of the CCC.

This notice announces the availability of up to \$150,000 of CCC funds during fiscal year 2008 for the State of Washington Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. Grants to eligible entities and individuals may not exceed a maximum of \$50,000 each. The State Conservationist reserves the right to not fund any or all proposals. These funds are in addition to up to \$20 million dollars of CCC funds that may be available for application from the national CIG grants program. For information about the national CIG grants program, visit: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/>.

Washington State funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive grants process. Applications are requested from eligible government or non-government organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for single or multi-year projects. This notice sets forth the applicant and project eligibility requirements, application procedures, and grant award criteria for proposed projects.

PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND ADDRESSES:

DATES: Applications must be received in the NRCS Washington State Office by 4 P.M., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on May 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written applications and support materials should be sent to Dave Brown, Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 316 W. Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, Washington 99201-2348. To submit your application electronically, visit www.grants.gov/apply and follow the instructions.

FOR FURTHER CIG PROGRAM INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Brown, CIG Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 316 W. Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, Washington 99201-2348, Phone: (509)323-2971; facsimile: (509) 323-2979; e-mail: david.brown@wa.usda.gov; Subject: Conservation Innovation Grants RFP; or, consult the Washington NRCS Web site at <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/>.

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

A. Legislative Authority

CIG was authorized as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) [16 U.S.C. 3839aa-8] under Section 1240H of the Food Security Act of 1985, as added by section 2301 of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Public Law 1 07171). The Secretary of Agriculture delegated the authority for the administration of EQIP and CIG to the Chief of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), who is vice president of the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). EQIP is administered by NRCS under the authorities of the CCC.

B. Overview

The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies while leveraging Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection, in conjunction with agricultural production. CIG projects are expected to lead to the transfer of conservation technologies, management systems, and innovative approaches (such as market-based systems) into NRCS technical manuals or guides, or to the private sector. CIG does not fund research projects. Instead, it is a vehicle to stimulate the development and adoption of conservation approaches or technologies that have been studied sufficiently to indicate a likelihood of success and to be candidates for eventual technology transfer or institutionalization. CIG funds projects targeting innovative on-the-ground conservation, including pilot projects and field demonstrations.

NRCS will accept applications for single or multi-year projects, not to exceed three years, submitted to NRCS from eligible entities, including Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, State and local governments, and nongovernmental organizations and individuals. Applications will only be accepted for projects that will take place in Washington State.

Complete applications will be evaluated by a technical peer review panel and scored based on the Criteria for Proposal Evaluation identified in this document. Scored applications will be forwarded to a Grant Review Board. The Grant Review Board will make recommendations for project approval to the Washington State Conservationist. Final award selections will be made by the State Conservationist. The State Conservationist reserves the right to not fund any or all proposals.

C. Innovative Conservation Projects or Activities

For the purposes of CIG, the proposed innovative project or activity must encompass the development and field testing, evaluation, and implementation of:

- Conservation adoption incentive systems including market-based systems; or
- Promising conservation technologies, practices, systems, procedures, or approaches

To be given priority consideration, the innovative project or activity:

- Will have been studied sufficiently to indicate a good probability for success;
- Demonstrates, tests, evaluates, or verifies environmental (soil, water, air, plants, and animal) effectiveness, utility, affordability, and usability in the field;
- Adapts conservation technologies, practices, systems, procedures, approaches, and incentive systems to improve performance, and encourage adoption;
- Introduces conservation systems, approaches, and procedures from another geographic area or agricultural sector; and
- Adapts conservation technology, management, or incentive systems to improve performance.

D. CIG Components

For Fiscal Year 2008, Washington State will offer only the CIG Natural Resource Concerns component. Applicants will not receive more than one award within the Natural Resource Concerns component.

1. Natural Resource Concerns Component

Applications must demonstrate the use of innovative technologies or approaches, or both, to address a natural resource concern or concerns. The natural resource concerns for possible funding through Washington State's Conservation Innovation Grants for fiscal year 2008 are:

A. Water Resources

The objective of this natural resource concern is to implement new technologies and/or approaches to maintain, restore, or enhance water quality and/or quantity in watersheds with predominantly agricultural land uses while sustaining productivity. Subtopics include but are not limited to:

1. Nutrient, pesticide, and/or pathogen transport to surface water and groundwater;
2. Sediment transport to surface water;
3. Aquifer recharge/maintenance of groundwater supplies;
4. Increased water supplies/availability through alternative treatment; enhanced automation, monitoring or scheduling; reduced system losses; or reuse strategies; and reuse strategies; and
5. Small Farm scalable technologies.

B. Soil Resources

The objective of this conservation concern is to implement new technologies and/or approaches to maintain, restore, or enhance soil resources associated with agricultural and forest land uses while sustaining productivity. Subtopics include but are not limited to:

1. Erosion reduction;
2. Accumulation of harmful levels of constituents in soils, including nutrients, metals, or salts; and
3. Overall soil quality and productivity.

C. Atmospheric Resources

The objective of this conservation concern is to implement new technologies and/or approaches to maintain, restore, or enhance air quality and atmospheric resources through agricultural and forest practices while sustaining productivity. Subtopics include but are not limited to:

1. Agricultural emissions of particulates, odors, volatile organic compounds, and greenhouse gases;
2. Carbon sequestration in soil and through other mechanisms;
3. Bio-based energy opportunities; and
4. Identification and quantification of management practices for air quality and atmospheric change concerns at animal operations.

D. Grazing Land and Forest Health

The objective of this conservation concern is to implement new technologies and/or approaches to maintain, restore, or enhance grazing land and forest health while sustaining productivity.

Subtopics include but are not limited to:

1. Invasive species management on grazing;
2. Effects of pests, diseases, and fragmentation on forest and grazing land quality/health;
3. Systems or practices to minimize overgrazing and restore lands suffering effects of overgrazing;
4. Low-input approaches to increasing forage production;
5. Alternative grasses or forages for livestock; and
6. Systems or practices that integrate trees-forage-livestock (i.e. silvopasture).

E. Market-Based Approaches

The objective of this approach is to develop, implement, and/or evaluate processes, technology tools, institutional arrangements, or systems that are 'market-based' in nature and address one of the above priority resource concerns. Subtopics include but are not limited to:

1. Development and application of technology tools that measure environmental services (i.e., benefits) in order to document credits for trading;
2. Greenhouse gas accounting tools and registries;
3. Water quality improvement accounting tools;
4. Nutrient trading and/or accounting tools; and
5. Demonstrations of ecosystem-based services that facilitate conservation implementation.

II. FUNDING AVAILABILITY

A. State Component

Effective on the publication date of this notice, the CCC announces the availability of up to \$150,000 (one hundred and fifty thousand) for CIG in Washington State. The funding for CIG is:

Natural Resource Concerns component: Up to \$150,000 (one hundred and fifty thousand)

Funds will be awarded through a statewide competitive grants process. Individual projects funded through CIG in fiscal year 2008 may not receive more than \$50,000 from Washington NRCS. CIG will fund single- and multi-year projects, not to exceed three years.

The Washington State CIG program is anticipated to fund approximately 3 awards. The anticipated start date for awarded projects is August 1, 2008. Awards will be made using grant agreements with NRCS Washington State Office.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

CIG applicants must be a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe; State or local unit of government; non-governmental organization; private business; or individual.

A. Matching Funds

Selected applicants may receive grants of up to 50 percent of the total project cost. Applicants must provide non-Federal funding (matching funds) for at least 50 percent of the project cost. Up to half of the applicant's matching funds (up to 25 percent of the total project cost) may be from in-kind contributions. Applicants must submit a letter from the matching source documenting the type of match being provided and the value.

B. EQIP Payment Limitation and Duplicate Payments

Section 1240G of the Food Security Act of 1985 (as amended by the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002), 16 U.S.C. 3839aa-7, imposes a \$450,000 limitation for all cost-share or incentive payments disbursed to individuals or entities under an EQIP contract between 2002 and 2008. The limitation applies to CIG in the following manner:

- a. CIG funds are awarded through grant agreements; these grant agreements are not EQIP contracts. Thus, CIG awards are not limited by the payment limitation.
- b. Direct or indirect payments made to an individual or entity using funds from a CIG award to carry out structural, vegetative, or management practices count toward each individual's or entity's EQIP payment limitation. Through project progress reports, CIG grantees are responsible for certifying that producers involved in CIG projects do not exceed the payment limitation. Further, all direct and indirect payments made to producers using CIG funds must be reported to NRCS. Direct or indirect payments cannot be made for a practice for which the producer has already received funds through any of the USDA programs (EQIP, AMA, CSP, WHIP, etc.) since this would be considered a duplicate payment.

Payment Limitation Examples - Following are two examples of how the \$450,000 EQIP payment limitation applies to CIG projects:

- a. A \$50,000 CIG grant is awarded to a State environmental agency to demonstrate an innovative, market-based, water quality trading program. The money is used to finance the development of a market infrastructure, and none of the funds are used to implement structural, vegetative, or management practices. Producers in the trading market demonstration area may indirectly benefit from their eventual participation in the market, but there is no direct or indirect transfer payment of CIG dollars. If, on the other hand, part of the CIG award were used to make payments to producers who implement a conservation practice on their land as part of a trading program, those payments would count towards each producer's \$450,000 EQIP payment limitation.

A \$50,000 CIG grant is awarded to a Conservation District to pilot a community-based animal waste treatment technology innovation. EQIP-eligible producers in the area transport their animal waste to a central treatment location. Because producers are not directly or indirectly receiving CIG funds, the payment limitation does not apply. If, however, the producers were paid for their waste, or for transporting their waste to the central treatment location using CIG funds, the payments would be subject to each producer's EQIP payment limitation.

C. Project Eligibility

To be eligible, projects must involve landowners who meet the EQIP eligibility requirements of 16 U.S.C. 3839aa-1. Refer to <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/> for more information on EQIP and eligibility requirements. Further, all agricultural producers receiving direct or indirect payments through participation in a CIG project must meet the EOIP eligibility requirements. Participating producers are not required to have an EQIP contract. Applications must describe the extent of participation of EQIP eligible producers.

Technologies and approaches that are eligible for funding in a project's geographic area through EOIP are ineligible for CIG funding except where the use of those technologies and approaches demonstrates clear innovation. The burden falls on the applicant to sufficiently describe the innovative features of the proposed technology or approach (applicants should reference Washington State's EQIP Eligible Practices List by contacting the NRCS Washington State office or by visiting the EQIP web site: <http://www.wa.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/FY08/index.html>).

The grantee is responsible for providing the technical assistance required to successfully implement and complete the project. NRCS will designate a Grant Representative and a Technical Contact to provide technical oversight for each project receiving an award.

A person or entity is not eligible if the three-year average adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeds \$2.5 million with less than 75 percent derived from farming, ranching or forestry-related sources at the time of application.

A person who is determined ineligible for USDA program benefits under the Highly Erodible Land Compliance (HELC) and Wetland Compliance (WC) provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 will not be eligible to receive direct or indirect payments through CIG.

IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. How to Obtain Application Materials

All OMB standard forms necessary for CIG submission are posted on the following OMB website: http://www.grants.gov/agencies/aapproved_standard_forms.jsp.

B. Proposal Content and Format

Proposals must contain the information set forth below in order to receive consideration for a grant. Applicants should not assume prior knowledge on the part of NRCS or others as to the relative merits of the project described in the application. Applications must be submitted in the following format:

Proposals should be typewritten or printed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, double spaced. The text of the proposal should be in a font no smaller than 12-point, with one-inch margins. If submitting proposals for more than one project, submit a separate, complete application package for each project. Proposals should be saved as Microsoft Word or Adobe pdf files onto a CD and the electronic copy included in the application package.

Proposals must include all required forms and narrative sections described below. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. **Cover Sheet:** Applications must use Standard Form 424 as the cover sheet for each project proposal. Standard Form 424 can be downloaded from http://www.grants.gov/agencies/aapproved_standard_forms.jsp. Note that all applicants must provide a DUNS number in block 5. See section 8 below for information on acquiring a DUNS number. Also note that in Section 15 of the SF-424, the funding amounts listed must reflect the amounts requested and contributed for the entire duration of the project.

Project Summary Sheet: Applicants must submit a Project Summary Sheet (no more than 2 pages in length) that includes the listed information. A template for the Project Summary Sheet is available on the NRCS CIG website: www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig.

- a. Project title
 - b. Project Director name and contact information (including e-mail)
 - c. Names and affiliations of project collaborators
 - d. Project purpose
 - e. Project deliverables/products
 - f. Project scope/area
 - g. Project start and end dates (projects should plan to begin no earlier than September 1, 2008)
 - h. Proposal review category (water resources, soil resources, atmospheric resources, grazing land and forest health, and market-based approaches)
 - i. Certifications - EQIP Eligibility and Request for Federal Funds
 - j. Total project cost and Federal funds requested
 - k. Brief summary of project
3. **Project Description:** Each project must be completely and accurately described in no more than 10 double-spaced pages. The description must include the following information:
- a. Project background: Describe the history of, and need for, the proposed innovation. Provide evidence that the proposed innovation has been studied sufficiently to indicate a good probability for success of the project;
 - b. Project objectives: Be specific, using qualitative and quantitative measures, if possible, to describe the project's purpose and goals. Describe how, based on the description of innovative conservation projects and activities provided in section IV, the project is innovative;
 - c. Project methods: Describe clearly the methodology of the project and the tools or processes that will be used to implement the project;
 - d. Location and size of project or project area: Describe the location of the project and the relative size and scope (e.g., acres, farm types and demographics, etc.) of the project area. Provide a map, if possible;
 - e. Producer participation: Estimate the number of producers involved in the project, and describe the extent of their involvement (all producers involved in the project must be eligible for EQIP);
 - f. Project action plan and timeline: Provide a table listing project actions, timeframes, and associated milestones through project completion;
 - g. Project management: Give a detailed description of how the project will be organized and managed. Include a list of key project personnel, their relevant education or experience, and their anticipated contributions to the project. Explain the level of participation required in the project by government and non-government entities. Identify who will participate in monitoring and evaluating the project;
 - h. Benefits or results expected and transferability: Identify the results and benefits to be derived from the proposed project activities and explain how the results will be measured. Identify project beneficiaries for example, agricultural producers by type or region or sector; rural communities; municipalities. Explain how these entities will benefit. In addition, describe how results will be communicated to others via outreach activities;
 - i. Project evaluation: Describe the methodology or procedures to be followed to evaluate the project, determine technical feasibility, and quantify the results of the project for the final report. (Grant recipients will be required to provide a semi-annual report of progress, quarterly financial reports, and a final project report to NRCS. Instructions for submitting reports will be detailed in the grant agreement); and
 - j. Environmental impacts: Describe the anticipated environmental effects of the proposed project. This description will be used to determine whether an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed for any given project, prior to the awarding of grant funds. The applicant is responsible for the cost of an EA or EIS, should one be required. This cost may be counted as part of the grantee's in-kind contribution.

4. **Budget Information:** All Applicants must use Standard Form 424A, Budget Information Non-Construction Programs, to document budget needs. Standard Form 424A is available at http://www.grants.gov/agencies/aapproved_standard_forms.jsp. In addition to the SF424A all applicants must provide a detailed narrative in support of the budget for the project, broken down by each project year. Itemize the costs necessary for successful completion of the proposed project. Indicate the total amount (both cash and in-kind) of non-Federal matching support that will be provided to the proposed project. Identify and provide documentation of the source(s), the amount, and the nature (cash or in-kind) of the matching funds. An indirect cost-rate agreement must be included if the applicant is claiming indirect costs (indirect costs cannot exceed 15%). In-kind costs of equipment or project personnel cannot exceed 50 percent of the applicant's match. The remainder of the match must be provided in cash.
5. **Declaration of EQIP Eligibility:** Applicants must make a declaration in writing that they, or parties involved in the project, are eligible for EQIP.
6. **Certifications:** All applications must include a signed Standard Form (SF) 424B - Assurances, Non-construction Programs. SF 424B may be found at: http://www.grants.gov/agencies/aapproved_standard_forms.jsp. Applicants, by signing and submitting an application, assure and certify that they are in compliance with the following from 7 Code of Federal Register (CFR):
 - a. Part 3017, Government-wide Debarment and Suspension (Non-procurement) (http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/7cfr3017_04.html);
 - b. Part 3021, Government-wide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Financial Assistance) (http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/7cfr3021_04.html); and
 - c. Part 3018, New Restrictions on Lobbying (http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/7cfr3018_04.html)
7. **DUNS Number:** A Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of over 70 million businesses worldwide. A federal Register notice of final policy issuance (68 FR 38402) requires a DUNS number in every application (i.e., hard copy and electronic) for a grant or cooperative agreement (except applications from individuals) submitted on or after October 1, 2003. Therefore, potential applicants should verify that they have a DUNS number or take the steps needed to obtain one. For information about how to obtain a DUNS number go to <http://www.grants.gov/RequestaDUNS> or call 1-866-705-5711. Please note that the registration may take up to 14 business days to complete.
8. **Required CCR Registration:** The Central Contractor Registry (CCR) is a database that serves as the primary Government repository for contractor information required for the conduct of business with the Government. This database will also be used as a central location for maintaining organizational information for organizations seeking and receiving grants from the Government. CIG applicants must register with the CCR. To register, visit <http://www.ccr.gov>. Allow a minimum of 5 days to complete the CCR registration.

C. How to Submit a Written Proposal

Applicants must submit one signed original and six complete copies of each project application. Each copy of the proposal must be stapled securely in the upper left-hand corner. Hard copies must be accompanied by an electronic copy on a compact disc (CD). Electronic files must be either Microsoft Word or Acrobat (pdf) files. Applications submitted via facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted.

Submit written proposals to: Dave Brown, Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 316 W. Boone Avenue, Suite 450, Spokane, Washington 99201-2348.

D. Proposal Due Date

Proposals must be received in the NRCS Washington State Office by 4 P.M. .. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on May 1, 2008. A proposal's postmark date is not a factor in whether an application is received on time. The applicant assumes the risk of any delays in proposal delivery. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit completed applications via overnight mail or delivery service to ensure timely receipt by NRCS.

E. Acknowledgement of Submission

Proposals received by the due date will be acknowledged with an official letter. If an applicant has not received an acknowledgment within 15 days of the application closing date, the applicant must contact the administrative contact (see "Agency Contacts" below) immediately. Failure to do so may result in the application not being considered for funding by the peer review panel.

F. Funding Restrictions

The indirect costs (F&A) for CIG awards may not exceed 15 percent of the total Federal funds provided under each award. Awardees may not use unrecovered indirect costs as part of their matching funds.

CIG funds may not be used to pay any of the following costs unless otherwise permitted by law, or approved in writing by the Authorized Departmental Officer in advance of incurring such costs:

- a. Costs above the amount of funds authorized for the project;
- b. Costs incurred prior to the effective date of the grant;
- c. Costs which lie outside the scope of the approved project and any amendments thereto;
- d. Entertainment costs, regardless of their apparent relationship to project objectives;
- e. Compensation for injuries to persons, or damage to property arising out of project activities;
- f. Consulting services performed by a Federal employee during official duty hours when such consulting services result in the payment of additional compensation to the employee; and,
- g. Renovation or refurbishment of research or related spaces; the purchase or installation of fixed equipment in such spaces; and the planning, repair, rehabilitation, acquisition, or construction of buildings or facilities.

This list is not exhaustive. Questions regarding the allowances of particular items of cost should be directed to the administrative contact person listed below.

G. Patents and Inventions

Allocation of rights to patents and inventions shall be in accordance with USDA regulation 7 CFR 3019.36. This regulation provides that small businesses normally may retain the principal worldwide patent rights to any invention developed with USDA support. In accordance with 7 CFR 3019.2, this provision will also apply to commercial organizations for the purposes of CIG. USDA receives a royalty-free license for Federal Government use, reserves the right to require the patentee to license others in certain circumstances, and requires that anyone exclusively licensed to sell the invention in the United States must normally manufacture it domestically.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW

A. Proposal Review and Selection Process

Prior to technical review, each application will be screened for completeness and compliance with the provisions of this notice. Incomplete applications and those that do not meet the provisions of this notice will be eliminated from competition, and notification of elimination will be mailed to the applicant.

Applications meeting the provisions of this notice will be scored by a Peer Review Panel against the Criteria for Proposal Evaluation listed below. The Peer Review Panel will include a subcommittee of the Washington State Technical Advisory Committee and NRCS technical specialists. Scored applications will be forwarded to a Grant Review Board, which will certify the rankings from the peer review panels, and ensure that the proposal evaluations are consistent with program objectives. The CIG Grant Review Board consists of four members, specifically the NRCS Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, the State Conservation Engineer, the State Resource Conservationist, and a Technical Specialist. The Grant Review Board will make recommendations to the Washington NRCS State Conservationist for final selection and funding decisions.

B. Criteria for Proposal Evaluation

Peer review panels will use the following criteria to evaluate project proposals. Each of the four criterion carries an equal weight of 25 percent.

1. Purpose and goals:

- a. The purpose and goals of the project are clearly stated;
- b. The project adheres to the natural resource conservation concerns for FY 2008 stated in this notice; and
- c. There is clear and significant potential for a positive and measurable outcome.

Soundness of approach or design:

- a. The project adheres to the description of innovative projects or activities found in section I.C. of this notice;
- b. Technical design and implementation strategy is based on sound science;
- c. There is a good likelihood of project success;
- d. The project substantively involves EQIP eligible producers; and,
- e. The project promotes environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production.

3. Project management:

- a. The proposal has clear milestones and time lines, designated staff, and demonstrates collaboration;
- b. The project staff has the technical expertise needed to do the work; and
- c. The budget is reasonable and adequately justified.

4. Transferability:

- a. There is great potential to transfer the approach or technology to others and/or to other geographical areas; and,
- b. The project will result in the development of technical or related materials (e.g., technical standards, technical notes, manuals, handbooks, software) that will help foster adoption of the innovative technology or approach by other producers, and in other geographic areas.

C. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

CIG awards are anticipated to be announced by June 15, 2008. **Funds are not awarded until an agreement is signed by both NRCS and the Grantee.**

VI. AWARD INFORMATION**A. Award Notification**

Applicants who have been selected will receive a letter of official notification from the State Conservationist or his representative. This notice will indicate the need to work with NRCS in developing an agreement prior to starting work on the project. Applicants whose proposals have not been selected will be notified by official letter.

B. Grant Agreement

The CCC, through NRCS, will use a grant agreement with selected applicants to document participation in the CIG component of EQIP. The grant agreement will include:

- project purpose;
- project objectives and deliverables;
- the final project plan listing cooperators in the project and identifying the grant applicant and the project manager;
- the project timelines and expected project completion date;
- project progress and budget reporting requirements;
- award amount and budget information;
- information regarding requests for advance of funds or reimbursement;
- the role of NRCS technical oversight in the project;
- changes in project plans; and
- other requirements and terms deemed necessary by the CCC to protect the interests of the United States.

Neither the approval of any application nor the award of any grant agreement commits or obligates the United States to provide further support of a project or any portion thereof or implies any endorsement.

C. Reporting Requirements

Grantees receiving an advance of Federal funds of more than \$25,000 are required to submit a SF-272 (Report of Federal Cash Transactions), and when necessary, the continuation sheet, SF272-A, no later than 15 days following the end of each quarter or 90 days after project completion. These reports are used to monitor cash advanced to recipients and to obtain disbursement and outlay information for each award.

Grantees must submit a Financial Status Report (SF 269) no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter and 90 days after completion of project. The SF-272 and SF-269 are available at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/InforForGrantees.html>

In addition, every six months the grantee must submit a written performance progress report to the NRCS Washington State Office Program Contact. This report is distinct from the quarterly financial report described above. Each progress report shall cover work performed during the previous 6-month period, including any funded or unfunded time extensions, a comparison of actual accomplishments to project goals, and a statement of work projected to be completed in the next 6-month period. A progress report template is available on the NRCS CIG website at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig/InforForGrantees.html>.

To satisfy the requirements of EQIP (7 CFR 1466) compliance measures, the grantee is required to submit as a component of the semi-annual progress report:

- a. A list of producers, identified by name and social security number, of all EQIP-eligible producers or entities involved in the project.
- b. The dollar amount of direct and indirect payment made to each individual producer or entity for any structural, vegetative, or management practices. Both quarterly and cumulative payment amounts must be submitted.
- c. A self-certification indicating that each individual or entity receiving a direct or indirect payment through this grant is in compliance with the EQIP Payment Limitation, AGI, HEL, and Wetlands Conservation Compliance Farm Bill provisions.

NRCS will designate a Grant Representative and a Technical Contact for the project. These individuals will have technical oversight responsibility for the project. The grantee will comply with any requests for information from either of these individuals. NRCS recommends that the grantee work closely with these subject matter experts throughout the course of the project.

Upon passage of the completion date of the project, a final report must be submitted within 90 days detailing project activities, funding received, funding expended, results, and potential for transferability of results. The final report should address completion of the project deliverables listed in the grant agreement.

VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

For programmatic questions (e.g., natural resource concerns), please contact:

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For administrative questions (e.g., indirect costs, contracts, forms), please contact:

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Additional information about CIG, including fact sheets and FAQs, is available on the CIG webpage:
www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/cig

Signed in Spokane, Washington on _____ (insert date at signature)

/s/

R.L. "GUS" HUGHBANKS State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service Washington State

**CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS
FISCAL YEAR 2008 APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST**

1. **Application Cover Sheet:** Complete Standard Form 424 (SF-424).
2. **Project Summary Sheet:** (2 page maximum; template available)
 - a. Project title;
 - b. Project Director name and contact information (including e-mail);
 - c. Names and affiliations or project collaborators;
 - d. Project purpose;
 - e. Project deliverables/products;
 - f. Project scope/area;
 - g. Project start and end dates (projects should plan to begin no earlier than September 1, 2008);
 - h. Proposal review category (water resources, soil resources, atmospheric resources, grazing land and forest health, and market-based approaches);
 - i. Certifications – EQIP Eligibility and Request for Federal Funds;
 - j. Total project cost and Federal funds requested; and
 - k. Brief summary of project
3. **Project Description:** (10 pages maximum, double spaced, 12 point font)
 - c. Project background ;
 - d. Project objectives ;
 - e. Project methods ;
 - f. Location and size of project area (include a map if possible);
 - g. Producer participation;
 - h. Project action plan and timeline;
 - i. Project management;
 - j. Benefits or results expected and transferability;
 - k. Project evaluation; and
 - l. Environmental impacts.
4. **Budget Information:** Submit a completed SF-424a and a detailed budget narrative.
5. **Declaration of EQIP Eligibility:** Include a statement indicating that the proposed project will involve EQIP-eligible producers.
6. **Certifications:** Complete Standard Form 424b (SF-424b).
7. **DUNS Number:** For information about how to obtain a DUNS number go to <http://www.grants.gov/RequestaDUNS> or call 1-866705-5711. Please note that the registration may take up to 14 business days to complete.
8. **Required CCR Registration:** Visit www.ccr.gov to register.

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*** 1. Type of Submission:**

- ☐ Preapplication
☐ Application
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

*** 2. Type of Application:**

- ☐ New
☐ Continuation
☐ Revision

*** If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):***** Other (Specify)***** 3. Date Received:**

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4. Applicant Identifier:**5a. Federal Entity Identifier:***** 5b. Federal Award Identifier:****State Use Only:****6. Date Received by State:****7. State Application Identifier:****8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:***** a. Legal Name:***** b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):***** c. Organizational DUNS:****d. Address:***** Street1:****Street2:***** City:****County:***** State:****Province:***** Country:** USA: UNITED STATES*** Zip / Postal Code:****e. Organizational Unit:****Department Name:****Division Name:****f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:****Prefix:***** First Name:****Middle Name:***** Last Name:****Suffix:****Title:****Organizational Affiliation:***** Telephone Number:****Fax Number:***** Email:**

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9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

NGMS Agency

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

CFDA Title:

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

MBL-SF424FAMILY-ALLFORMS

* Title:

MBL-SF424Family-AllForms

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal

* b. Applicant

* c. State

* d. Local

* e. Other

* f. Program Income

* g. TOTAL

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation.)**

☐ Yes ☐ No

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☐ **** I AGREE**

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed:

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*** Applicant Federal Debt Delinquency Explanation**

The following field should contain an explanation if the Applicant organization is delinquent on any Federal Debt. Maximum number of characters that can be entered is 4,000. Try and avoid extra spaces and carriage returns to maximize the availability of space.

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This is a standard form (including the continuation sheet) required for use as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications and applications and related information under discretionary programs. Some of the items are required and some are optional at the discretion of the applicant or the Federal agency (agency). Required items are identified with an asterisk on the form and are specified in the instructions below. In addition to the instructions provided below, applicants must consult agency instructions to determine specific requirements.

Item	Entry:	Item	Entry:
1.	Type of Submission: (Required): Select one type of submission in accordance with agency instructions. • Preapplication • Application • Changed/Corrected Application – If requested by the agency, check if this submission is to change or correct a previously submitted application. Unless requested by the agency, applicants may not use this to submit changes after the closing date.	10.	Name Of Federal Agency: (Required) Enter the name of the Federal agency from which assistance is being requested with this application.
		11.	Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance Number/Title: Enter the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number and title of the program under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement, if applicable.
2.	Type of Application: (Required) Select one type of application in accordance with agency instructions. • New – An application that is being submitted to an agency for the first time. • Continuation - An extension for an additional funding/budget period for a project with a projected completion date. This can include renewals. • Revision - Any change in the Federal Government's financial obligation or contingent liability from an existing obligation. If a revision, enter the appropriate letter(s). More than one may be selected. If "Other" is selected, please specify in text box provided. A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration E. Other (specify)	12.	Funding Opportunity Number/Title: (Required) Enter the Funding Opportunity Number and title of the opportunity under which assistance is requested, as found in the program announcement.
		13.	Competition Identification Number/Title: Enter the Competition Identification Number and title of the competition under which assistance is requested, if applicable.
		14.	Areas Affected By Project: List the areas or entities using the categories (e.g., cities, counties, states, etc.) specified in agency instructions. Use the continuation sheet to enter additional areas, if needed.
3.	Date Received: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the Federal agency.	15.	Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: (Required) Enter a brief descriptive title of the project. If appropriate, attach a map showing project location (e.g., construction or real property projects). For preapplications, attach a summary description of the project.
4.	Applicant Identifier: Enter the entity identifier assigned by the Federal agency, if any, or the applicant's control number if applicable.		
5a.	Federal Entity Identifier: Enter the number assigned to your organization by the Federal Agency, if any.	16.	Congressional Districts Of: (Required) 16a. Enter the applicant's Congressional District, and 16b. Enter all District(s) affected by the program or project. Enter in the format: 2 characters State Abbreviation – 3 characters District Number, e.g., CA-005 for California 5 th district, CA-012 for California 12 th district, NC-103 for North Carolina's 103 rd district. • If all congressional districts in a state are affected, enter "all" for the district number, e.g., MD-all for all congressional districts in Maryland. • If nationwide, i.e. all districts within all states are affected, enter US-all. • If the program/project is outside the US, enter 00-000.
5b.	Federal Award Identifier: For new applications leave blank. For a continuation or revision to an existing award, enter the previously assigned Federal award identifier number. If a changed/corrected application, enter the Federal Identifier in accordance with agency instructions.		
6.	Date Received by State: Leave this field blank. This date will be assigned by the State, if applicable.		
7.	State Application Identifier: Leave this field blank. This identifier will be assigned by the State, if applicable.		
8.	Applicant Information: Enter the following in accordance with agency instructions:		
	a. Legal Name: (Required): Enter the legal name of applicant that will undertake the assistance activity. This is that the organization has registered with the Central Contractor Registry. Information on registering with CCR may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.	17.	Proposed Project Start and End Dates: (Required) Enter the proposed start date and end date of the project.
	b. Employer/Taxpayer Number (EIN/TIN): (Required): Enter the Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN or TIN) as assigned by the Internal Revenue Service. If your organization is not in the US, enter 44-4444444.	18.	Estimated Funding: (Required) Enter the amount requested or to be contributed during the first funding/budget period by each contributor. Value of in-kind contributions should be included on appropriate lines, as applicable. If the action will result in a dollar change to an existing award, indicate only the amount of the change. For decreases, enclose the amounts in parentheses.

	c. Organizational DUNS: (Required) Enter the organization's DUNS or DUNS+4 number received from Dun and Bradstreet. Information on obtaining a DUNS number may be obtained by visiting the Grants.gov website.	19.	Is Application Subject to Review by State Under Executive Order 12372 Process? Applicants should contact the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for Federal Executive Order 12372 to determine whether the application is subject to the State intergovernmental review process. Select the appropriate box. If "a." is selected, enter the date the application was submitted to the State.		
	d. Address: Enter the complete address as follows: Street address (Line 1 required), City (Required), County, State (Required, if country is US), Province, Country (Required), Zip/Postal Code (Required, if country is US).	20.	Is the Applicant Delinquent on any Federal Debt? (Required) Select the appropriate box. This question applies to the applicant organization, not the person who signs as the authorized representative. Categories of debt include delinquent audit disallowances, loans and taxes. If yes, include an explanation on the continuation sheet.		
	e. Organizational Unit: Enter the name of the primary organizational unit (and department or division, (if applicable) that will undertake the assistance activity, if applicable. f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this applicant (required), organizational affiliation (if affiliated with an organization other on: Enter the name (First and last name than the applicant organization), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person to contact on matters related to this application.	21.	Authorized Representative: (Required) To be signed and dated by the authorized representative of the applicant organization. Enter the name (First and last name required) title (Required), telephone number (Required), fax number, and email address (Required) of the person authorized to sign for the applicant. A copy of the governing body's authorization for you to sign this application as the official representative must be on file in the applicant's office. (Certain Federal agencies may require that this authorization be submitted as part of the application.)		
9.	Type of Applicant: (Required) Select up to three applicant type(s) in accordance with agency instructions. <table border="1" data-bbox="134 850 896 1432"> <tr> <td data-bbox="134 850 535 1432"> A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Government D. Special District Government E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Possession G. Independent School District H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization L. Public/Indian Housing Authority </td> <td data-bbox="535 850 896 1432"> M. Nonprofit N. Nonprofit O. Private Institution of Higher Education P. Individual Q. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business) R. Small Business S. Hispanic-serving Institution T. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) U. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) V. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions W. Non-domestic (non-US) Entity X. Other (specify) </td> </tr> </table>	A. State Government B. County Government C. City or Township Government D. Special District Government E. Regional Organization F. U.S. Territory or Possession G. Independent School District H. Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education I. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Federally Recognized) J. Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized) K. Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization L. Public/Indian Housing Authority	M. Nonprofit N. Nonprofit O. Private Institution of Higher Education P. Individual Q. For-Profit Organization (Other than Small Business) R. Small Business S. Hispanic-serving Institution T. Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) U. Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs) V. Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions W. Non-domestic (non-US) Entity X. Other (specify)		
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BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

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SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. Totals		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	GRANT PROGRAM, FUNCTION OR ACTIVITY				Total
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
a. Personnel	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
b. Fringe Benefits					
c. Travel					
d. Equipment					
e. Supplies					
f. Contractual					
g. Construction					
h. Other					
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of 6a-6h)					\$
j. Indirect Charges					\$
k. TOTALS (sum of 6i and 6j)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
7. Program Income	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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SECTION C - NON-FEDERAL RESOURCES					
(a) Grant Program		(b) Applicant	(c) State	(d) Other Sources	(e) TOTALS
8.		\$		\$	
9.					
10.					
11.					
12. TOTAL (sum of lines 8-11)		\$		\$	
SECTION D - FORECASTED CASH NEEDS					
	Total for 1st Year	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
13. Federal	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
14. Non-Federal	\$				
15. TOTAL (sum of lines 13 and 14)		\$	\$	\$	\$
SECTION E - BUDGET ESTIMATES OF FEDERAL FUNDS NEEDED FOR BALANCE OF THE PROJECT					
(a) Grant Program		FUTURE FUNDING PERIODS (Years)			
		(b) First	(c) Second	(d) Third	(e) Fourth
16.		\$	\$	\$	\$
17.					
18.					
19.					
20. TOTAL (sum of lines 16 - 19)		\$	\$	\$	\$
SECTION F - OTHER BUDGET INFORMATION					
21. Direct Charges:			22. Indirect Charges:		
23. Remarks:					

ASSURANCES - NON-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the awarding agency. Further, certain Federal awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the award; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
5. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, teaching, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

* SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL Completed on submission to Grants.gov	* TITLE
* APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	* DATE SUBMITTED Completed on submission to Grants.gov