

“Conserving Our Community” Grant Program (COC)

Purpose of COC Grants

The Anchorage Soil & Water Conservation District’s (ASWCD) Community Grant Program (COC) supports conservation activities within the boundaries of the ASWCD (Knik River to Portage). The ASWCD COC grant program will fund, partially fund, or adopt for significant support, projects which have a tangible and lasting benefit.

Eligibility

The ASWCD COC is open to residents, businesses, organizations, agencies, and all other entities within the Municipality of Anchorage, including private property owners, neighborhood or community groups/organizations and/or any agency doing work within the city’s boundaries. Previous grantees must be in compliance and up to date with all prior reporting and financial accounting obligations before submitting an application for additional support.

Limits & Restrictions

The COC awards range from a few hundred dollars to complete sponsorship for the duration of the project. For large or financially cumbersome projects, the ASWCD may vote to fully adopt the project, which could involve ASWCD funding, technical assistance and assistance in identifying potential funding sources.

COC funds may not be used for indirect costs, overhead or other expenses not directly related to the project. Funds may not be used for travel, legal actions, land acquisition, endowments, to influence legislation or to support candidates for office.

Deadlines and Obtaining an Application Form

COC grants are awarded as funding allows and/or as funding is secured for a project proposed through the COC grant process. Applications for the COC grant may be submitted at any time throughout the year, there are no application-associated deadlines. Application forms are available at www.ASWCD.org or by contacting the ASWCD directly.

Pre-Approval

The ASWCD will review your completed application within sixty (60) days of receipt. If the ASWCD approves your application for further consideration, a personal interview will be scheduled and you may be asked for further information. All applicants will be notified in writing of acceptance or denial.

Final Approval

If your application is successful in the pre-approval process, the ASWCD Board of Supervisors will review your project at the next available meeting. You will be invited to participate in the discussion phase of deliberations, though excused from the room before final deliberations and voting. If your application receives final approval, you will be contacted to meet with a small group from the ASWCD. The purpose of this meeting will be to negotiate and set the terms of the Grant Agreement. All grants awarded by the ASWCD have mandatory performance measures, regular reporting and a project completion report required.

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