



Laramie Rivers Conservation District
 Soil, Water, and Plant Analysis Cost-Share Program

General Program Objectives

This program provides incentive for residents to understand their natural resources by cost sharing on expenses for tests at recognized analytical labs

Who is Eligible?

Albany county residents, businesses, and landowners

Project Examples

- Soil testing for gardens or crops, for nutrient information or contamination
- Potable water tests
- Trace metals in water
- Irrigation/livestock water testing
- Forage testing for nutritional value

Ineligible Project

- Any testing on a third party’s property without their written permission

Levels of funding

- The Cost-Share program is a local matching program in which 50% of project costs may be reimbursed by the District up to \$500 total.

Application and Program Procedure

1. Arrange for LRCO staff to meet with to discuss plan and see if it meets our criteria.
2. Select lab, get cost estimates and apply for cost share.
3. LRCO board reviews and authorizes Application/Agreement.
4. Complete work as described in the Application/Agreement.
5. Present receipts and request reimbursement from LRCO Board.
6. At monthly board meeting LRCO board reviews completed project, signs Agreement Completion Certification and authorize reimbursement.
7. Receive reimbursement check within one month of board meeting.

Criteria for Cost-Share

In order for a project to be eligible for LRCO cost share funds, a project must:

- Clearly meet objectives of this program.
- Contact LRCO staff to discuss your objectives and what kind of analyses may be needed.
- Be approved by LRCO Board of Supervisors before samples are taken to lab.
- Be fully completed by within one year of approval.
- Project applications are reviewed monthly on a first-come, first served basis.

THE LRCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHETHER PROPOSED COSTS ARE REASONABLE AND WHETHER A PROJECT DESIGN IS APPROPRIATE.

Laramie Rivers Conservation District
Regular Cost-Share
Application and Agreement Form

Cooperator Name: _____ Date: _____

Or Company Name: _____ Represented by: _____
(Name/title)

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Do you own or rent ? (Check one) How did you learn of this program?

Project address (if different) _____

<u>Project Category (circle those that apply)</u>	
Water Potability (bacteria and salts, nutrients)	Trace/heavy metals in soils
Water for Irrigation/livestock (salts)	Trace/heavy metals in water
Soil for gardening (soil nutrients)	Other (specify) _____
Forage nutrition (protein in hay, for example)	

Justification for project – State the situation leading to your need for analyses:

Project budget – Itemize the number and types of analyses you intend to have done and by whom:
[LRCO does not cost share on sales tax]

Estimated total: \$

50% cost share request: \$

APPLICATION AND BOARD APPROVAL

Signature of Cooperator Date

Signature of Landowner Date
(if cooperator is a renter or contractor)

Application Prepared by District Staff Date

Date Approved by Board: _____

WORK DONE BEFORE APPROVAL IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COST SHARE!
PLEASE NOTE THAT COST SHARE FUNDS MAY BE SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX!

Agreement Completion Certification (must be signed prior to payment)

I hereby certify that implementation of the conservation or beautification practices proposed in the Application/Agreement have been completed according to the Objectives and Criteria of this program as of the date shown below. The receipts I provided reflect the true cost of implementing the project authorized, and, I agree to maintain the approved practice/project for the design life specified in the Application.

Signature of Cooperator Date

Signature of Landowner Date
(if cooperator is Lessee)

Project confirmed by District Staff Date

Date Reimbursement Approved: _____

The Laramie Rivers Conservation District offers all programs and services on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, or marital and familial status.

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