

Sustainable Farms and Fields Listening Session

April 11, 2023



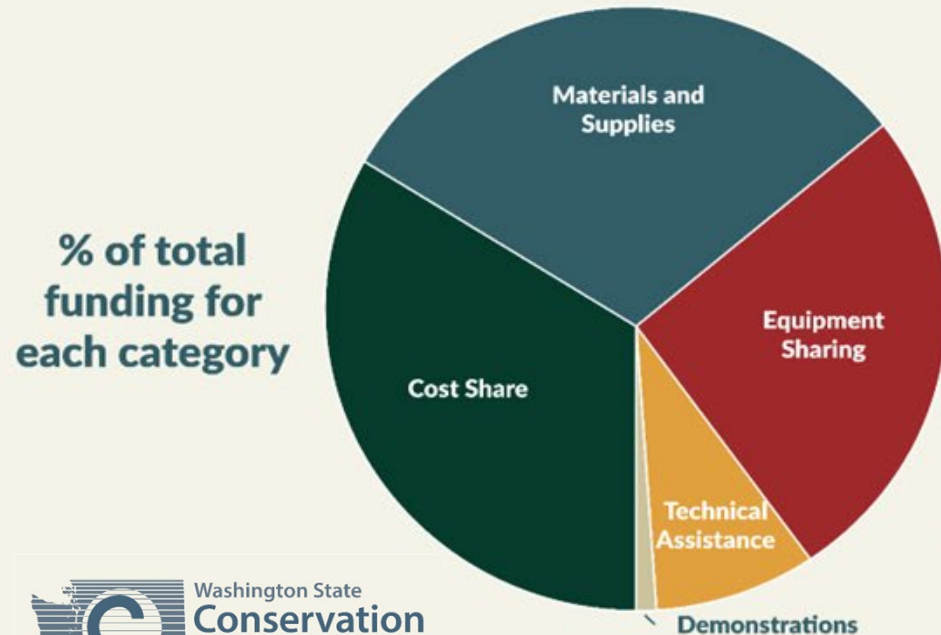


Agenda

- Overview of FY2023 Funding
- Legislative Update
- Upcoming Dates
- Updates to SFF Guidelines
- Your Feedback

Sustainable Farms and Fields 2023 Funded Projects

\$1.8 million awarded to **53** projects



12
projects for
equipment sharing



12
projects for
technical assistance



How are the climate impacts of projects being estimated?



Anticipated impacts
estimated using
Washington's Climate
Smart Estimator

Fine-tuning of final
estimates completed
with COMET-Farm

Is there funding available for next year?

\$1.5 million
anticipated for 2024

For the first fiscal year,
funding awarded to

25/45

Washington's Conservation
Districts and one County
government

Eligible land use types:



Aquaculture
Tideland



Rangeland



Farmland



2023 Funded SFF Project Breakdown

Project Type	Number Funded	Funding Amount
Cost Share	17	\$535,435
Equipment Sharing	12	\$559,989
Materials & Supplies	11	\$403,543
Technical Assistance	12	\$415,845
Demonstration	1	\$28,519

SFF Program Development funding to Snohomish CD and San Juan Islands CD to develop Carbon Farm Plan Template

SFF Legislative Update



Upcoming Dates:

Projects Underway for Fiscal Year 2023

- April 18: COMET-Farm training (CTD)
- May 25: COMET-Farm Troubleshooting Session (CTD)
- June 30: End of fiscal year. All projects must be complete.
- July 10: Reporting Deadline

Applications for Fiscal Year 2024

- May 10: feedback due on SFF programmatic guideline updates
- May 16-18: Commission meeting in Richland
- May 24: 1-2 pm SFF Q&A webinar
- Jun 1: Request for Applications (RFA) release
- Jul 14: 5 pm Application pull

Proposed SFF Guideline Updates



Project Types

FY 2023

Cost Share

Technical Assistance

Equipment Sharing

Materials & Supplies

FY 2024

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Technical Assistance

Equipment Sharing

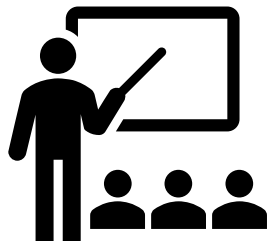
Materials & Supplies

Demonstration

What are Demonstration Projects?

This type of project utilizes practices that are not commonly used in a specific region or type of operation/site and showcases the applicability of a technique/technology for natural resources conservation. The BMPs demonstrated must show local land-users how new technology or innovative methods can conserve natural resources. New and innovative practices include entirely new technologies that have not been utilized on a widespread basis, and those that have yet to be adopted in a regional or operational context. A demonstration project may pay up to 100% for such practices on private or public land, regardless of the district approved cost share rate, on a one-time basis. A demonstration project must be pre-approved by SCC.

Type A demonstration projects showcase a practice **eligible** through SFF that is not commonly used in an area and must include a substantial outreach component.



Type B demonstration projects are used to gather more information about the feasibility and impact of a practice that is **not yet eligible** but shows promise as a climate-smart practice. An applicant may apply for funds to demonstrate the use of new or innovative climate-smart technologies and/or practices to local producers.



Project Types

FY 2023

Cost Share

Technical Assistance

Equipment Sharing

Materials & Supplies

FY 2024

Cost Share

Technical Assistance

Equipment Sharing

Materials & Supplies

Demonstration

Materials & Supplies and Demonstration Projects can be funded using one of two approaches (specified at application phase)

Cost Share

OR

District Implemented Project (DIP)

Cultural Resources

The following types of projects *do not* need a Cultural Resource review and project managers *do not* need to fill out a Cultural Resources Complied Statement form.

- Technical assistance-only or outreach-only projects
- Purchase of equipment for lease or sharing
- Purchase of seed, seedlings, or amendments for distribution without a particular site identified.


All other types of projects including any on-the-ground practice implementation must follow the Commission's Cultural Resource Review Process and will require a Cultural Resources Complied Statement form for payment.

<https://www.scc.wa.gov/cd/cultural-resources>

CPDS

- All projects besides equipment sharing and technical assistance-only projects must be entered into the SCC Conservation Practice Data System (CPDS) upon receipt of the award notification.

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Feedback

- What has or hasn't worked well for your district in engaging with SFF?
- In looking at future opportunities for SFF funding in your district, what kind of messaging/outreach materials would be helpful?
- Other feedback?

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