

Irrigation Efficiencies Grants Program

Application Questions

The application for Irrigation Efficiencies Grants Program (IEGP) is a Formstack form accessed through a link on the IEGP webpage at www.scc.wa.gov/programs/irrigation-efficiencies-grant-program-iegp. This document is intended to help prospective applicants prepare their applications by providing questions that will be asked on the application form. **Questions may be subject to change.**

Additional Notes:

- The maximum cost share for on-farm IEGP projects is \$400,000 per landowner per fiscal year.
- There is no cost share maximum for conveyance projects (piping or lining) implemented with a water purveyor.
- The rate of cost share must comply with your conservation districts' cost-share rate policy.
- On-farm projects require a post-project Irrigation Water Management (IWM) Plan.
- See [programmatic guidelines](#) for a list of eligible activities and for additional information.
- Each project requires a new application form.
- Project status checks will be performed by the SCC program manager 120 days after the funding award date and quarterly thereafter. Unsatisfactory progress may result in a follow-up meeting with the SCC program manager.
- All work, including any cost-share or DIP projects, must be completed by the end of each biennium, on June 30, 2025, and every odd-numbered year, thereafter (27, 29, etc.).
- The District Implemented Project (DIP) process may be used to fund some projects that meet the criteria. Please consult with the Program Manager and Regional Manager prior to filling out the project application.
- Most often, water conserved through the increase in efficient delivery or application is non-consumptive in nature. That is, that it was never consumed by the crop served. It is most often lost in the delivery of water consumptively used by the crops in the project area. Because of this, water saved under this program is rarely available for use under the original water right. Using the conserved water under the original water right, after the system upgrade may be considered spreading and potentially illegal under state law. Please consult with the Program Manager for basic water rights assistance.
- Direct questions or comments to Jon K. Culp at jculp@scc.wa.gov.

Basic Information Questions

- Conservation District Name
- CD Staff Contact Name
- CD Staff Contact Email
- Application Type
 - ☐ Technical Assistance Program Implementation (CD outreach, project assessment, and program administration (fiscal year budget allocation))
 - ☐ Technical Assistance Project Implementation (project specific) for Project Design, Development, and Implementation
 - ☐ Financial Assistance:
 - ☐ Cost Share
 - ☐ District Implemented Project (DIP)

Application Type/Project Specific Questions

(Questions are split up into sections for the three different application types.)

Technical Assistance Program Implementation Questions

- Amount of Funding Requested

Please provide a project summary to describe how you will utilize the funding pursuant to the Irrigation Efficiencies Program Guidelines, linked at the top of this form. *You do not need to provide BMPs for this question when applying for general technical assistance funds. (Please provide a budget breakdown based on your program outreach, project assessments, and program administration.)*

- What planning considerations will your program take to accommodate for anticipated climate change impacts? *(programmatically)*
- What planning considerations will your program take to benefit any overburdened or underserved communities within your district? *(programmatically)*
- Is the district, in the planning, development or implementation of this program, partnering with local stakeholders, organizations, or Tribes? *(programmatically)*

Technical Assistance Project Implementation Questions

- Amount of Funding Requested
- Project Type
 - ☐ On Farm
 - ☐ Conveyance, purveyor, water delivery to farm
- Project design completed by:
 - ☐ Certified Irrigation Designer (CID)
 - ☐ WA Licensed Engineer
 - ☐ Other
- Project water comes from a valid water right or legal source?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- Please provide a project summary to describe how you will utilize the funding pursuant to the Irrigation Efficiencies Program Guidelines, linked at the top of this form. Please include Best Management Practices as listed in CPDS. Which water resource concern or public benefit does the project water savings address? (check all that apply):
 - ☐ Instream flow protection or enhancement
 - ☐ Water quality protection or enhancement
 - ☐ Mitigation of a drought vulnerability
 - ☐ Improving productivity or profitability on lands under threat of conversion to non-agricultural uses
 - ☐ Flow and/or water supply retiming
- What planning considerations have you taken in the design of this project to accommodate for anticipated climate change impacts?
- What planning considerations have you taken keeping social justice in mind?
- Does this project directly or indirectly serve or benefit any overburdened or underserved populations?

- Is this project the first IEGP implemented with district assistance to this irrigator or on this property?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- Does the irrigator/recipient own the property on which the project is located? Does this project leverage a source of funds or match other than Irrigation Efficiencies program funding?
- Is the district or recipient, in the planning, development or implementation of this project, partnering with local stakeholders, organizations, or Tribes?

Financial Assistance Questions

- Financial Assistance:
 - ☐ Cost Share
 - ☐ District Implemented Project (DIP)
- Amount of Funding Requested
- Project Type
 - ☐ On Farm
 - ☐ Conveyance, purveyor, water delivery to farm
- Project design completed by:
 - ☐ Certified Irrigation Designer (CID)
 - ☐ WA Licensed Engineer
 - ☐ Other
- Project water comes from a valid water right or legal source?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- Please provide a project summary to describe how you will utilize the funding pursuant to the Irrigation Efficiencies Program Guidelines, linked at the top of this form. Please include Best Management Practices as listed in CPDS.
- Which water resource concern or public benefit does the project water savings address? (check all that apply):
 - ☐ Instream flow protection or enhancement
 - ☐ Water quality protection or enhancement

- ☐ Mitigation of a drought vulnerability
- ☐ Improving productivity or profitability on lands under threat of conversion to non-agricultural uses
- ☐ Flow and/or water supply retiming
- How much water will this project save once implemented?
 - ☐ Gallons per minute, or
 - ☐ Cubic feet per second, and
 - ☐ Acre feet per year
- Please also describe the water body and/or other beneficiaries of the saved water.
- How do you propose to monitor the measurable accomplishments for this funding?
- What planning considerations have you taken in the design of this project to accommodate for anticipated climate change impacts?
- What planning considerations have you taken keeping social justice in mind?
- Does this project directly or indirectly serve or benefit any overburdened or underserved populations
- Is this project the first IEGP implemented with district assistance to this irrigator or on this property?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
- Does the irrigator/recipient own the property on which the project is located? Does this project leverage a source of funds or match other than Irrigation Efficiencies program funding?
- Is the district or recipient, in the planning, development or implementation of this project, partnering with local stakeholders, organizations, or Tribes?