

# Habitat Improvement Cost Share Grant Guidelines



The Anoka Conservation District, in conjunction with partnering agencies, offers grants for projects that improve wildlife habitat and restore natural systems. Projects must be within Anoka County.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Projects are reviewed by ACD staff and grant decisions are made by the ACD Board of Supervisors.
- A detailed habitat plan must be developed including the relevant components: site prep, installation and maintenance.
- Grants are reimbursement grants. Successful applicants must submit receipts for eligible expenses to the Anoka Conservation District. Reimbursement checks will be issued within four weeks.
- The ACD reserves full discretion to fund or not fund projects or portions of projects. Grants are available on a first come-first serve basis, are limited, and availability varies by location.
- Applicants may apply for other grant programs in addition to ACD grants, but the ACD will not provide grants such that total funding from public sources exceeds 50% of eligible project expenses.
- Eligible projects and grant amounts are on the following page.

## ELIGIBLE EXPENSES:

### Materials

- Native plants/seed (approved by the ACD)
- Herbicide
- Tool or machine rental
- Others as approved by the ACD Board of Supervisors

### Labor

- Professional project design/planning (up to \$250 cost share)
- Professional herbicide application, soil amendments, seeding, controlled burns or mowing
- Others as approved by the ACD Board of Supervisors

*\*Expenses incurred before the grant is approved are not eligible.*

## APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications are accepted at any time; however funds are limited and awarded first-come, first-serve. To apply, complete the Anoka Conservation District's "Habitat Improvement Cost Share Grant Application." The grant recipient must enter into a contract with the ACD to maintain the project for not less than 5 years.

Questions should be directed to Nate Zwonitzer, Conservation Technician at 763-434-2030 or [nate.zwonitzer@anokaswcd.org](mailto:nate.zwonitzer@anokaswcd.org)

## ASSISTANCE:

Anoka Conservation District staff are available to assist landowners with project advice, design, and cost estimation.

## Habitat Improvement Cost Share Grants Eligible Projects and Grant Assistance



Project Type	Project Specifications	Grant Amount	Maximum Grant
<p><b>Habitat Restoration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of native ecosystem complexes in areas dominated by non-native species</li> </ul>	<p><b>Prairie/Savanna/Woodland:</b> These projects are designed to create quality habitat in areas where it will be beneficial to wildlife.</p> <p><b>Project size:</b> 1-5 acres</p> <p><i>*Cost share funds cannot be used for wetland improvement projects</i></p>	<p>50% of eligible expenses</p>	<p>\$500-site prep herbicide and equipment</p> <p>\$750-prep burn</p> <p>\$240-seeding equipment</p> <p>\$175/acre-seed</p>
<p><b>Habitat Management/Enhancement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhancing or managing predominantly native plant communities to maintain or increase native plant biodiversity</li> </ul>	<p><b>Habitat Enhancement:</b> Adding diversity to provide additional wildlife value as well as establishing stable plant communities.</p> <p><b>Habitat Management:</b> Project goals include controlling invasive species such as buckthorn or garlic mustard and replicating natural processes through controlled burns or mowing.</p> <p><i>*Cost share funds are not available for non-invasive tree removal</i></p>	<p>50% of eligible expenses</p>	<p>\$0.40/plug-Native forbs</p> <p>\$750-controlled burn</p> <p>Cost Share funds for invasive species control will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis</p>

These policies apply to local cost share grant funding only, not State Cost Share.