



NATIVE SEED COST SHARE

Background

The Madison Conservation District provides cost-share assistance to encourage the use of native grass seed mixes for restoration and revegetation projects. Eligible landowners may receive reimbursement for up to 50% of eligible seed costs, not to exceed \$250, for approved native seed mix purchases, subject to available funding and current program guidelines. Cost-share assistance is limited to **one application per landowner per calendar year**. Applications must be submitted within 60 days of the purchase date. Approved applicants will receive reimbursement within 30 days of execution of the cost-share agreement and submission of all required documentation.

Requirements

Applicants are eligible for the cost share opportunity if they meet the following requirements:

- The project must be located within the Madison Conservation District's jurisdictional boundaries (for questions about jurisdiction, visit the Madison CD website, or call our office).
- Seed mix purchased must consist solely of native grass and/or forb species appropriate for Southwest Montana.
- Funding requests should not exceed \$250 per applicant, per year

Recommended Native Seed Mixes:

Applicants are not required to use one of these recommended mixes, provided the selected mix meets program eligibility requirements.

- a) Riparian Mix: This mix is designed for revegetating disturbed areas across variable moisture and slope
 - a. Species composition: 10% Slender Wheatgrass, 25% Streambank Wheatgrass, 25% Thickspike Wheatgrass, 20% Basin Wildrye, 10% Blue Flax, And 10% Western Yarrow
- b) Valley Mix: Designed for the Madison Valley with full sun and moderate to low soil moisture in lower elevations.
 - a. Species composition: 15% Prairie Sandreed, 20% Nevada Bluegrass, 10% White Prairie Clover, 10% Slender Wheatgrass, 20% Bluebunch Wheatgrass, 25% Thickspike Wheatgrass



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- c) Upland Seed Mix: Developed for partially shaded woodlands and forest openings and understories where there are cooler temperatures and additional moisture than the valley.
 - a. Species composition: 15% Bluebunch Wheatgrass, 25% Mountain Brome, 25% Thickspike Wheatgrass, 15% Big Bluegrass, 10% Slender Wheatgrass, 10% Blue Flax



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Cost Share Application

A. Applicant Information

Name (First Last): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

B. Project Information

Project Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parcel Number (optional): _____

Is your project located in the Madison Conservation District? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Primary purpose of seeding:

☐ Revegetation/restoration

☐ Erosion control

☐ Wildlife habitat

☐ Pasture/range improvement

☐ Pollinator habitat

☐ Other: _____

Briefly describe the project and site: _____

Seed Mix:

☐ Riparian Mix

☐ Valley Mix

☐ Upland Mix

☐ Other: _____

If using another seed mix, list all species and their percent composition: _____



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Quantity of mix purchased in lbs: _____ Acreage to be Seeded: _____

Seed Supplier: _____ Purchase Date: _____

Applications must be submitted within 60 days of the purchase date.

C. Project Costs

Total cost incurred by the applicant: _____

Requested reimbursement amount (50% of eligible seed costs, not to exceed \$250): _____

D. Attachments

Required:

- Receipt of purchase documenting seed mix composition, quantity (lbs) purchased, purchase date, and cost
- Seed tag or seed mix specification sheet (if not included on the receipt)

Optional:

- Site photos
- Site Management Plan
- Additional supporting information

E. Applicant Certification

By signing below, the landowner agrees to prepare the project site according to recommended seeding practices, sow the seed within one year of purchase, and commit to management of the seeded area following recommendations by the seed supplier and the Madison Conservation District (MCD).

If approved, the Madison Conservation District agrees to provide cost-share assistance in accordance with current program guidelines and available funding.

Applicant Signature

Date

Madison CD Signature

Date