



GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FRIENDS OF NACD GRANT PROGRAM

www.nacdnet.org/friends/friends-of-nacd-district-grants-program

Purpose: Conduct new activities or test novel approaches to district operations

Eligibility: Dues paying member conservation district

Funding: Up to \$2,500 + no match, for 1 year

Application Process: Look for an announcement for next year's application period in the fall of 2024.

OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM

www.nacdnet.org/technical-assistance-grants

Purpose: Delivery of NRCS programs, enrollment of new and underserved producers

Eligibility: Conservation districts, state associations and agencies, tribal organizations, RC&Ds

Funding: Varies + 20% match, for 1 year

Application Process: Look for an announcement for next year's application period in the late summer of 2024.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

www.nacdnet.org/about-nacd/what-we-do/urban-and-community

Purpose: Urban technical assistance and small-scale conservation in both urban and rural areas

Eligibility: Conservation districts, tribal organizations

Funding: Up to \$60,000 + 25% match, for 1 year (<\$10,000 Planning Grant or <\$60,000 Project Grant)

Application Process: Currently waiting to hear about FY 2024 funding.

PERIMETER FENCING FOR FERAL SWINE GRANT PROGRAM

www.nacdnet.org/perimeter-fencing

Purpose: Incentivize landowners and operators to install or repair perimeter fencing to restrict feral swine

Eligibility: Conservation districts, state association and agencies, et al.

Funding: Technical and financial assistance

Application Process: The 2024 grant application process is now closed. Stay tuned for next year's application period.

CLIMATE-SMART COMMODITIES GRANT PROGRAM

www.nacdnet.org/about-nacd/what-we-do/climate-smart-commodities-project

Purpose: Foster private-public partnerships; scale implementation of climate-smart practices; advance GHG MMRV; support participation in markets.

Eligibility: Public and private entities, must involve conservation districts

Funding: Technical and financial assistance

Application Process: 3 phase process – 1. Submit Concept Papers (closed); 2. Match-Making Phase through January 2024; 3. Final proposals submitted in March 2024.



LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

NACD SOIL HEALTH CHAMPIONS NETWORK

www.nacdnet.org/get-involved/soil-health-champions-network/

Purpose: To get more acres managed for soil health through peer-to-peer outreach.

Eligibility: Farmers, producers, ranchers, woodland owners, and land managers of all kinds who use good soil health practices on their operation and promote the use of good soil health management systems in their communities and spheres of influence.

Member Benefits: Potential opportunities for research, media interviews, special access to programs and projects, speaking and travel, and national recognition through various outlets.

Application Process: Fill out the Soil Health Champion Recruitment packet and submit to Beth Mason at beth-mason@nacdn.net. Additionally, if the applicant is not familiar with or has not worked with their local conservation district, NACD will make the introductions for potential collaboration on outreach and programs.

NATIONAL CONSERVATION FOUNDATION'S (NCF) NEXT GENERATION LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (NGLI)

www.nationalconservationfoundation.org/ngli/

Purpose: NACD, in partnership with the NCF, holds an annual, year-long leadership development program to cultivate future leaders of the conservation district community.

Eligibility: Applicants must be an elected or appointed member of their local conservation district board

Application Process: The next application period is expected to be announced July 1, 2024.



YOUTH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

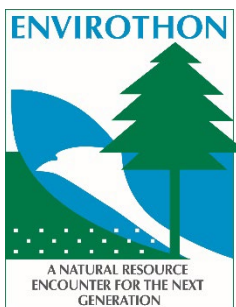
STEWARDSHIP AND EDUCATION MATERIALS

www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-program

- ★ NACD provides conservation districts and the public with **free**, digital and downloadable education materials for K-8 students via NACD's Marketplace.
- ★ Themes rotate annually, i.e. Soil Health, Water, Pollinators, etc., and can be used to help promote Stewardship Week, the last week in April.
- ★ NACD has an Education Hub which includes conservation education from additional, credible sources/partners beyond NACD for free download.

NCF-ENVIROTHON PROGRAM

www.envirothon.org



NACD provides support for the National Conservation Foundation's Envirothon program. The NCF-Envirothon is an international environmental and natural resource problem-solving competition that builds leadership experience for high school students (grades 9-12 or ages 14-19). Incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles, hands-on learning, and outdoor field experiences, Envirothon encourages students to expand their knowledge and explore environmental education and natural resource conservation through the study of Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Soils and Land Use, Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues.



ADVOCACY

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS TEAM

www.nacdnet.org/about-nacd/what-we-do/federal-policy

NACD has a Government Affairs Team working for you:

- ★ Expanding conservation district representation at the policymaking table and positioning members as trusted sources of information when conservation policies are being proposed and written. In turn, we regularly collaborate with congressional staff and the administration on various legislative priorities – the Farm Bill being just one example.
- ★ Providing regular updates to keep you informed of actions within the federal sphere that affect conservation districts and the conservation delivery system.
- ★ Providing training and resources for your own locally led advocacy efforts.

Be sure to attend the 2025 NACD Fly-In March 2025 in Washington, DC!

PUBLICATIONS

www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/publications



NACD provides a variety of publications to suit almost every reading preference – varying in frequency and content.

- ★ **eResource** – Every Tuesday, containing the most timely information and announcements.
- ★ **The Resource** – A semi-annual publication that takes a deeper dive into conservation districts, policy, partners and programs.
- ★ **Forestry Notes** – A monthly collaboration with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of Foresters.
- ★ **Conservation Clips** – Weekly collection of conservation news from outside publications.

ADDITIONAL ONLINE RESOURCES

NACD MARKETPLACE

www.nacdnet.org/store

NACD has an online store where you can purchase items such as apparel with your own district logo, awards, books, free education materials, and much more!

DISTRICT JOB BOARD

www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/district-job-board

Whether you're looking to hire or looking for employment with a conservation district, be sure to check out the NACD District Job Board. Members can log in and add their own job posting for a conservation district. For help logging into your NACD account, please contact info@nacdn.net

DISTRICT GUIDES, TOOLS, AND WEBINARS

www.nacdnet.org/general-resources

Over the years, NACD has provided many tools, webinars, and district guides as resources for conservation districts. Some are available as general resources at the link above while additional resources are available on the NACD Members Only Webpages. The Members only area is for conservation districts who are current with their NACD dues or have paid the last fiscal year's dues.
