

Conservation District Grants

Conservation District Operations -75 grants

The purpose of this grant is to provide support for the basic operations of the 75 conservation districts in Michigan to carry out operational duties associated with natural resource management activities consistent with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451 Part 93, as amended, commonly referred to as Conservation District Law. Through these grants the conservation districts will provide citizens easy access to natural resource management assistance, assess, and analyze local natural resource management needs, and implement natural resource management based on the needs identified.

Grantee	Award Amount
Alcona Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Alger Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Allegan Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Antrim Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Arenac Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Barry Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Bay Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Benzie Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Berrien Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Blue Water Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Branch Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Calhoun Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Cass Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Charlevoix Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Cheboygan Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Clare Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Clinton Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Delta Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Dickinson Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Eaton Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Emmet Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Genesee Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Gladwin Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Gogebic Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Grand Traverse Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Gratiot Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Hillsdale Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Huron Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Ingham Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Ionia Conservation District	\$40,000.00

Iosco Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Iron Baraga Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Isabella Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Jackson Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Kalamazoo Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Kalkaska Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Kent Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Lapeer Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Leelanau Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Lenawee Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Livingston Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Macomb Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Manistee Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Marquette Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Mason-Lake Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Mecosta Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Menominee Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Midland Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Missaukee Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Monroe Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Montcalm Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Muskegon Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Newaygo Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Oakland Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Oceana Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Ogemaw Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Ontonagon Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Osceola-Lake Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Oscoda Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Otsego Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Ottawa Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Presque Isle Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Saginaw Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Schoolcraft Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Shiawassee Conservation District	\$40,000.00
St. Joseph Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Tuscola Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Van Buren Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Washtenaw Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Wayne Conservation District	\$40,000.00
Wexford Conservation District	\$40,000.00

[Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program \(MAEAP\) - 39 grants](#)

MAEAP is a voluntary, proactive program designed by a coalition of farmers, agricultural commodity groups, state and federal agencies, conservation, and environmental groups to reduce farmers' legal and environmental risks. It teaches effective land stewardship practices that comply with state and federal regulations and shows farmers how to identify and prevent agricultural pollution risks on their farms. The conservation district technicians hired with these grants form the core of the program and are trained in delivering all the MAEAP risk assessments, helping farmers develop Farm Improvement Action Plans, and assisting them step-by-step to MAEAP verification in the Farmstead, Livestock, Cropping, and Forest Wetland & Habitat Systems.

Grantee	Award Amount
Allegan Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Berrien Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Blue Water Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Blue Water Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Branch Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Cass Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Charlevoix Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Clinton Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Delta Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Eaton Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Genesee Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Grand Traverse Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Gratiot Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Hillsdale Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Huron Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Ionia Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Isabella Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Jackson Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Kalamazoo Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Kent Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Lapeer Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Leelanau Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Lenawee Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Mason-Lake Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Mecosta Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Missaukee Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Monroe Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Newaygo Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Oceana Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Ogemaw Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Osceola-Lake Conservation District	\$73,500.00
Ottawa Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Saginaw Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Shiawassee Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Tuscola Conservation District	\$76,000.00
Van Buren Conservation District	\$76,000.00

Washtenaw Conservation District	\$76,000.00
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Conservation Technical Assistance Initiative (CTAI)- 23 grants

The CTAI program provides Michigan farmers and landowners with conservation planning and engineering assistance, allowing them easier access to federal cost share dollars for implementing conservation practices. The program leverages funding from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to employ five engineers, eight soil conservationists and 10 program assistants. These conservation district employees work with local NRCS offices to help farmers implement conservation practices that reduce identified environmental risks on their farms using USDA Farm Bill programs.

Grantee	Award Amount
Blue Water Conservation District	\$77,000.00
Branch Conservation District	\$69,000.00
Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	\$75,000.00
Clinton Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Clinton Conservation District	\$69,000.00
Clinton Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Delta Conservation District	\$69,000.00
Delta Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Genesee Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Genesee Conservation District	\$71,000.00
Huron Conservation District	\$77,000.00
Ingham Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Jackson Conservation District	\$80,000.00
Kent Conservation District	\$75,000.00
Kent Conservation District	\$80,000.00
Leelanau Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Mecosta Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Midland Conservation District	\$52,000.00
Missaukee Conservation District	\$65,000.00
Oceana Conservation District	\$77,000.00
Otsego Conservation District	\$53,500.00
Otsego Conservation District	\$80,000.00
St. Joseph County Conservation District	\$53,500.00

[Forestry Assistance Program \(FAP\)- 19 grants](#)

FAP provides technical assistance to private forestland owners. Conservation district foresters work one-on-one with private forestland owners and private sector foresters to promote sustainable management of the private forest resource. They provide no-cost site visits to private forestland owners in their service area. They also provide promotion and outreach by conducting workshops, hosting field days, and writing articles for local publications. These 19 foresters also play a critical role in helping forestland owners enroll in the Qualified Forest Program, an MDARD program that encourages landowners to actively manage their privately owned forests for commercial harvest, wildlife habitat enhancement, and improvement of other non-forest resources. In exchange for managing their forests in a sustainable fashion, landowners receive a tax exemption on their forested property.

Grantee	Award Amount
Alcona Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Alpena-Montmorency Conservation District	\$70,500.00
Barry Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District	\$70,500.00
Clare Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Delta Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Dickinson Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Gogebic Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Iron Baraga Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Leelanau Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Manistee Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Marquette Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Mecosta Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Montcalm Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Oceana Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Oscoda Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Otsego Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Presque Isle Conservation District	\$73,000.00
Wexford Conservation District	\$73,000.00

[Produce Safety Program- 6 grants](#)

The Produce Safety Program is a cooperative effort between the Food and Drug Administration, MDARD, Michigan State University Extension, and local conservation districts to help farms of all sizes voluntarily improve produce safety on the farm.

The grants support six conservation district Produce Safety Technicians who deliver on-farm technical assistance using the Michigan Produce Safety Risk Assessment, education, and produce safety plan development, and coordinate local, state, and federal agency resources to help farmers reduce identified produce safety risks and make progress toward compliance with state and federal regulations regarding produce safety.

Grantee	Award Amount
Berrien Conservation District	\$78,500.00
Blue Water Conservation District	\$78,500.00
Genesee Conservation District	\$78,500.00
Manistee Conservation District	\$78,500.00
Marquette Conservation District	\$78,500.00
Newaygo Conservation District	\$78,500.00

Conservation Specialist- 4 grants

The purpose of this grant is to accelerate the adoption of conservation practices in the Western Lake Erie Basin through new and existing approaches, tools, and programs. Through this program four conservation district technicians provide program outreach and technical assistance to private landowners to implement conservation practices funded through the 2018 Farm Bill, the State of Michigan, or any other Federal, State, Local, or private source available to help reduce sediment and nutrient loss in the Western Lake Erie Basin and improve water quality.

Grantee	Award Amount
Hillsdale Conservation District	\$70,500.00
Lenawee Conservation District	\$70,500.00
Monroe Conservation District	\$70,500.00
Washtenaw Conservation District	\$73,000.00

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technical Assistance- 3 grants

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a collaboration between USDA Farm Services Agency and the MDARD to incentivize the installation and maintenance of conservation programs that protect water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. These grants support conservation district technical staff that provide program outreach and technical assistance on the planning, design, installation, and maintenance of conservation practices funded through CREP.

Grantee	Award Amount
Arenac Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Genesee Conservation District	\$68,000.00
Shiawassee Conservation District	\$76,500.00