



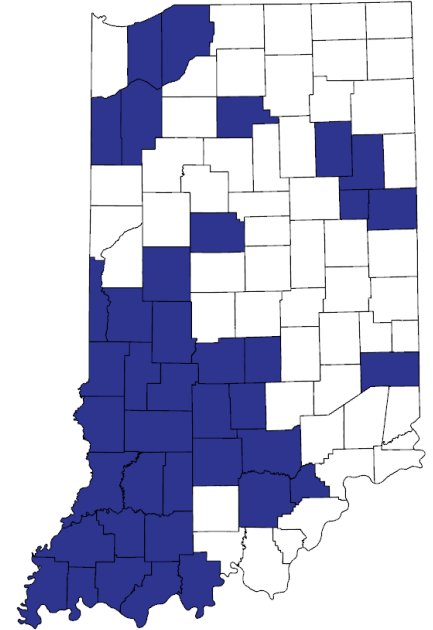
Clean Water Indiana 2020 Competitive Grants

SWCD Led Grants Overview:

Grant funds are being utilized by Soil and Water Conservation Districts in both rural and urban environments for locally driven programs focusing on themes such as education, livestock, row crops, and building district capacity. Funded projects include cost share programs, staffing for technical assistance and project coordination, equipment, educational displays, field days, and marketing and outreach programs. Projects can be up to three years in length and districts could apply for any dollar amount that was necessary to complete the project. Funded projects ranged from \$15,885 to \$138,000. In addition to CWI funds, each grantee is required to produce a match for their project, which can be cash or in-kind. Projects requesting staffing were required to have a 25% match for that component, while all other project areas required a 50% match. Many SWCDs will target producers not currently served by other conservation programs.

Non-SWCD Led Grants Overview:

Grant funds are being utilized by the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts to fund the Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative to fund the conservation agronomist. Southern Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management is using CWI funds for regional specialists to help all counties address invasive species concerns.



Proposal Statistics

Total Proposals: 25
Total Funds Requested: \$2,201,921.50
Total SWCDs Represented: 50
Non-SWCD Led Proposals Received: 2

Award Statistics

Total Grants: 14
Total Funds Awarded: \$1,011,211.50
Total SWCDs Represented: 39
Non-SWCD Led Grants Awarded: 2

Program Overview:

The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program (IC 14-32-8) was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups. Through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs, the program supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution.

Program Administration:

The CWI fund is administered by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation under the direction of the State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB). The fund is derived from a portion of cigarette tax funds. (IC 6-7-1-29.3) The cigarette tax fund is 4.22 percent of total cigarette tax revenue, and the CWI fund receives one sixth of this amount. The CWI Program is responsible for providing local matching funds as well as grants for sediment and nutrient reduction projects.



For more information about CWI, please visit: in.gov/isda/2379.htm.
For more information about the SSCB, please visit: in.gov/isda/2361.htm.
Email questions or comments to cleanwaterindiana@isda.in.gov.
To find your local SWCD: please visit: in.gov/isda/2370.htm.