

**Natural Resources Conservation Service
Report To
Papio-Missouri River NRD Board
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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES
PROGRAM UPDATE**

This voluntary conservation program helps producers make conservation work for them. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations.

Through EQIP, NRCS provides agricultural producers with financial resources and one-on-one help to plan and implement improvements, or what NRCS calls conservation practices. Using these practices can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations. Through EQIP, you can voluntarily implement conservation practices, and NRCS co-invests in these practices with you.

NRCS Field Offices are being notified that several applications have been preapproved for funding. Staff are busy writing contracts and obtaining producer signatures.

LOCAL FUND CODES - \$390,547 allocated

- Cropland – 13 applications
 - Practices - Terraces, Underground Outlets, Grassed Waterways
- Grassland – 3 applications
 - Practices – Fence, Watering Facilities, Pipeline, Grass Seeding, Well, Pumping Facility, Brush Management
- Forestry – 3 applications
 - Windbreak Renovation, Windbreak Establishment, Mulching, Grass Seeding

STATE FUND CODES - \$222,467 allocated

- Ephemeral Gully Control – 1 application
 - Practices – Terraces, Underground Outlets, Grassed Waterways
- Seasonal High Tunnels – 3 applications
 - Practices – High Tunnels
- Tribal Initiative – 6 applications
 - Practices – Terraces, Grassed Waterways
- Animal Feeding Operations BFR – 1 application
 - Practices – Waste Storage Facility, Diversion, Pond Sealing, Pumping Plant, Nutrient Management, Waste Separation Facility, Waste Transfer



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