

Laramie County Conservation District's

Community Enhancement Program

Request for Proposals

Program Overview

The Community Enhancement Program seeks project proposals that will improve the environment and natural beauty of Laramie County.

Funding is available from the Laramie County Conservation District to assist in the implementation of natural resource projects not to exceed \$1,000 per project. All proposals submitted must identify at least 20% in matching funds. This match can be either project installation labor and/or materials but *not* maintenance labor or materials. In addition, the LCCD offers design assistance free of charge.

The proposals can be submitted by either individuals or groups but *must* be for projects that will benefit the community at large and be established on land that is accessible to the public. Projects selected for funding will be implemented annually in the spring.

Types of Projects

The Community Enhancement program encourages projects that benefit the public as a whole. Examples of such have included tree and xeriscape (low water landscape) plantings in public parks or along the Cheyenne Greenway, church and cemetery plantings, Boy/Girl Scout projects, and school improvement projects such as providing seedling trees for conservation education.

The emphasis in the past has been on tree plantings. The LCCD is also encouraging project proposals for xeriscape, wetland improvement or development, urban and wildlife habitat or any other project that would conserve or improve natural resources.

Please note: a sign reading "Conservation Tax Dollars at Work" will be installed at each Community Enhancement Program site that is approved for funding.

How to Submit Your Proposal

To submit a proposal for financial and/or design assistance, please include the following:

1. Name, address and phone number of the organization and person(s) responsible for the project.
2. A one-page summary describing the project including:
 - a. Statement of need
 - b. Objectives
 - c. Project location
 - d. Project design with site map including materials needed to accomplish project (the LCCD can assist you with this aspect of the project – please call 772-2600 for assistance prior to proposal due date.)
 - e. A detailed maintenance plan is required including the name(s) of those person(s) responsible for maintaining the project once established. Assistance with developing a maintenance plan can be obtained from the Laramie County Conservation District.

Deadline for Proposals

Project proposals are due the end of **September** annually. Please hand-deliver, mail, fax or e-mail to: **Laramie County Conservation District**; 11221 U.S. Hwy. 30, Cheyenne, WY 82009; Fax: (307) 772-2606; E-mail: info@lccdnet.org

The Board of Supervisors of the Laramie County Conservation District will review and evaluate the proposals at their October Board of Supervisors meeting.