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CSPY 22 Additional Allocation

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Your district's request for additional CSPY 22 funds has been reviewed. The Commission has approved an additional allocation in the amount of \$5,609.09 for agreements 56-022-005 and 56-022-008.

Districts will have another opportunity to request additional CSPY 22 funds in November. If your district plans to take advantage of this opportunity your Allocation Report must be emailed to me by COB Monday, November 2. I have redesigned the Allocation Report, see attached. I will only accept the new form.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call or email.

Tammy Sawatzky
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National Association of Conservation Districts

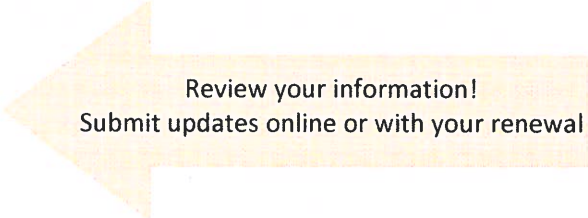
CONSERVATION INVESTMENT

Customer #: 44171

Investment Date: October 1, 2020

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PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!

This is the third invoice for NACD's 2021 fiscal year which runs October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. We hope you continue to show your support for your National Association with a full membership contribution of \$775. Complete the application form and send with payment to NACD headquarters.

Ian Cunningham
NACD Secretary/Treasurer

Conservation Investment FY21 (check one)

Platinum (\$3,001 +)	Diamond (\$1,776 - \$3,000)	Gold (\$775 - \$1,775)	Silver (\$501 - \$774)	Bronze (\$101 - \$500)	Contributor (\$1 - \$100)
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National Association of Conservation Districts

Dear District Officials,

Enclosed is your first invoice for the National Association of Conservation Districts' (NACD) fiscal year 2021, which runs October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021. Please **consider a full membership payment of \$775 or more** to show support for your national association. As a member organization, NACD derives a substantial portion of its income from membership dues. As we continue to face challenging times navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, **your support is essential** to ensure NACD can continue to represent conservation districts' priorities in federal policy making, work to secure funding for conservation programs and districts, and provide tools and guides to help conservation districts accomplish their missions. Below are a few highlights of the work NACD accomplishes thanks to your support:

ADVOCACY – NACD is **your voice for conservation**. By testifying before Congress, submitting letters and comments on proposed rules and legislation, and regularly meeting with lawmakers and their staff, NACD is advancing beneficial policies for voluntary conservation. During this ongoing crisis, NACD has continued to ensure that conservation districts can deliver conservation on the ground across the country by shifting activities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and tools to help you advocate for issues important to your conservation district, please visit NACD's Grassroots Advocacy webpage.

FUNDING – *Technical Assistance Grants* – This past spring, NACD announced we are putting **\$15 million in the hands of conservation districts** to support positions around the country, including territories and tribes, to enhance conservation technical assistance. NACD's Technical Assistance Grants are made possible through a partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative – In February, NACD announced **\$1 million in urban agriculture conservation grant funding for 21 conservation districts across 13 states**. NACD and NRCS first partnered on the Urban Agriculture Conservation Grant Initiative in 2016 and since then have awarded more than \$5 million in funding through 102 grants across 34 states.

Friends of NACD District Grants – In case you missed it: NACD awarded \$10,000 to four conservation districts during the 2020 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Through the support of individual donations by conservation district staff, officials and partners, **NACD will award \$10,000 in 2021!** Applications for 2021 district grants will be announced later this fall; be sure to check out last year's applicants and consider donating by visiting NACD's website.

TRAINING & RESOURCES –

Stewardship and Education materials – NACD will celebrate the 66th Annual Stewardship Week from April 25 – May 2, 2021, with the theme **"Healthy Forests = Healthy Communities"**. NACD provides themed materials to teach and promote tree and forest conservation at home and in the classroom. These materials can be downloaded for free on NACD's Marketplace and Conservation Education Hub. While you're there, be sure to check out the **Pollinator Conservation Field Day Guide**.

Reminder: districts that pay Gold, Diamond or Platinum level membership dues receive a discount in the NACD Marketplace!

Webinars – Every third Thursday each month, NACD features conservation districts’ and their partners’ urban and suburban conservation work through interactive webinars. These webinars are FREE thanks to support from The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation.

You can find past recordings from the Urban and Community Conservation Webinars series, as well as additional topics such as soil health and forestry, on NACD’s website.

Be sure to sign up for NACD’s electronic publications, download the free NACD mobile app, and follow us on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date. We invite you to reach out to NACD Board Members, officers, Executive Board Members and staff members to learn more about what your national association does for members across the country.

Thank you for your support of locally-led conservation and your national association.

Sincerely,



Ian Cunningham
NACD Secretary-Treasurer

P.S. **SAVE THE DATE** for **NACD’s 75th Annual Meeting**, February 6-10 in New Orleans, Louisiana. We are currently on track to host this meeting in person but are continuing to monitor local, state and federal guidelines related to COVID-19. Our top priority is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all participants. Stay tuned to NACD’s weekly eResource for updates about the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dues Structure & Benefits

Platinum	\$3,001+
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd registration free to NACD Annual Meeting• 2 invitations to NACD President’s Reception at Annual Meeting• 20% off a single purchase of \$100 or more from the NACD Marketplace (excluding sale/clearance items)	
Diamond	\$1,776 - \$3,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2nd registration half-price to NACD Annual Meeting• 1 invitation to NACD President’s Reception at NACD Annual Meeting• 15% off a single purchase of \$100 or more from NACD Marketplace (excluding sale/clearance items)	
Gold	\$775 - \$1,775
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10% off a single purchase of \$100 or more from the NACD Marketplace (excluding sale/clearance items)	



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October 1, 2020

Reference: Grant Proposal for Soil Science course and lab

The Oklahoma County Conservation District (OCCD) supports Rose State College (RSC) on their development of an Introductory to Soil Science course and Soil Science lab. It is our belief that by providing more cross-disciplinary course work specific to surface processes, RSC is preparing students to directly affect our community through the study of: pollution, mass wasting, and land degradation prevention. Due to its broad reaching environmental effects, soils warrant more intense and detailed study. Student access to real world issues will allow for better understanding of concepts and can be immediately applied to ecosystem preservation.

The OCCD will support the RSC, Earth and Environmental Science Program as we see an immediate need for student research and training from this discipline.

We support the development of a Soil Science Lecture/Lab and believe it will benefit the students in our community. Your funding of their grant proposal would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mink
Urban Soil Health Specialist

Oklahoma County Conservation District District Employees Report October 7, 2020

District Manager – Don Bartolina

- ✓ September Board meeting and follow-up, review board meeting minutes
- ✓ Telework from home, monitor district operations, make staff contacts as needed
- ✓ Review new FY 2020 annual audit report
- ✓ Work on 2021 contracts for National Land and Range Judging Contest, Arcadia, Embassy Suites
- ✓ Cost share program needs
- ✓ Assist w/October meeting agenda

Administrative Assistant – Becky Inmon

- ✓ Prepared September board meeting minutes, sent to directors for review, emailed July minutes to OCC, legislators, and partners
- ✓ Submitted Annual Report to Conservation Commission
- ✓ Prepared and submitted monthly reimbursement claims to OCC
- ✓ Reconciled monthly bank statements and balanced checkbook
- ✓ Prepared monthly financial statement, monthly payroll tax reports
- ✓ Updated all financial worksheets including NACD TA grant funds and OACD grant funds
- ✓ Prepared monthly payroll records and timesheets for staff and archeology assistants, updated earnings records for all employees
- ✓ Prepared quarterly tax reports, IRS 941, Oklahoma Tax Commission, and OESC
- ✓ Prepared and submitted pre-claim summaries to OCC for September
- ✓ Updated information sheet for National Land and Range Judging Contest, posted online, contacted Embassy Suites about serving as overflow hotel
- ✓ Submitted request for Lake Arcadia Education area to use for National Land and Range Judging Contest practice site
- ✓ Submitted cost share report for additional funds to Conservation Commission, mailed letters to alternates regarding approved funds
- ✓ Made school contacts and posted information online for district poster contest
- ✓ Viewed online training videos for OACD Area Meeting
- ✓ Completed annual Security Awareness online training for NRCS
- ✓ Assisted NRCS with correspondence and Farm Bill program requests and other duties as needed
- ✓ Assisted Nick Owen with information for TA requests as needed
- ✓ Telework from home Monday-Wednesday during months of September, monitor emails, respond to requests, work in office on Thursday-Friday or as necessary

OCCD Board Meeting
Kevin Mink
Urban Soil Health Specialist
Monthly Report

October 7, 2020

- Arborist Phone CTA encounters → 3
- Steve Hill Site CTA
- Glenpool Site Consult & Discussion w/ OCC
- Beautiful Restoration Site Visit
 - plant species selection w/ Wild Things → ordered and delivered to office
 - Pollinator Garden installation on 9/26/20
- Kim Farber pollinator garden CTA
- Logan County Site CTA
- ACOG phone meeting about Yard by Yard
- School community gardens discussion
- CommonWealth Urban Farms → CTA
 - Rain Garden construction and planting
 - Rain Garden, Pollinator and Enviroscape demonstration on 9/19/20
- River Bend Estates HOA → Arborist CTA
- Joe's Addiction CTA → grant opportunities → community forestry grant
- Kirkpatrick grant budget update
- Laura & Ben Pollard CTA
- Will Rogers Park → large pollinator area conversion meeting
- OKC Zoo Pollinator Plot webisode check-in → shoot, edit, and post
- Equipment coordination for large scale pollinator area conversions
- Yard by Yard → follow-ups and certifications
 - updates review of existing submissions
- NRCS Grant → High Tunnel Wrapping

October Areas of Focus:

- Large Pollinator Area Conversions → Will Rogers Park, Beautiful Restoration, Logan County Site
- Final Report for NRCS Conservation Grant

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WHY PAY DUES?

A LOOK BACK AT 2018-2020 WITH OACD



August 21, 2020

To: All Conservation Districts
RE: Why Pay Dues?

Dear Oklahoma Conservation Districts,

Thank you for your continued hard work for the conservation of Oklahoma's natural resources. Upon request, we have compiled a list of financial and non-financial benefits that the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts has achieved over the past two years. We are excited to report that in exchange for the total investment of \$89,000 from conservation districts or \$44,500 per year, districts have received \$34,637,049. That is a return on investment of 38,000%.

As always, OACD is driven by the directors of conservation districts and those that serve on the OACD board of directors. All action that is undertaken by OACD is decided upon by the board of directors. If there is a conservation issue that you would like to see addressed – whether in the state legislature or congress – please let your OACD Area Director, OACD Executive Committee, or myself know. The process for making those requests is through the Resolutions Committees and an OACD board member or myself can direct you on how to begin that process.

The last two years in OACD history have been the most financially successful in the association's 80 year history. I welcome you to celebrate in that progress with us. It is a great time to be a member of the Association. You should be proud of what we have accomplished together. I look forward to continuing to work for you in conserving this great state's natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah K. Blaney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Blaney
Executive Director

Financial Overview of the Value of OACD to Members

Oklahoma State Legislative Accomplishments

2020 Legislative Session

- \$17.5 million was secured from the state legislature for flood control structure repair. This was completed through the work of OACD lobbyists, staff, and partners.
- \$187,000 was secured from the drought relief fund
- The Oklahoma Conservation Commission received a 2% budget increase. The average for state agencies was a 4% decrease. This is a difference of \$750,000 in secured funding.

2019 Legislative Session

- \$600 - \$1,500 for each conservation district employee. Conservation District employees were NOT originally included in House Bill 2771, therefore, staff and lobbyists went to work and advocated for our employees to be included. We were successful in this effort. This is \$63,000 - \$157,000 in additional funding for district employees.
- The Gross Production Tax which funds both conservation district employees salaries AND the state cost share program was set to end in 2019. OACD effectively worked with legislators to extend that funding for an additional two years through 2021. This is approximately \$5.2 million in funding.
- The Oklahoma Conservation Commission received additional one time funding including \$500,000 for clean water efforts in Northeast Oklahoma AND \$1.5 million for upstream flood control structures. Total value \$2 million

2018 Legislative Session

- \$5.1 million for the purpose of rehabilitation of upstream flood control structures. This had been a legislative goal since 2014.
- \$750 - \$2,000 for each conservation district employee. Conservation District employees were NOT originally included in House Bill 1024xx, therefore, staff and lobbyists went to work and advocated for our employees to be included. We were successful in this effort. This is \$78,750 - \$210,000 for district employees.

**Total Value of OACD Legislative Services to Conservation Districts
from 2018 - 2020: \$31,104,000**



OACD Grants Secured for Conservation Districts 2018 - 2020

2020 Grants

- \$1.9 million for the Conservation and Agriculture Reach Everyone Project through USDA-NRCS Conservation Collaboration program.
- \$6,500 for the Yard by Yard program for the Oklahoma County Conservation District from the Kirkpatrick Foundation

2020 Grants submitted and awaiting notification of funding:

- Farm to Food Bank Project with the University of California @ Berkeley to study nutrient density and soil improvements on small acre multi-species cover crop plots. Potential funding: \$280,000
- Farm to Food Bank Project grant submitted to the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. Potential funding: \$120,000

2019 Grants

- \$1 million pledge from the Nature Conservancy for pollinator habitat, no-till drills, staff, and outreach and education services. \$100,000 has been received so far. OACD has expended \$16,500 to districts for the pollinator mini-grant projects. The rest is being held until the pledge is fulfilled and the project can be fully launched.
- \$250,000 for the Conservation and Agriculture Reach Everyone Project

2018 Grants

- \$250,000 for the Conservation and Agriculture Reach Everyone Project

2020 Grants that OACD assisted the Conservation Commission with writing/editing/submitting:

- Regional Conservation Partnership Program - Neighbors Solving Natural Resource Concerns
- The Nature Conservancy U.S. National Climate Solutions Accelerator Grant
The Conservation Innovation Grant - Advancing the Suite of Soil Health Principles in the Southern Plains

**Total Value of OACD Grants Secured for Conservation Districts from
2018 - 2020: \$3,406,500**



Annual Awards, Youth Contest Awards 2020 - 2018

Each year, OACD awards cash prizes of \$4,500 to local districts, producers, and cooperators through the annual awards program. We secure these contributions from the Noble Research Institute, the Nature Conservancy and individual donors.

Total Value of OACD Annual Awards to Conservation Districts from 2018 - 2020: \$13,500

Each year, OACD awards cash prizes, plaques, and medals to youth contestant winners at the area and state level. Since 2018, OACD has spent \$25,049 on these.

Total Value of OACD Youth Contest Awards to Conservation Districts from 2018 - 2020:
\$25,049

Value of All contest to conservation districts from 2018 -2020: \$38,549

Continuing Education of Conservation District Directors

OACD provides continuing education service to district directors through the Conservation Leadership Class, OACD Board Members attending regional and national conferences, and bringing educational speakers to Oklahoma for conservation education. The total amount spent on continuing education for district directors for 2018 -2020 was \$52,000.

Total Value of Direct Expenses for Director Continuing Education \$52,000

Total Financial Value that oacd has provided to districts from 2018 - 2020 \$34,637,049

Total money that has been paid to OACD from districts: \$89,000

Return on Investment (ROI) Calculator

Amount Invested

Amount Returned

Investment Time:
 Use Dates Use Length

Investment Length years

Result	
Investment Gain	\$34,548,049.00
ROI	38,818.03%
Annualized ROI	1,872.77%
Investment Length	2.00 years



Non-Financial Membership Benefits

Advocacy - In addition to the advocacy work that is completed at the state capitol, OACD serves as a voice for conservation districts with public and private partners on a daily basis.

From outreach and collaboration with private organizations looking to expand into conservation to public entities interested in reaching landowners, OACD serves as a connection for statewide entities and the local district. An example of this, is OACD board members serving on the National Watershed Coalition board representing districts.

Communications - OACD manages a robust website with a full calendar of conservation events around the state and nation. From webinars to field days to conferences and USDA deadlines, it's all listed on okconservation.org/events. OACD also regularly assists with amplifying the message of conservation districts through traditional and social media, as well as, emails on important conservation happenings.

Representation - OACD represents individual districts at the national level. At the National Association of Conservation Districts, OACD board members serve on committees and resource policy groups. OACD brings resolutions from the local, area, and state level to the national level for consideration.

Support - OACD provides support to the individual districts and partners by staff and board members serving on committees, assisting with the creation, implementation of special projects, recruitment of local board members, recruitment of state, regional, and national partners, recruitment of local cooperators to seek out conservation district programs.



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