Application for Emergency Watershed Protection Program Matching Funds

Instructions

Form Number TSSWCB-FC-3

This application is for requesting state grant funds to provide not more than 95% of the non-federal matching funds required for a federal Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program project performed by the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

The application consists of a simple one-page form, as the majority of the technical information required for the TSSWCB to consider the application will be generated by the NRCS during a damage survey. The damage survey report will be reviewed by the TSSWCB prior to considering an award of state grant dollars.

To qualify for state grant funds to provide non-federal match, at a minimum, this application must be completed and the formal letter from one of the sponsors to the NRCS requesting EWP assistance must be submitted with this application. Upon receipt of this application, the TSSWCB will begin communicating with the applicant and the NRCS to evaluate the feasibility of the project.

You must provide the contact information for the individual that submitted the request for assistance through the EWP Program. This individual will be considered the “authorized representative” for the purposes of the state application, and will serve as the point of contact between the TSSWCB and all other sponsors.

Next, the application requests whether or not matching funds have been requested from the Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA). If “yes” is selected, the TSSWCB may contact TDRA to inquire about the request.

The final portion of this application pertains to certification signatures of all applicable dam sponsors, which is a requirement of the program rules. The first signature block is reserved for the authorized representative, and the remaining three blocks are for up to three other sponsors. If more than three other sponsors exist, simply make a copy of the application and submit it with the additional signature behind the main state application.