


MEMORANDUM
2024-001

DATE: July 10, 2023

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Jim Plassmeyer, Director 
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: No-Till Drill Grant

On June 30, 2023, Governor Parsons signed the Fiscal Year 24 budget. Most of you are aware that this budget included appropriation increases for both District Grants, and Cost-share. During the budget process in the state legislature, a provision was also added requiring the SWCP to implement a grant program to help districts purchase no-till drills. The applicable language from the budget is: “For a grant program to county soil and water districts to create a match program of \$7,500 per county, designated to buy or replace no-till drills”.

Due to the limit of \$75,000 for grants this FY, the program office has created an application that districts must complete in order to be considered for a grant. This application will award more points to districts that do not currently own a drill, and that have the means to pay for the remainder of the purchase. Grants are limited to \$7,500 per district. In addition, the following policies will apply to the grant program:

1. Applications must be received at SWCP email by 5:00 p.m. August 30, 2023 in order to be considered.
2. Funding must be used for a no-till drill, other equipment will not be considered. (if you have questions about if a specific piece of equipment qualifies, contact the program office)
3. Funding will not be sent to the district until a drill is scheduled for delivery.
4. Once a district is selected for funding, they have 60 days to order the equipment, or the funding will go to the next district in line.
5. This funding may only be used for new purchases, not to reimburse a district for equipment already paid for.

If you have questions please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.

Attachment



SWCP Drill Grant Application

Funding from this application must be used to purchase a drill in FY 2024. This funding may not be used for a rental or lease agreement.

1. Does your district currently own a drill?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. Would this drill be a replacement or adding to current inventory?
 - a. Replacing old drill
 - b. Adding to inventory
 - c. Don't currently own a drill
3. Do you intend to purchase a drill with warm season grass capability (seed box)?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
4. Has the district received bids for a drill?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
5. If this funding is received would the district be able to complete the purchase within 2 months?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
6. What will the primary use of your drill be?
 - a. Interseeding Legumes
 - b. Planting row crops (beans, wheat, etc.)
 - c. Planting cover crops
 - d. Establishing permanent pasture
7. What type of funding will your district use to pay for the remainder of the drill?
 - a. Local funds
 - b. Other grants(MDC, NWTF, PFQF, etc.)
 - c. No other funding available