



Grant Progress Report

CREP Outreach and Implementation Continuation 2023

Grant Title: 2023 - CREP Outreach and Implementation Continuation (Freeborn SWCD)

Grant ID: P23-9891

Grant Award (\$): \$67,159.00

Grant Execution Date: 06/27/2022

Grantee: Freeborn SWCD

Required Match (%): 10

Grant End Date: 06/30/2023

Fiscal Agent:

Required Match (\$): \$6,715.90

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Lindsey Cornell

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$65,951.30	\$65,951.30	\$1,207.70
Match Funds	\$6,715.90	\$6,595.13	\$120.77
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$72,667.20	\$72,546.43	\$1,328.47

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Proposed Measurable Outcomes	This non-competitive CWF grant invests in building the capacity of soil and water conservation districts and local partners to provide information and technical assistance to landowners interested in enrolling in the Minnesota Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (MN CREP) as well as technical and engineering assistance to landowners who have successfully been funded by MN CREP.
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Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
County Match	Technical/Engineering	Local Fund	County Match	\$6,715.90	\$6,595.13	\$120.77	Y

<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Source Type</i>	<i>Source Description</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Balance Remaining</i>	<i>Match Fund?</i>
	Assistance						
Administration/Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	2023 - CREP Outreach and Implementation Continuation (Freebo..	\$3,382.67	\$3,382.67	\$0.00	N
Technical/Engineering Assistance	Technical/Engineering Assistance	Current State Grant	2023 - CREP Outreach and Implementation Continuation (Freebo..	\$62,568.63	\$62,568.63	\$0.00	N

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Administration/Coordination							
Activity Category: Administration/Coordination					Staff time?: Yes		
Description: Administer this grant including time tracking and reporting. Assist with notarizations, recordings, etc.							
Budget Details							
<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>	
Current State Grant	2023 - CREP Outreach and Implementation Continuation (Freebo..	\$3,382.67	\$3,382.67	\$0.00	06/30/2023	N	
Actual Results							
<u>Results</u>					<u>Date Added</u>		
1st quarter admin and coordination of this grant. Payroll, time and grant tracking.					6/30/2023 12:00:00 AM		
8 hours x \$76.54 = \$612.32							
2nd quarter admin and coordination of this grant. Payroll, time and grant tracking.							
14 hours x \$77.53 = \$1085.42							

Results

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3rd quarter admin and coordination of this grant. Payroll, time and grant tracking. 8 hours x \$84.30 = \$674.40

4th quarter admin and coordination of this grant. Payroll, time and grant tracking. 16 hours x \$84.30 = \$1,348.80

Activity Name: County Match

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Work with producers in Freeborn and Steele counties to promote CREP and assist in sign-ups and easement processing. Administer this grant including time tracking and reporting. Assist with notarizations, recordings, etc.

Budget Details

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Local Fund	County Match	\$6,715.90	\$6,595.13	\$120.77	06/30/2023	Y

Actual Results

Results

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Activity Name: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Activity Category: Technical/Engineering Assistance

Staff time?: Yes

Description: Work with producers in Freeborn and Steele counties to promote CREP and assist in sign-ups, easement processing, and related tasks. Tasks could include CREP outreach, applications, conservation plans, RIM agreements, title work, easement closings, restoration plans, engineering assistance, construction, payments. etc. Everything from easement interest and sign up to a restored closed easement.

Budget Details

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Current State Grant	2023 - CREP Outreach and Implementation Continuation (Freebo..	\$62,568.63	\$62,568.63	\$0.00	06/30/2023	N

Actual Results

<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
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Projects completed 2022

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- 115 Landowner contacts were made by staff
- 3 easements signed and closed of approximately 135 ac.
- Construction completed on 2 easements of approximately 150 ac.
- 2 CREP seedings completed of approximately 110 ac.
- 1 CREP application accepted after ranking of approximately 80 ac.

Major projects completed/accomplished to date

- Completed restoration on 23 CREP easements of approximately 1,755 ac. (construction completed/vegetation established)
- Closed 27 CREP easements of approximately 2,045 ac.
- Construction completed on 23 CREP easements
- Native Seeding completed on 27 CREP easements
- See reimbursement forms for number of contacts to date

1st quarter

309 hours x \$59.31 = \$18,326.79 billable rates

4.5 hours x \$45.56 = \$205.02 billable rates

2nd quarter

257 hours x \$60.30 = \$15,497.10 billable rates

Projects completed 2023 -34 landowner contacts were made January to March 2023

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Grant activities included CREP outreach, applications, conservation plans, RIM agreements, title work, easement closings, restoration plans, engineering assistance, construction, payments. etc. Everything from easement interest and sign up to a restored closed easement.

3rd quarter 216 hours x \$63.73 = \$13,765.68

Projects completed 2023.

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- 79 landowner contacts were made January to June 2023
- 4 CREP applications submitted and approved.
- 1 CREP easement signed and currently being recorded.
- 2 CREP seedings completed.
- Construction on 1 CREP easement currently in progress

Major projects completed/accomplished to date.

- Completed restoration on 23 CREP easements (construction completed/vegetation established)
- 32 CREP easements accepted after BWSR ranking.
- 28 CREP easements closed and recorded.
- Construction completed on 23 CREP easements.
- Native Seeding completed on 28 CREP easements.

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Results

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engineering assistance, construction, payments. etc. Everything from easement interest and sign up to a restored closed easement. 3rd quarter 330 hours x \$63.73 = \$21,030.90