

WISCONSIN TRIBAL CONSERVATION ADISORY COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO PARTNER WITH NRCS. CONSERVATION COLLABORATION FUNDING AND PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED 2019-2021 IN WISCONSIN.

FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THIS FUNDING CYCLE.

**Conservation Collaboration Grants or Agreements** – Application Deadline: February 7, 2020

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is announcing the potential availability of grants and agreements for the purpose of leveraging NRCS resources, addressing local natural resource issues, encouraging collaboration and developing state- and community-level conservation leadership for historically underserved agricultural producers. Proposals will be accepted for projects in any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Caribbean Area (Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and the Pacific Islands Area (Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). A total of up to \$35 million is available for FY 2020 for projects as identified in Section A(2) of the Full Announcement in the Related Documents tab of this opportunity. Proposals must address outreach work in multiple states. Applicants with a current grant or agreement with NRCS that ends later than 06/30/2020 are not eligible to submit a proposal for the same purpose or community(s). Entities with grants or agreements that end prior to that date must have documented excellent progress on current deliverables, and show how additional funds will leverage, continue, and/or further expand that work if applying for the same purpose or community(s).

Applicants must be a Native American tribal government (Federally recognized or non-Federally recognized), nonprofit having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), private institution of higher education, public and State-controlled institutions of higher education, or an individual

Any applicants requesting consideration as either a Historically Underserved (limited resource, beginning, or veteran farmer or rancher) individual, legal entity, or joint operation according to the definition in The Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 must state as such in their proposal. Please see Section of the Full Announcement in the Related Documents tab of this opportunity for more information. Applicants who self-certifying as Historically Underserved may be requested to provide records to verify their claim. For more information visit: [https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/people/outreach/slbfr/?cid=nrcsd-ev11\\_001040](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/people/outreach/slbfr/?cid=nrcsd-ev11_001040).