

Memorandum

To: Kansas Conservation Districts

From: Andy Lyon, Executive Director

Date: October 4, 2023

Re: FY 2024 Irrigation Technology Initiative

The Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Conservation is pleased to announce the availability of funds in the form of cost-share assistance and incentive payments to assist landowners with irrigation efficiency technology. This initiative is designed to promote irrigation efficiency by providing cost-share assistance to landowners for automated mobile drip irrigation systems, autonomous pivot systems, Water Meter Monitoring Software Subscriptions, bubbler nozzle packages and remote monitoring systems (soil moisture probes included as part of system). Irrigation Innovation Projects will also be utilized to evaluate new irrigation technology on a case-by-case basis.

Following is additional program guidance on the FY 2024 Irrigation Technology Initiative:

- Applications will be approved on a first come first serve basis.
- Applications will be accepted from November 1, 2023, until all funds have been allocated.
- Eligible practices, components, and payment rates:
 - Water Meter Monitoring Software Subscriptions (TAPP H2O, VandWater etc.)
 - \$50.00 per meter
 - IWM, Advanced Technique (Autonomous Pivot and Mobile Drip systems)
 - \$2,169.00 per pivot
 - IWM, Intermediate Technique (telemetry packages that can include soil moisture probes as part of the system, AgSense, FieldNet, VariMax, etc.)
 - \$1,265.21 per pivot

- IWM. Intermediate Technique, Subsequent Years (includes subscription services related to the package installed under Intermediate Technique. Autonomous pivot subscriptions are also eligible under this component. This component can be used for two years following the installation of eligible technology under the initial Advanced and Intermediate Technique components)
 - \$4.80 per acre
 - Sprinkler System, System Renovation, Re-nozzle with Drops (bubbler nozzle packages or nozzle packages providing efficiency equal to bubbler nozzles)
 - \$18.63 each
 - Irrigation Innovation Projects will involve local Conservation Districts working with interested landowners that are willing to test new irrigation technology in their area. Approved projects will be limited to one pivot per landowner. Conservation Districts will be contacted by the DOC if an applicable project is proposed for your area.
 - \$5,000.00 per project maximum
- The landowner limit for this initiative will be \$10,000.00.
 - Invoices for the lease or purchase of eligible irrigation technology must be provided to the conservation district prior to any cost-share payment being made.
 - Invoices for Water Meter Monitoring Software Subscriptions must be provided to the conservation district prior to any cost-share payment being made.
 - Equipment purchases and subscriptions made before application approval by the DOC are not eligible for this initiative.
 - Self-Certification forms will be used as the checkout document for the initiative. The forms can be found in CSIMS under cost-share tools.
 - Only land located within Kansas groundwater management districts 1 thru 5 will be eligible for this initiative.
 - The DOC does not guarantee adequate funds will be available to fund all eligible applications.

Project applications will be submitted to the DOC by conservation districts via an online application tool. The link is available in CSIMS under cost-share tools. All applications must be collected and submitted to the DOC by conservation districts.

If you have any questions regarding the FY 2024 Irrigation Technology Initiative, contact Dave Jones with our office at 785-564-6623.

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cc: NRCS State Office

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Mike Beam, Secretary