



## WMA Laundry List – Short Term

The following are the primary questions we were asked by landowners concerning the use of HUD funds for cost share. It would be good to have the answers to these questions already decided before you move forward with a public meeting or start making landowner contacts.

1. How are you going to pick the additional HUC 12's to fund?
  - Landowner interest?
    - You may need to hold a public meeting to determine this.
  - Headwater regions?
    - \*The watershed plan and hydro models do not have to be complete for you to make this decision.*
2. Application
  - What entity will be on the application?
    - The WMA's or the recipient county? Maybe a SWCD?
  - Include language that allows for others to access the land (engineering firm) and for release of designs and plans to the Iowa Flood Center. (see attached example)
  - How will applications be prioritized for funding?
  - Will there be a ranking system?
3. What components are eligible for cost share?
  - For example:
    - Grade stabilization structures/ponds – will cost share be available for livestock watering tank, pipeline, fence...etc.
      - \*This mainly applies to grade stab structures.*
4. How will landowner contributions be handled? In traditionally funded projects landowners hire their own contractor to do the work, however in this case the projects will be let for public bid and the county will be responsible for paying the contractor.
  - Who will the landowners pay their portion to? The WMA or the recipient county?
  - Will landowners pay their portion prior to construction?
    - This worked well for our project. The landowners paid their portion when they signed maintenance agreements and landowner agreements (typically a week prior to bid opening).
    - Collecting the landowner portion prior to bid opening allows you to use that money for a revolving fund to pay your contractors while you're waiting on reimbursement from the state.
    - Draw 100% of your money from the grant before you use your landowner money....this way your revolving fund grows as the project goes on.
  - What will the landowner portion be based on?
    - 25% of what?
      - 25% of the after survey estimate made with SWCD average costs?
        - This is what we used.
      - 25% of the after survey estimate made with engineers cost?
      - 25% of the bid?
  - If the bids/constructed cost come in under the estimate will the landowners get a refund of the difference?
  - If the bids/constructed cost come in over the estimate will the landowners be responsible for providing additional funds?
  - Will landowners be required to pay 25% of the engineering costs, site prep, mobilization, ?
  - What constitutes landowner contribution?
    - Cash only?
    - In kind labor/materials?

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