



Funded Sustainable Farms and Fields Projects

Fiscal Year 2026

Below are summaries of projects that received funding during the allocation of FY2026 Sustainable Farms and Fields funds. In this round of funding, \$1,263,047 was allocated to support projects across 26 Washington conservation districts.

Accessible Carbon Sequestration Tools for New and Low-Resource Farmers, Cascadia CD

Award Amount: \$13,654

This project will support Eastside Rebuild, a local nonprofit, to expand a Farm Tool Library that provides climate-smart equipment to beginning and limited-resource farmers at little to no cost.

Designing Climate-Smart Practices for Perennial Crop Farmers and Biochar Outreach, Cascadia CD

Award Amount: \$77,349

This project will support Cascadia CD with implementing phase two of a project that provides on-farm technical assistance for tree fruit farmers. In addition, Cascadia will work cooperatively with forestry technical providers to provide biochar outreach events to showcase an alternative to burning pruning waste.

Cover Crop and No-Till Drill Project, Clallam CD

Award Amount: \$80,991

This funding will support Clallam CD's cover crop seed program and will also support a cost share project of a no-till drill to be used by a vegetable farm that will share the equipment with multiple farms in the area.

Building Climate Resilience on Working Lands in Clark County, Clark CD

Award Amount: \$70,000

This project takes a multi-faceted approach with a combination of technical assistance, support for implementation of cover crop and pollinator seed, and biochar equipment.



Livestock Technical Assistance, Columbia Basin CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

Columbia Basin CD will provide climate-smart technical assistance including updates to dairy nutrient management plans and outreach and technical assistance to other livestock producers.

Conservation Cover & Tree/Shrub Project, Columbia Basin CD

Award Amount: \$2,813

This project supports an agricultural producer with planting of trees and shrubs along a riparian area and planting of conservation cover.

Conservation Cover & Tree Planting Project, Columbia Basin CD

Award Amount: \$1,250

This funding supports planting of conservation cover and addition of trees to a farm in Grant County.

Equipment Rentals & Small Farm Informational Workshops, Foster Creek CD

Award Amount: \$48,440

This funding supports establishment of an equipment rental program at Foster Creek CD to increase accessibility to equipment for implementing climate-smart practices.

Tool Share and Rental Program Establishment, Franklin CD

Award Amount: \$73,637

This funding will allow Franklin CD to formalize, expand, and promote a Tool Share Program designed to support producers, landowners, and community partners in adopting conservation practices and increasing the viability of sustainable agriculture.

No-till Demonstration and Agriculture Summit, Grays Harbor CD

Award Amount: \$12,958

This project will advance adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices in Grays Harbor by demonstrating the use of a no-till drill and facilitating producer engagement through the 2026 Twin Harbors Ag Summit.



Cover Crop Seed Distribution for Vashon Island Growers, King CD

Award Amount: \$1,758

King CD will partner with Vashon Island Growers Association (VIGA) to provide cover crop seed to area land managers.

Kitsap Biochar Project, Kitsap CD

Award Amount: \$8,668

This funding supports purchase of a small-scale biochar kiln as well as holding a workshop in partnership with WSU Regional Small Farms Program and production of educational materials.

Mason County Agroforestry Technical Assistance & Hedgerow, Mason CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support technical assistance related to the adoption and planning of agroforestry best management practices in Mason County including establishment of a hedgerow.

Tree, Shrub, Mulching and Forage Planting Cost Share, Okanogan CD

Award Amount: \$1,708

This funding will support pasture renovation, and planting of trees and shrubs on marginal areas of pasture.

Increasing Climate-Smart Practice in Okanogan County, Okanogan CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding supports Okanogan CD in providing outreach and technical assistance to interested cooperators including identifying and planning climate-smart projects.



Precision Mechanical Harvest for On-Bottom Oyster Culture: Phase 2, Pacific CD

Award Amount: \$138,481

This will continue the project's Phase 1 work on precision oyster harvest technology, producing 1) final design of a precision harvest head, 2) fabrication of a precision harvest head, and 3) schematic design for a head-to-boat connection that is transferable to multiple boat types. Field sampling will build from Phase 1 by assessing above- and below-ground biomass of native eelgrass before and after multiple oyster harvest methods, furthering understanding of carbon sequestration in the oyster farming ecosystem. Project partners include Willapa-Grays Harbor Oyster Growers Association, University of Washington, and Oregon State University.

Cover Crop Seed Program, Pacific CD

Award Amount: \$15,033

This funding will allow land managers to trial planting cover crops on their farms.

Invigorating Carbon Sequestration Through Cover Crops, Palouse CD

Award Amount: \$25,953

This funding will support Palouse CD to provide cover crop seed to land managers interested in trialing the practice.

Climate-Smart Technical Assistance, Pend Oreille CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support outreach and technical assistance on climate-smart practices by Pend Oreille CD.

Climate-Smart Cost Share, Pierce CD

Award Amount: \$39,565

This funding will support cost share projects with numerous land managers including cover crop, temporary fencing, pasture and hayland planting, conservation cover, and tree and shrub establishment practices.



Technical Assistance, Workshops, and Materials, Pierce CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support workshops focused on livestock and crop related climate-smart practices, to provide follow-up materials, technical assistance and farm visits to workshop attendees and those showing interest in climate-smart practices.

Precision Agriculture Technical Assistance, Rock Lake CD

Award Amount: \$19,928

This funding will support outreach and education efforts to identify potential farmers and ranchers who benefit from precision agriculture upgrades on their farms and create plans for precision agriculture improvements.

Biochar Kiln Rental Program, San Juan Islands CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support the establishment of a biochar kiln rental program with the goal of increasing local biochar production and application.

Climate-Smart Technical Assistance, San Juan Islands CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support technical assistance related to the implementation of climate-smart practices including carbon farm planning.

Cover Crop Program, Skagit CD

Award Amount: \$21,534

Funding to support cover crop planting by providing access to seed.

Cover Crop Program, Snohomish CD

Award Amount: \$49,782

This project would provide materials and supplies to support cover cropping in Snohomish County and Camano Island to support soil health, water quality, and carbon sequestration benefits.



Conservation Cover and Native Pollinator Habitat Showcase, South Yakima CD

Award Amount: \$9,200

This project will involve implementing drought-tolerant conservation cover utilizing native grasses and wildflowers for a field next to the South Yakima CD office. The project will serve as a demonstration, highlighting the benefits that conservation cover can have for soil health, noxious weed management, and wildlife habitat.

Technical Assistance and Outreach, Stevens County CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support Stevens County CD to provide tailored technical assistance, develop "shelf-ready" farm plans for future funding, and create accessible educational resources, all aimed at increasing carbon capture and co-benefits like soil health and water quality.

Hedgerow Planting and Workshops, Pollinator Planting and Cover Crop Education, and Technical Assistance, Thurston CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This multifaceted project will include pollinator planting, cover crop implementation, and hedgerow implementation projects and education series. These efforts will include technical assistance for community members interested in implementing hedgerows on their sites, development of a GIS-based story map detailing up to five diverse hedgerow projects, and hosting of educational demonstration workshops at community gardens focused on cover crops and pollinator plantings. Project partners include WSU Extension's Water Resources/Habitat program and the Native Plant Salvage Foundation.

Drill Maintenance, Outreach, and Cultipacker, Walla Walla County CD

Award Amount: \$10,288

This funding will support maintenance of the Dew Drop No-Till Drill and drill trailer and purchase of a cultipacker to tow behind the drill to increase success of future plantings. This funding would also allow for creation of an outreach video and handouts for promotion of the Dew Drop Drill.



Soil Sampling for Soil Acidification Concerns, Walla Walla County CD

Award Amount: \$4,500

This funding would cover soil sampling related to a WSU Extension and OSU Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center on-farm trial to evaluate the effectiveness of various liming agents and soil amendments due to soil acidification caused by the widespread and long term use of ammoniacal fertilizers.

Technical Assistance, Whatcom CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This project supports technical assistance for forage and specialty crop producers, emphasizing soil health improvement, carbon sequestration, and tailored carbon planning support.

New and Novel Cover crops for Small Farms and Specialty Crop Growers, Whatcom CD

Award Amount: \$15,154

This project supports the district cover crop program by providing a diversity of cover crops to agricultural producers including new producers with challenging sites or production schedules.

Productive Pollinator Hedgerow Cost Share Project, Whatcom CD

Award Amount: \$10,406

This project will install a productive, harvestable and pollinator-friendly hedgerow on the riparian margins of a farm.

Climate-Smart Technical Assistance, Whidbey Island CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This funding will support technical assistance recommending climate-smart practices to landowners and land managers across Whidbey Island, with emphasis on serving local historically underserved producers.



Technical Assistance, Whitman CD

Award Amount: \$40,000

This project supports site-specific technical assistance to farmers and ranchers, with a strong focus on implementing climate-smart practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance soil health.

Equipment Upgrade Cost Share Project, Whitman CD

Award Amount: \$30,000

This project will allow Whitman CD to assist five local area landowners with GPS equipment upgrades to lower greenhouse gas emissions.