



Funded Sustainable Farms and Fields Projects

Fiscal Year 2027

Below are summaries of projects that received funding during the allocation of Fiscal Year 2027 Sustainable Farms and Fields funds. In this round of funding, the program allocated \$588,079 to support 24 projects at 21 conservation districts across Washington.

Hydroseeding Conservation Cover and Pollinator Habitat in Vineyards, Benton Conservation District (\$12,834)

This project will evaluate the establishment conservation cover options in bare under-vine vineyard soils. The project aims to provide growers with practical, effective strategies for establishing conservation cover in vineyard soils to improve soil health, support noxious weed management, and enhance wildlife habitat.

Assessing the Feasibility of Farm-Made Biochar Applications on Perennial Cropland, Cascadia Conservation District (\$15,000)

This funding will support biochar demonstrations specifically for agriculturists, with a focus on vineyards and tree fruit growers. It will also support setting up a feasibility study with a tree fruit grower. These efforts aim to fill a gap in local knowledge, providing an alternative to open burning of crop pruning waste.

Increasing Carbon Sequestration in Chelan County Using Livestock and Soil Health Best Management Practices, Cascadia Conservation District (\$25,050)

This cost-share application involves working with farms to install livestock best management practices to increase carbon sequestration and reduce greenhouse gas emissions including pasture seeding, windbreak, cover crops, mulch, conservation cover, and temporary fencing to promote rotational grazing.

Cover Crop Seed Project, Clallam Conservation District (\$9,864)

This project will support Clallam Conservation District's Cover Crop Seed Program by funding the planting of cover crops on farms, while also supporting workshops in partnership with WSU Extension. The project will provide education and technical assistance to support successful implementation of the cover crop seed program and other climate-smart practices that increase carbon sequestration.



Climate-Smart Clark County, Clark Conservation District (\$20,260)

This funding will support Clark Conservation District in advancing climate-smart farming in Clark County through personalized technical assistance and cover crop seed distribution.

Small Farms/Homesteaders Climate-Smart Douglas County Workshops, Foster Creek Conservation District (\$15,000)

This funding will support Foster Creek Conservation District as they hold workshops to expand the existing rental program, highlighting climate-smart agricultural practices among small and historically underserved farmers in Douglas County, Washington.

No-Till Demonstration and Twin Harbors Ag Summit, Grays Harbor Conservation District (\$13,870)

This funding supports no-till drill demonstrations, soil health education, and producer outreach in Grays Harbor and Pacific counties. The project will include hands-on field demonstrations, technical assistance, and educational programming integrated into the 2027 Twin Harbors Ag Summit to increase awareness and adoption of reduced tillage and cover cropping practices.

Cover Crop Seed Program Pilot Project, Jefferson County Conservation District (\$35,627)

Jefferson County Conservation District will collaborate with WSU Extension and Clallam Conservation District to offer a series of educational workshops on cover crops, including virtual workshops and on-farm field days. Cover crop seed mixes will be distributed to farmers who participate in the workshops.

Coppice and Crop Forest Farming Demonstration Project, Mason Conservation District (\$28,284)

This funding will support implementation of a climate-smart forest farming demonstration utilizing coppice-managed woody species, berries, herbs, and other compatible understory crops. The project will demonstrate benefits of harvestable woody crops and perennial conservation plantings and will provide producer education, community outreach, and technical demonstrations on these topics.

Agroforestry and Aquaculture Technical Assistance, Mason Conservation District (\$15,000)

Mason Conservation District will provide climate-smart technical assistance to aquaculture and agricultural producers in Mason County through site visits, planning, and best management practice identification, supporting implementation pathways for agroforestry and aquaculture producers.



Technical Assistance, Okanogan Conservation District (\$15,000)

This funding for technical assistance supports climate-smart practice outreach including through facilitation of Coordinated Resource Management meetings and support of maintenance and continuation of no-till drill program.

Cover Crop Project, Palouse Conservation District (\$60,000)

The funding will allow Palouse Conservation District to provide cost-share to producers for the implementation of multi-species cover crops.

Regenerative Pasture Management Technical Assistance, Pend Oreille Conservation District (\$15,000)

This project will help Pend Oreille Conservation District provide technical assistance to implement prescribed rotational grazing and pasture management plans.

Material, Workshop and Technical Assistance, Pierce Conservation District (\$19,118)

With this funding, Pierce Conservation District will host educational events and workshops, focused on livestock and crop related climate-smart practices. The District will provide materials, follow-up technical assistance, and on-farm site consultations.

Pierce Conservation District's Planting Cost Share, Pierce Conservation District (\$10,662)

This funding will allow Pierce Conservation District to support local land stewards in their installation of wildlife and pollinator habitat through cost share projects.

Climate-Smart TA, San Juan Islands Conservation District (\$14,576)

This funding will support San Juan Islands Conservation District in working with cooperators to provide carbon farm plans and climate-smart technical assistance.

Cover Crop Project, Skagit Conservation District (\$21,005)

This funding will support Skagit Conservation District's cover crop program.

Cover Crop Seed Project, Snohomish Conservation District (\$37,929)

This funding will support the cover crop program at Snohomish Conservation District.



Conservation Cover and Native Pollinator Habitat Showcase, South Yakima Conservation District (\$9,000)

South Yakima Conservation District will plant drought-tolerant conservation cover utilizing native grasses and wildflowers for a field next to the District's office. The project will demonstrate conservation cover for soil health, noxious weed management, and wildlife habitat.

Climate Smart Technical Assistance, Stevens County Conservation District (\$15,000)

This funding will support climate-smart agriculture by delivering targeted technical assistance that converts producer education into implemented conservation practices, with a focus on small, beginning, and underserved producers.

Climate Smart Equipment Rental Program, Thurston Conservation District (\$41,284)

This project aims to expand Thurston Conservation District's roster of rental equipment to add rotational grazing kits and a large, versatile spreader. These would allow a wide range of agricultural operators to trial tools that improve soils, yields, and sequester carbon. The project includes funds for equipment purchases and technical assistance to support successful implementation.

Technical Assistance for Climate-Resilient Grazing and Alternative Forage Systems in Whatcom County, Whatcom Conservation District (\$15,000)

This funding will support cost share on temporary fencing to support prescribed grazing for three producers.

Climate-Smart Technical Assistance Across Whidbey Island, Whidbey Island Conservation District (\$15,000)

This funding will support Whidbey Island Conservation District in assisting landowners with conservation plans, as well as developing future conservation projects, with a focus on climate-smart practices.

Equipment Cost Share, Whitman Conservation District (\$30,000)

This funding will support mini cost-shares for producers purchasing new technology that reduces their environmental impact, including emissions reductions.