

District Implemented Projects in VSP

The county may choose to offer a District Implemented Projects (DIP) program to achieve the goals and objectives of the VSP county-wide work plan. Since DIPs can only be used only by conservation districts (CDs), a county must have an interlocal agreement or sub-contract with their CD for VSP implementation to offer DIPs. CDs can use DIPs either with operating funds or with capital funds.

DIPs using operating funds:

If the CD operating on behalf of the county chooses to offer a DIP program using operating funds provided under the SCC-county contract, the CD operating on behalf of the county shall comply with all the following:

- The budget submitted to the SCC to fulfill the requirement in the SCC-county VSP contract deliverable 2 (G) must include a line item for potential DIPs. The line-item budget amount for DIP can be changed as needed throughout the biennium,
- Use DIP policies and procedures as outlined in the Grant and Contract Procedure Manual,
- Follow APPENDIX C – BILLING PROCEDURE of the SCC-county VSP contract,
- Consult with SCC staff identified in APPENDIX C – BILLING PROCEDURE of the SCC-county VSP contract, prior to using VSP operating funds for a DIP program,
- Provide written documentation that the county work group has approved the DIP program,
- Receive training regarding SCC DIP policies and procedures, from SCC staff identified in APPENDIX C – BILLING PROCEDURE of the SCC-county VSP contract, prior to using VSP funds for a DIP program, unless the CD staff have already received such training from the SCC,
- Document / enter all VSP DIPs in the Conservation Practice Database System (CPDS) under RCW 36.70A.720 (2) (b) (i) and (c) (i),
- Execute a Landowner Agreement with any DIP participating landowner, and Landowner Agreements should be worked out with the CD's regional manager to ensure the agreement meets and includes all SCC requirements.

DIPs using capital funds:

If the CD operating on behalf of the county chooses to offer a DIP program using capital funds, the CD operating on behalf of the county shall comply with all the following:

- Use DIP policies and procedures as outlined in the Grant and Contract Procedure Manual,
- Follow APPENDIX C – BILLING PROCEDURE of the SCC-county VSP contract,
- Consult with SCC staff identified in APPENDIX C – BILLING PROCEDURE of the SCC-county VSP contract, prior to seeking VSP capital funds for a DIP program,
- Provide written documentation that the county work group has approved the DIP program,
- Receive training regarding SCC DIP policies and procedures, from SCC staff identified in APPENDIX C – BILLING PROCEDURE of the SCC-county VSP contract, prior to using VSP funds for a DIP program, unless the CD staff have already received such training from the SCC,
- Document / enter all VSP DIPs in the Conservation Practice Database System (CPDS) under RCW 36.70A.720 (2) (b) (i) and (c) (i),
- Execute a Landowner Agreement with any DIP participating landowner, and Landowner Agreements should be worked out with the CD's regional manager to ensure the agreement meets and includes all SCC requirements, and
- Abide by the SCC's capital funding guidelines.

Please contact your Regional Manager with any questions about DIPs.