

FY2023 (7/1/22 – 6/30/23) Annual Work Plan

Grant County Conservation District

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Mission of the Grant County Conservation District

Grant County Conservation District (GCCD) addresses local natural resource conservation issues by creating and implementing locally developed working solutions for land occupiers within the Grant County Conservation District boundaries. This is accomplished by providing technical and financial assistance, as well as educational opportunities, that support the voluntary implementation of Best Management Practices for projects, practices, education, systems, and research.

Natural Resource Priorities

Water Quality

- Protect the highly productive irrigated agricultural lands that are enhanced by a consistent clean water supply, favorable climate, and highly productive soils making the Columbia Basin one of the highest agricultural producing areas in the nation. Applying and maintaining best management practices are critical for protecting and enhancing natural resources for the future.
- Agriculture is one of many associated contributors that could affect surface and groundwater water quality through excess nutrients from fertilizers, bacteria from livestock, toxins from chemical inputs, and sediment from soil erosion.
- Protect and/or enhance acres managed using strategies that promote the implementation of BMP's that will protect water quality and aquatic habitat.
- Protect and/or enhance acres managed to protect shallow groundwater wells by implementing nutrient, pest, and water management systems.
- Protect and/or enhance acres managed to promote soil health.
- Of the 16-public water supply system wells recorded within the County, more than half are shallow wells that are considered domestic supply wells with high potential susceptibility for contamination. These wells are located in Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARAs) in close proximity to urban areas throughout the county. GCCD will continue to support ongoing efforts to protect these wells through the Voluntary Stewardship Program.
- Complete comprehensive Watershed Plan for all watersheds within a quarter-mile radius of lakes and creeks.
- Continue to lead the Moses Lake Water Shed Council (MLWC) on toxic algal blooms on Moses Lake. Provide outreach and education along with newsletter, website, FaceBook, and informational signs.

Water Quantity

- Hydrology is heavily influenced by the CBIP.
- Implement best management practices that address clean irrigation return flows to canals, wasteways, lakes, and streams that are found throughout the county.
- Plan and implement practices that protect and enhance hydrologic functions and values by improving on-farm irrigation efficiencies.

- Work with stakeholders in the Odessa Groundwater Replacement Project (OGWRP). The OGWRP is approximately 100,000 acres with 77,000 currently receiving their irrigation from the Odessa aquifer. This project would include removing 22 wells from groundwater and conserving 33,540 acre-feet (10.9 billion gallons) of water in the aquifer each year. Staff works with landowners, agencies, and legislatures both federal and state. GCCD has applied for a variety of grants to help with the cost to producers.
- Complete comprehensive Watershed Plan for all the watersheds within quarter-mile radius of lakes and creeks.

Soil Health

- Promote the implementation of practices that protect soil from wind erosion.
- Promote the adoption of conservation practices that enhance the development of biologic diversity in the soil profile.
- Soil conservation is essential for the development and maintenance of healthy soils. Implementing conservation practices that reduce susceptibility to erosion ensures the soils ability to hold and slowly release water, filter pollutants, store, transform, and cycle nutrients, and physically support plants.
- Promote practices that manage tillage, pesticide, and fertilizer applications to the lowest effective level.
- Promote the use of cover crops to protect soils from wind erosion and build soil organic matter.
- Promote precision agriculture practices that improve the application of nutrients and pesticides.
- Protect and/or enhance acres managed using strategies that promote and improve water storage capacity and infiltration.
- Work with WSU, DOE, DOA, and other agencies on sampling projects related to soil health and range management.
- Work with WSU and DOA with soil sampling project.

Rangeland Management

- Rangelands account for 23% of the county.
- Most severe water erosion potential areas are within dryland and rangelands.
- Promote grazing management systems that improve plant communities and control noxious weeds.
- Promote conservation practices that protect and enhance wildlife habitat on rangelands.
- Protect and/or enhance acres managed using strategies that promote habitat functions and values.

Agriculture Activities in Critical Areas

- Critical areas include water quality, hydrology, soil, and habitat.
- Promote conservation practices that protect and enhance critical areas functions and values.
- Encourage the implementation of conservation systems as an effective approach to whole-farm resource protection.

Animal Feeding Operations/Confined Animal Feeding Operations

- Livestock management, on large and small scales, to support the implementation of best management practices that protect water, soil, and air quality.
- Promote the use of Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans.

Wind Erosion and Air Quality

- 92% of soils in the county have a moderate to high wind-erosion susceptibility.
- High wind erosion potential areas are found within 38% of the County's agricultural lands.

- Wind erosion resulting from agricultural activities continues to be a primary factor for crop damage, airborne sediments impacting streams and lakes, and public health and safety.
- Severe to very severe water erosion potential areas are found on 22% of the County's agricultural lands. Work with existing programs to target these areas for increased conservation planning and practice application.

Shoreline Restoration

- Protect and/or enhance acres managed along Crab Creek using strategies that limit shoreline and watercourse degradation.

Pollinator and Beneficial Insect Habitat

- Provide information, through our website, on the benefits of pollinators as part of healthy habitats.

Noxious Weeds

- Increase the importance of controlling noxious weeds on agricultural and residential lands.
- Implement native plantings and other beneficial practices to reduce noxious weeds.

Small Farm Operations

- Provide technical and financial assistance to small farms throughout the county.
- Natural resource concerns include water quality and quantity, soil erosion, soil health, air quality, pest control, and responsible land stewardship.

Wildlife and Recreation Projects

- CBIP water management has affected natural streams and created wetlands by raising the water table causing Lower Crab Creek to change from an intermittent creek to a perennial creek.
- There is a great deal of high-quality deer and bird habitat on rangelands and land that is actively farmed.
- Farming practices provide a variety of habitat functions, including providing cover.
- Crops provide a food source for herbivores, such as deer, and birds help control insect and rodent populations.
- Game species in Priority Habitat and Species (PHS) data and mapping is used as a reference to the potential existence of Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs).
- Game species habitats are mapped in PHS within approximately 165,000 acres of the County's private agricultural lands, comprising primarily of mule deer, pheasant, and chukar habitat. These habitats almost entirely overlap dryland agriculture and rangelands.
- Enhancement efforts include conservation efforts that focus on improving habitat conditions for game and other species on existing agricultural lands.
- Protect and/or enhance acres managed using strategies that promote habitat functions by restoring or creating new habitat structures.
- Work with Grant County Public Works on mitigation for removal of shrub-steppe.
- Work with WSU on locations for Composition study.

Program Areas: Water Quality

Goal(s): Protect and improve surface and groundwater quality for human consumption, agriculture, recreation, and wildlife habitat.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Ecology, WSU, Grant/Adams counties, Rates & Charges, and other agencies.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Coordinate Moses Lake Watershed Council (MLWC) activities to address water quality and toxic cyanobacteria blooms in Moses Lake, including chair MLWC, develop outreach materials, hold public meetings, maintain website, pursue funding, and implement projects.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Kristina Ribellia Harold Crose Ron Scerbicke Elliott DeLong	424	300,000	USBR DOE GRT NAT
Develop and conduct Shoreline Nutrient Assessments to help educate and inform shoreline landowners on BMPs to address nonpoint source pollutants and shoreline stabilization.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Ron Scerbicke Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia	460	21,500	ECY
Enroll 5,000 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARA) acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for the Voluntary Stewardship Program will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	420	23,500	SCC VSP
Work with fish hatcheries and their resource concerns in the watershed.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau Elliott DeLong	84	5,306	SCC NRI GRT NAT
Develop and complete the draft Moses Lake Watershed Plan.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Ron Scerbicke Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	1040	45,900	USBR
Implement in-lake phosphorus mitigation and sequestration in Rocky Ford Arm of Moses Lake to improve water quality and reduce harmful algae blooms in the lake, including project monitoring (to be contracted).	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Kristina Ribellia Elliott DeLong	360	3,071,000	FED APP
Pursue funding for implementing BMP's that minimize livestock impacts on streams, and drainage systems.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	74	2,850	SCC NRI
Complete National Water Quality Initiative report on Lower Crab Creek.	7/1/22 to 10/1/22	Elliott DeLong Doug Allen	780	32,460	NRCS

Prepare cultural resource packets for tribes on state-funded cost-share projects; follow policies and protocols.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	80	5,000	SCC CR
Cost-share assistance for water quality-related concerns.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	150,000	SCC NRI
Engineering services for water quality-related projects.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	5,000	FCD pass thru SCC

Program Areas: *Water Quantity*

Goal(s): Work with operators, local agencies and municipalities to ensure future “Sole Source Aquifer” groundwater quantity for human and natural ecosystem is sustained or enhanced through various programs and studies.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission; Department of Ag; Department of Ecology; Grant County, Federal and State Legislatures, NRCS, Private Sector, and others.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Pursue and coordinate NRCS programs for Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP), including PL-566 and RCPP. Provide coordination and administrative support for ECBID and NRCS to develop the PL-566 watershed plan. Coordinate and develop communications; maintain www.ogwrp-programs.org website and newsletter. Pursue and coordinate NRCS on-farm funding and technical assistance. Conduct on-farm assessments and planning to accelerate OGWRP implementation.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	4,160	200,000	Leg. Proviso - OCR
Enroll 5,000 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas (CARA) acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for the Voluntary Stewardship Program will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	1040	58,750	SCC VSP
Monitor 5 wells in the Black Sands and Royal Slope area (year 1 of 3) for groundwater recharge.	10/1/22 to 5/20/23	Elliott DeLong	160	11,750	WSU, DOA, DOH
Implement the Heritage Garden Program in GCCD’s service area to help educate and promote the use of low-water-use landscaping.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	580	50,000	NACD GRT NAT

Participate in the Columbia Basin Sustainable Water Coalition to help coordinate groundwater quantity monitoring efforts and project implementation.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	48	2,100	Leg. Proviso - OCR
Prepare cultural resource packets for tribes on state-funded cost-share projects; follow policies and protocols.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	80	5,000	SCC CR
Cost-share assistance for water quantity-related concerns.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	150,000	SCC NRI
Engineering services for water quantity-related projects.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	5,000	FCD pass thru SCC

Program Areas: Soil Health

Goal(s): Work with operators and local agencies on related soil health and quality issues by providing education for managing soils for a sustainable future.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, Washington State Soil Health Committee and other agencies.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Complete 20 VSP stewardship plans and provide outreach and technical assistance to producers for soil health using conservation practice standards.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	1040	58,750	SCC VSP
Provide producers information about the Sustainable Farms and Fields Program to promote soil health and carbon sequestration.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Britton Baker	240	9,200	SCC SFF
Seek funding and work with land occupiers where fire damage is causing eroded soil conditions. Fire Hazard Assessments	9/2/17 to 6/30/18	Elliott DeLong	74	4,057	Staff currently trained.
Prepare cultural resource packets for tribes on state-funded cost-share projects; follow policies and protocols.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau Kristina Ribellia	80	5,000	SCC CR
Cost-share assistance for soil health-related concerns.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	150,000	SCC NRI SCC SFF
Engineering services for soil health-related projects.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	5,000	FCD pass thru SCC

Program Areas: *Rangeland Management*

Goal(s): Work with operators and local agencies on a variety of range resources from watersheds, wildlife habitat, grazing by livestock, and recreation by providing technical assistance and developing a comprehensive plan on the intended use.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, counties, and other agencies.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Develop and implement mitigation projects to restore and protect shrub-steppe habitat in collaboration with WDFW and Grant County.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Elliott DeLong Deanna Elliott Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	480	21,800	Solar Farm Grant Co Public Works
Enroll 3 producers in VSP who are managing grazing operations on rangeland.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	150	5,800	SCC VSP
Develop and implement shrub-steppe monitoring program using drone imagery and GIS.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker	540	21,000	SCC VSP
Provide technical and financial assistance on grazing management systems, including seed mixes, fencing, etc.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Harold Crose Dinah Rouleau Deanna Elliott	108	5,913	SCC IMP SCC SFF GRT NAT
Develop a working relationship with the Cattlemen's Association – focus on rangeland condition and needs in the county.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau Kristina Ribellia Deanna Elliott	84	5,306	GRT NAT

Program Areas: *Agriculture Activities in Critical Areas*

Goal(s): Grant County Conservation District is the Lead for the Voluntary Stewardship Program in Grant County and Adams County. Follow the guidelines in RCW 36.70A.705. Continue implementation of the Grant County and Adams counties VSP Work Plans by providing plans and meeting the required reporting requirements.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Enroll 3,000 acres Priority Wildlife Habitat Acres, 100 acres Wetland Acres, 5,000 acres Critical Aquifer Recharge Acres, 100 acres Frequently Flooded Acres, 12,000 acres Geologically Hazardous Acres through VSP Individual Stewardship Plans.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	520	21,000	SCC VSP

Development and implementation of Grant County Conservation District's drone program will provide improved ground-truthing for on-farm site assessments and geospatial data for monitoring and change detection.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	520	21,000	SCC VSP
Development and implementation for Grant and Adams Counties Voluntary Stewardship Program's GIS program will provide improved tracking of VSP implementation metrics for future reporting and postprocessing and analysis of drone imagery for critical areas.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	520	21,000	SCC VSP
Combine efforts with the Sustainable Farms and Fields Program to monitor the implementation of climate-smart conservation practices on agricultural lands that intersect with critical areas.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose Dinah Rouleau	520	21,000	SCC VSP SCC SFF
Continue public outreach – focus on assistance to landowners developing and implementing plans to protect critical areas. GCCD will report to the VSP Work Group and the WSCC the requirements as outlined in RCW 36.70A.720 (1) (j) (k) (i).	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	588	37,722	SCC VSP

Program Areas: *Animal Feeding Operations/Confined Animal Feeding Operations*

Goal(s): Continue education program, technical assistance, plan development and updates, mediation, and cost-share assistance for operators on Animal Feeding Operations (AFO) and Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) regulations. Provide engineering services and cost-share assistance following NRCS specs and standards.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, Department of Ag, Department of Ecology

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Provide technical assistance to 10 operators and develop or update 4 nutrient management plans for animal feeding operations including but not limited to dairies, feedlots, chicken and pig operators.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	48	2,332	SCC NRI
Provide technical assistance for livestock management on large and small scare operations. Work closely with producers on runoff control systems, that protect water, soil, and air quality.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	48	2,332	SCC NRI
Provide assistance to producers in situations where mediation is the chosen method for dealing with non-compliance issues.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	48	2,332	SCC NRI
Cost-share assistance for Animal Feeding Operations.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	38	40,492	SCC NRI
Engineering services for Animal Feeding Operations.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	25	2,000	FCD pass thru SCC

Program Areas: *Wind Erosion and Air Quality***Goal(s):** Continue to assist with operators in air quality issues and provide technical assistance to develop a plan along with education.**Funding Source(s):** Washington State Conservation Commission, Department of Ecology, Department of Agriculture

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Enroll 12,000 Geologically Hazardous Areas (GHA) acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Geologically Hazardous Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for VSP will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	580	21,000	SCC VSP
Administer burn permits for the Department of Ecology in Grant County.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Yazmin Mejia Elliott DeLong	500	6,000	DOE
Provide technical assistance and outreach for operators wanting to improve air quality due to wind-blown particulates. Write up to 5 plans for operators addressing air quality by implementing direct seed, cover crops and other BMP's that improve air quality.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia Deanna Elliott	129	7,638	SCC NRI GRT NAT
Prepare cultural resource packets for tribes on state-funded cost-share projects; follow policies and protocols.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	74	2,850	SCC CR
Cost-share assistance for wind erosion-related concerns.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	50	SCC NRI
Engineering services for wind erosion-related projects.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	5,000	FCD pass thru SCC

Program Areas: *Shoreline Restoration***Goal(s):** Seek funding to continue shoreline restoration under the Shoreline Management Act for Grant County and the City of Moses Lake.**Funding Source(s):** Washington State Conservation Commission, Department of Ecology, City of Moses Lake, Grant County

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Develop and conduct Shoreline Nutrient Assessments to help educate and inform shoreline landowners on BMPs to address nonpoint source pollutants and shoreline stabilization.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Ron Scerbicke Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia	460	21,500	ECY
Develop and implement a demonstration site, in coordination with the City of Moses Lake that will be used as a restoration site for education, outreach, and lakeshore improvement of Moses Lake.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Ron Scerbicke Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia	460	25,000	ECY

Prepare cultural resource packets for tribes on state-funded cost-share projects; follow policies and protocols.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	74	2,850	SCC CR
Cost-share assistance shoreline restoration-related concerns; prepare cultural resources packets and	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	25,000	SCC NRI GNT NAT
Engineering services for shoreline restoration-related projects.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	33	5,000	FCD pass thru SCC

Program Areas: *Pollinator and Beneficial Insect Habitat*

Goal(s): Work with operators, agriculture associations, and agencies on habitat conditions for pollinators and other beneficial insects on the farm.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, WSU Extension, Washington State Potato Commission, WSU

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Enroll 3,000 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA) acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for the Voluntary Stewardship Program will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	520	21,000	SCC VSP
Enroll 100 Wetland Areas acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Wetland Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for the Voluntary Stewardship Program will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	260	10,500	SCC VSP
Develop 4 pollinator plantings plans and assist growers with development of native seed mixes.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	74	2,850	SCC NRI SCC IM GRT NAT NACD-UA G
Deliver informational and education outreach programs through field demonstrations and fact sheets.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia Deanna Elliott	91	6,583	SCC IM GRT NAT

Program Areas: Noxious Weeds

Goal(s): Work with operators, vacant lot owners, and local agencies on combating noxious weeds by planting native plants that combat and outcompete weeds and provides a wildlife habitat.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Provide outreach and education to producers about Pest Management Conservation System (595) practice standards and how they can be applied to agricultural lands to manage noxious weed species occurrence.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	125	5,300	SCC VSP GRT NAT
Work with vacant lot owners to explore the potential for introducing native plants to combat weeds which will decrease the costs of spraying and/or mowing.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia Deanna Elliott	104	6,889	NACD-UAG GRT NAT
Develop and implement mitigation projects to restore and protect shrub-steppe habitat in collaboration with WDFW and Grant County.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Elliott DeLong Deanna Elliott Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	480	21,800	Solar Farm Grant Co Public Works

Program Areas: Small Farm Operations

Goal(s): Continue to visit small farm operations to provide technical and education assistance to use Best Management Practices.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, Department of Agriculture, Department of Ecology.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Provide outreach and technical assistance to small farms through the implementation of the Voluntary Stewardship Program.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	125	5,300	SCC VSP GRT NAT
Provide technical assistance and cost-share for 5 small farm operations to address potential water quality or soil erosion concerns.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau Harold Crose	113	7,190	SCC VSP GRT NAT
Prepare cultural resource packets for tribes on state-funded cost-share projects; follow policies and protocols.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Dinah Rouleau	74	2,850	SCC CR

Program Areas: *Wildlife and Recreational Projects*

Goal(s): Continue to work with other agencies in providing technical assistance and cost-share for projects for the wildlife and recreational areas.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, Pheasants 4Ever, Walleye Club, Department of Fish & Wildlife, Columbia National Wildlife Refuge, Hanford Reach, Cities/Towns

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Enroll 3,000 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas (FWHCA) acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for the Voluntary Stewardship Program will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	520	21,000	SCC VSP
Enroll 100 Wetland Areas acres into VSP and provide technical assistance to producers. Conservation practices outlined under Wetland Areas in the Adams and Grant Counties approved work plans for the Voluntary Stewardship Program will be prioritized and tracked.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott Britton Baker Harold Crose	125	5,300	SCC VSP GRT NAT
Develop and implement mitigation projects to restore and protect shrub-steppe habitat in collaboration with WDFW and Grant County.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Elliott DeLong Deanna Elliott Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	480	21,800	Solar Farm Grant Co Public Works

Program Areas: *Technical Service Provider and Other Agency Staffing Needs*

Goal(s): Provide technical staff to work with agencies in need of assistance.

Funding Source(s): NRCS, NACD, SCC, Department of Ag, WA State Potato Commission, WA State University, counties, Soil Health Committee and other agencies.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Work with NRCS and other agencies to provide technical staff assistance under the NACD technical assistance grant.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Sebastian Saliwanchik	1850	67,314	NACD NRCS
Work with NRCS to provide technical staff assistance on workload needs.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Doug Allen	300	67,314	SCC TSPs
Continue to lead the MLWC's efforts to help improve water quality within the Moses Lake watershed.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Kristina Ribellia Harold Crose	480	70,000	GRT NAT USBR

		Elliott DeLong Ron Scerbicke Ronnie Sawyer			
Develop and finalize organizational documents for the MLWC.	7/1/22 to 9/30/22	Kristina Ribellia	270	12,500	USBR
Pursue and coordinate NRCS programs for Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP), including PL-566 and RCPP.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	240	200,000	Leg. Proviso - OCR

Program Areas: Outreach and Educational Programs

Goal(s): Continue to seek opportunities for education of natural resources, workshops or innovative projects.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission, Othello Sandhill Crane Festival, Franklin Conservation District, WSU Ext., Master Gardeners, Monsanto and other agencies.

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Develop and implement drone program will provide material for outreach and education for the Voluntary Stewardship Program in the form of media, geospatial data, and improved ground-truthing for on-farm site assessments.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Britton Baker	100	3,850	SCC VSP
Development and implementation of Grant and Adams Counties Voluntary Stewardship Program's GIS program will provide content for outreach and education in the form of maps, graphics, data, data management, and post-processing/analysis for drone imagery.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Deanna Elliott	100	3,850	SCC VSP
Develop bilingual education and outreach materials (Spanish-English), including website content, fact sheets, etc.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Yazmin Mejia	1040	22,000	GRT NAT SCC IM
Provide Spanish-English translation services for technical and financial assistance.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Yazmin Mejia	360	10,000	GRT NAT SCC IM
Continue to support the Annual Othello Sandhill Crane Festival and educate more than 1,500 attendees on agriculture in the Columbia Basin and provide Ag Guides.	9/1/21 to 4/30/22	Elliott DeLong	100	3,600	GRT NAT
Continue Trout in the Classroom with at least 5 tanks in various schools within GCCD's service area.	1/1/21 to 6/30/22	Elliott DeLong	100	5,200	GRT NAT

Develop education and outreach materials and conduct community outreach related to Moses Lake in-lake phosphorus mitigation and sequestration.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Ron Scerbicke Ronnie Sawyer Harold Crose Yazmin Mejia Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia	520	75,000	FED APP
Develop and conduct Shoreline Nutrient Assessments to help educate and inform shoreline landowners on BMPs to address nonpoint source pollutants and shoreline stabilization.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Ron Scerbicke Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia	460	21,500	ECY
Continue semi-annual newsletter, website and Facebook updates promoting GCCD.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Kristina Ribellia	243	5,000	USBR Leg. App. - OCR GRT NAT
Continue 7th Annual Eco-Gardening Symposium in coordination with WSU Ext. Master Gardeners.	7/1/22 to 4/30/23	Elliott DeLong	100	5,883	GRT NAT

Program Areas: *District Structure and Operations*

Goal(s): Continue to work on funding, Rates & Charges, new programs, state audits, financials, board meetings, monthly vouchering, and necessary reporting.

Funding Source(s): Washington State Conservation Commission and other agencies

Activities for FY2023	Target Dates	Person Responsible	Time Required	Estimated Funding	Funding
Prepare annual plan of work and financial reporting, vouchering and final reporting of various grants and district activities.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Elliott DeLong Kristina Ribellia	739	25,359	SCC IM GRT NAT
Continue meetings with counties, cities, agencies, and grower meetings to increase awareness of the district.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Harold Crose Kristina Ribellia	136	7,638	ALL
Hold annual elections and appointments as defined in WAC 135-110.	10/1/22 to 3/31/23	Kristina Ribellia	100	4,560	SCC IM
Move into new building and host open house.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Kristina Ribellia Elliott DeLong	200	250,000 600,000	Lauzier Foundation GRT NAT
Develop salary schedule and job classifications for GCCD.	7/1/22 to 6/30/23	Kristina Ribellia Elliott DeLong	100	4,560	GRT NAT
Develop new branding, signage, business stationery, and website.	7/1/22 to 10/31/22	Kristina Ribellia	300	13,680	GRT NAT

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**FY2023 Annual Budget
Grant County Conservation District**

INCOME		EXPENSE	
Federal Grants	\$3,297,969	Salaries & Benefits	\$548,972
State Grants	\$409,871	Administration Cost	\$271,761
Voluntary Stewardship Program-Grant	\$231,753	Rent/Utilities	\$12,031
Interlocal Agency	\$20,833	Vehicle Maintenance	\$5,367
Special Assessment	\$275,010	Dues	\$4,264
Burn Permits-GCCD Share	\$9,959	Insurance	\$13,340
Reserve Cash	\$556,578	Professional Services	\$18,110
		Cost Share	\$74,000
		Building Reserve	\$750,000
		County Treasurer Fee	\$31,228
		Project Implementation	\$3,072,900
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,801,973	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,801,973