The Soil & Water Conservation Commission (SWCC) facilitates non-regulatory, voluntary, and locally led conservation by federal, state, and local governments including Idaho's 50 conservation districts to conserve, sustain, improve, and enhance soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources. SWCC provides technical assistance and financial resources to landowners for agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) and the agricultural component of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plans. In addition, the SWCC leads state efforts on the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

- The agency last received and expended federal funds in FY 2020.
- Trustee and Benefit Payments are passed through directly to the 50 local Soil Conservation Districts pursuant to Section 22-2727, Idaho Code.
- These passthrough payments were last increased in FY 2022 by $200,000 (total of $1,428,100 from the General Fund).

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

### DISTRICT SUPPORT--Percentage of Conservation Districts satisfied overall with services and programs we provided

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### CONSERVATION PROGRAMS--Number of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) acres on which we provided technical assistance

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### COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH--Increase the number of newsletter subscribers

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## RCRDP Loan Program

### FY 2021
- 6 new loans
- $696,235 in new conservation projects
- 21 inquiries received
- 9 applications submitted
- 3 applications denied or withdrawn
- 1 application pending

### FY 2022 YTD
- 7 new loans
- $1,150,184 in new conservation projects
- 27 inquiries received
- 10 applications submitted
- 2 applications denied or withdrawn
- 1 application pending
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FY 2023 Budget Request Highlights

• Program Maintenance
• District Passthrough Increase
• NRCS Pass-Through Funds
Program Maintenance

- Replacement Items: Laptops
  - Purchased in 2015

- Change in Employee Compensation

- Vacancies:
  - Total FTP Count of 17.75
  - 2.75 FTP Vacant
    - Includes Staff Engineer position vacant > 1 year
District Passthrough Increase
(DU 12.01, LBB page 5-18)

- ISWCC distributes Trustee & Benefits Funds to Idaho’s 50 Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts

- $8,500 per fiscal year base allocation per district

- $6,000 per fiscal year operations allocation per district

- Remaining appropriation to be distributed based on a maximum of 2:1 ratio, in an amount not to exceed $50,000 to any one district (Idaho Code Section 22-2727)

- Fiscal Year 2022 match ratio of 1:25:1
Federal Pass-Through Funds: Partnership with NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service – USDA)

(DU 12.47, LBB page 5-18)
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