Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

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)

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