

KENNEWICK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

PROCEDURE #69 ON-FARM WATER CONSERVATION FUNDING PROGRAM

1. FUNDING SOURCE:

- a) The interim funding of the On-Farm Water Conservation Program shall come from RA44 (Endowment Fund).
- b) Financing shall be at a fixed annual simple interest rate and may be amortized over a period not to exceed 10-years.
- c) Payments to be made monthly, semi-annually or annually at option of the Landowner.
- d) The Kennewick Irrigation District will not guarantee the availability of funds used on phased projects, i.e., projects within the property boundary but not immediately constructed have no guarantee of funding by the KID in the future.
- e) The District will guarantee availability of funds for a period of 6 months after approval of the application by the Board of Directors.

2. APPROVAL PROCESS:

- a) An On-Farm Water Conservation (OFWC) Committee shall be formed consisting of the Secretary-Manager and two Board members. This Committee shall review all applications for Project funding and substantiate that qualifying criteria and requirements have been met.
- b) The Board of Directors shall review submissions by the OFWC Committee for final approval.
- c) The KID reserves the right to approve or disapprove any and all submissions for any reason it may deem reasonable (as provided for in statute).

3. QUALIFYING CRITERIA:

- a) Funding shall be to Landowners with no less than 10 acres.
- b) The property must be in livestock or crop production actively or historically.

- c) At the Landowners option, the OFWC Project may cover a parcel not immediately being serviced.
- d) The District will not provide funds to install irrigation distribution or application systems to Class 6 land.
- e) The project area can exclude Landowners personal residence.
- f) The OFWC Project is limited to the KID district boundaries.
- g) Funds can be utilized for well drilling for agricultural purposes only.

4. CONDITIONS OF THE OFWC PROJECT

- a) The Landowner may be required to show capacity to repay.
- b) Inspection and loan fee in the amount of _____ charged to Landowner.
- d) Funding for more than \$10,000 is preferred.
- e) Landowner may receive progress payments during construction upon approval by the OFWC Committee of satisfactory partial completion.

5. QUALIFYING USES:

- a) Conversion from rill to drip or microspray.
- b) Conversion from rill to solid set sprinklers.
- c) Conversion from sprinklers to drip or microspray.
- d) Conversion from solid set, hand lines or wheel lines to center pivot.
- e) Installation of tailwater return systems.
- f) Any other water conservation measure or upgrade.

6. **INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) Plan must be approved by the District. The District shall provide minimum acceptable design and material standards to all potential applicants.
- b) System must be installed to irrigation district's standards and approved by District inspection procedure.
- c) This provision recognizes that some systems may have been previously installed but need upgrading. The District will require from Landowners a verifiable estimation of the cost of upgrading.
- d) Drip irrigation systems shall be installed in accordance with Natural Resource Conservation Service (formerly Soil Conservation Service) specifications.
- e) If installed by Landowner, verification of all fees and materials paid is required from Landowner.

7. **OTHER MATTERS:**

- a) If Landowner requests KID to operate and maintain the system, an LID will be formed under the residential LID program.
- b) If funds are not available, KID, at the request of the Landowner, may release a phased area of property subject to satisfactory proof of economic viability of remaining Project area.



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