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Accelerating Brook Trout Restoration-Shenandoah Valley (VA)	Trout Unlimited, Inc.	Increase technical assistance available to private landowners in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia for designing and implementing brook trout restoration projects through NRCS cost share programs.	The project will take place on private lands in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Counties include: Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Frederick counties.	\$57,800	\$233,058	VA	PLTAP
Implementing NRCS Practices to Benefit the Golden-winged Warbler	Indiana University of Pennsylvania Research Institute	Prepare/create early successional habitat on private lands suitable for breeding Golden-winged Warblers. Project will meet objectives by implementing existing Natural Resources Conservation Service conservation practices.	We will concentrate our habitat implementation efforts on private lands within 3 GWWA focal areas in PA. Conservation planners will be housed in the most logistically located NRCS county offices.	\$191,381	\$431,470	PA	PLTAP
Private Lands Wildlife Biologist Partnership for New Mexico	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Hire a private lands wildlife biologist to provide landowner technical assistance in the lesser prairie chicken range of New Mexico. Project will also hire science advisor to provide biological planning tools to conservation partners and to coordinate training in lesser prairie chicken biology, outcome-based evaluations, and landscape conservation.	Eastern New Mexico.	\$84,048	\$422,021	NM	PLTAP
Maryland Farm Bill Technical Assistance	Maryland Department of Agriculture	Work with partners to provide two conservation planners for two years to deliver and accomplish Farm Bill conservation programs and high priority brook trout conservation needs.	Frederick and Annapolis MDA field offices; Catocin and Gunpowder watersheds, respectively. Easement portion of project in Frederick Cty adjacent to Cunningham Falls SP.	\$63,000	\$496,074	MD	PLTAP
Georgia Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration	Georgia Department of Natural Resources	Station two new wildlife biologists in NRCS field offices in priority locations. The biologists will work closely with NRCS staff to promote and implement appropriate beneficial practices.	Biologist positions will be stationed in Albany and Fitzgerald in southwest and southcentral Georgia and will operate primarily in surrounding priority counties.	\$110,000	\$296,496	GA	PLTAP
Fast-tracking Farm Bill Funds for New England Cottontail Recovery in Maine	Wildlife Management Institute	Create a joint position to work exclusively on New England cottontail projects in Maine. Project will result in the enrollment of at least 300 acres in Farm Bill programs to benefit the New England cottontail.	Biologist will work out of the Scarborough, Maine NRCS office and on private lands in York and Cumberland Counties, i.e., the current range of the New England cottontail.	\$52,122	\$210,219	ME	PLTAP
Longleaf Pine Conservation in the East Gulf Coastal Plain	The Longleaf Alliance, Inc.	Integrate landowner outreach, natural resource professional training, and Longleaf Delivery Specialists to conserve longleaf pine in priority areas of Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida.		\$94,500	\$334,000	AL, FL, MS	PLTAP
Shrubland Habitat Technical Assistance Program (CT)	Wildlife Management Institute	Partner with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to expand capacity to restore 200 acres of early successional habitat.	Private Land Technical Assistance will be centered on Focus Areas in CT and adjoining landscapes in neighbor states.	\$199,800	\$403,540	CT, MA, NY, RI	PLTAP
Wildlife Biologist in Eastern Kentucky	Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources	Fund the salary of a wildlife biologist who will work with farmers and tobacco growers, focusing on Eastern Kentucky. Project will encourage farmers and growers to incorporate farm bill programs.	Project will take place statewide in Kentucky, with a focus area of eastern Kentucky.	\$40,000	\$176,000	KY	PLTAP
Technical Assistance for New and Re-Enrolling Cost-Share Buffers (PA)	Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc.	Provide outreach and technical assistance to accelerate first-time enrollment of new riparian buffers through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program. Project will achieve 368 acres of forested buffers and restore 57 acres of wetlands.	South-central Pennsylvania from Lancaster to Harrisburg and adjoining areas.	\$180,000	\$2,284,079	PA	Chesapeake Bay
Model for Cost-Shared Riparian Buffer Maintenance (PA)	Capital Resource Conservation and Development Area Council, Inc.	Project will develop and test a replicatable system for organizing annual contractor maintenance of riparian buffers in Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and compare to a control group.	The Conococheague, Antietam, and Licking Creek watersheds in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.	\$59,583	\$208,997	PA	Chesapeake Bay

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Virginia and Upper Potomac Agricultural Stewardship Program	Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Inc.	Increase community and landowner involvement in the adoption of innovative agricultural best practices, in addition to protecting and restoring wildlife habitat.	Virginia's (VA) Shenandoah Valley (Linville Creek, Hawksbill Creek, Upper Middle River, and Smith Creek), as well as in targeted locations in the Upper Potomac watershed in Maryland (MD).	\$53,000	\$709,962	MD, PA, VA, WV	Chesapeake Bay
Engaging Absentee Landowners in Conservation (VA)	The Potomac Conservancy, Inc.	Engage absentee landowners in conservation programs through an on-the-ground 'landowner advisor' who will help landowners identify opportunities & connect them to technical and financial resources	Priority agricultural watersheds within Jefferson and Berkeley Counties, West Virginia and Frederick, Shenandoah, and Loudoun Counties, Virginia.	\$44,376	\$321,009	VA, WV	Chesapeake Bay
Muddy Creek Agricultural Stewardship and Water Quality Monitoring (VA)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	Reduce sediment and nutrient runoff from farms in priority watersheds in the upper Shenandoah River basin, with a primary focus on the Muddy Creek watershed.	The Muddy Creek and Shenandoah River watersheds in Rockingham County, Virginia.	\$92,960	\$404,742	VA	Chesapeake Bay
Comprehensive Agricultural Stewardship in Lancaster County (PA)	Stroud Water Research Center	This project will advance nutrient trading and aid 27 farms to reach full ag compliance plus CREP forested buffers on high value farmland. It shows that full compliance is feasible and affordable.	Throughout Lancaster County, Pennsylvania and neighboring areas.	\$170,000	\$3,243,066	PA	Chesapeake Bay
Northern Saginaw Bay Restoration Initiative (MI)	Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.	Work with private landowners and other partners to restore 12 miles of aquatic connectivity, improve 150 acres of wetlands, and improve water quality in the northern Saginaw Bay watershed.	Ogemaw, Iosco, and Arenac counties, comprising the northern drainages to Saginaw Bay.	\$277,000	\$1,404,000	MI	Great Lakes
Lake Superior North Shore Forest Restoration and Protection (MN)	Sugarloaf: The North Shore Stewardship Association	Assist private landowners with invasive species control and native tree planting to restore approximately 200 acres of coastal forest along Lake Superior.	Project will be located along a 15 mile stretch of mostly privately owned property in Cook and Lake County, Minnesota, along the North Shore of Lake Superior. Project area includes some state land.	\$25,000	\$56,500	MN	Great Lakes
Helping Northern Michigan's Landowners Care for their Land	Huron Pines Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.	Provide technical assistance to approximately 300 private landowners to help optimize wildlife conservation on roughly 4,000 acres of private lands across the northern Lower Peninsula.	All of the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan, an 8 million acre region.	\$500,200	\$1,369,000	MI	Great Lakes
Coastal Texas Wetland Reserve Program and Grassland Reserve Program Assistance	Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust	Assist the Natural Resource Conservation Service in the delivery of Grassland Reserve Program and Wetlands Reserve Program conservation easements. Project will assist local and state offices with real estate specific due diligence tasks.	This project would be located in the Lower San Antonio River Watershed Priority Area of the Gulf Coast PPA including Calhoun, Refugio, Aransas, Goliad and Victoria Counties, Texas.	\$22,440	\$114,440	TX	Gulf Coast
Farm Bill Forestry Landowner Assistance (FL)	Florida Forest Service	Provide technical assistance to landowners and assist Natural Resource Conservation Service with the delivery of forestry components of Farm Bill programs, specifically the Environmental Quality Incentives Program program.	This project will be carried out throughout the Conservation Partners Program Priority Area in Florida with a specific emphasis on counties within the Escambia River and Suwannee River watersheds.	\$75,000	\$155,000	FL	Gulf Coast
Conservation Planning Assistance to Florida Landowners	Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission	Work with the Suwannee River Partnership and Natural Resource Conservation Service to provide technical assistance to private landowners to protect water quality and to conserve water and wildlife habitat.	Suwannee, Lafayette and Escambia Counties	\$216,430	\$432,861	FL	Gulf Coast

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North Carolina Sandhills Longleaf Restoration Task Force	The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina will create a North Carolina Sandhills Longleaf Task Force whose primary objective is to reintroduce growing-season fire to the North Carolina Sandhills. Project will burn 3,000 acres, establish fire breaks, reduce 100 acres of mid-story hardwoods, remove off-site pine, eradicate 50 acres of invasive plants, establish 100 acres of native groundcover, and plant 200 acres of longleaf pine.	The NC Sandhills is the northernmost, and second largest example of, intact longleaf pine forest, with over 250,000 acres of longleaf under conservation on federal, state, NGO, and private lands.	\$60,000	\$712,920	NC	Longleaf Pine
Onslow Bight Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration (NC)	The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy, North Carolina will expand longleaf pine and native groundcover through active restoration and management on both public and private lands within the Onslow Bight landscape.	The Onslow Bight Landscape along the NC coast contains over 500,000 acres of federal, state, NGO and private lands in conservation management, most of which is or was formerly longleaf pine.	\$15,000	\$428,375	NC	Longleaf Pine
Savannah River Corridor Longleaf Restoration Partnership	National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc.	Provide incentive funding for 24 non-industrial private forest landowners in South Carolina and Georgia to restore longleaf pine on their lands through herbicide treatments, prescribed burns, longleaf planting on approximately 960 acres and mechanical or chemical treatments on hardwoods.	Private lands in eastern Georgia and western South Carolina within the counties adjacent to the Savannah River within the historical range of longleaf pine.	\$80,000	\$300,962	GA, SC	Longleaf Pine
Pineywoods Longleaf Restoration (LA)	The Nature Conservancy Louisiana	Restore longleaf pine and build place-based project capacity in the Fort Polk/Kisatchie area. Deliverables include 1200 acres planted, 3300 acres burned, and two landowner field days.	Lands owned by The Nature Conservancy and family forestland owners in a six-parish project area anchored by Fort Polk and Kisatchie National Forest in west-central Louisiana.	\$96,616	\$710,512	LA	Longleaf Pine
Longleaf Pine Ecosystem Restoration and Outreach (AL,FL)	The Nature Conservancy	Provide technical and on-the-ground restoration assistance to family forest landowners interested in managing or restoring longleaf pine on their lands using prescribed fire. Project will plant longleaf on 100 acres and implement hydrologic and ground integrity restoration at Splinter Hill Bog Preserve, including a portion of the Carrigan Addition, showcasing restoration efforts during 2 field days.	Longleaf stewardship will take place on TNC lands in Baldwin Co, AL, & Escambia Co, FL. Outreach efforts will focus on private lands within the natural range of longleaf in AL and NW FL.	\$75,000	\$325,000	AL, FL	Longleaf Pine
Sandhills Longleaf Pine Conservation Partnership (SC)	Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District	The Chesterfield County Soil and Water Conservation District will establish 800 acres of longleaf pine in the Sandhills Longleaf Pine Conservation Partnership (SLPCP) focus area in South Carolina, a 466,000 acre landscape anchored by 101,000 acres of publically-owned longleaf pine habitat. Project will provide 50 percent cost-share assistance for longleaf establishment, support two annual "Longleaf and Lunch" demonstration days, fund property signage for each contract, and provide tuition for two selected landowners to participate in an extensive longleaf training program.	The Partnership Focus Area includes 466,000 acres (anchored by 101,779ac. of public lands) in Chesterfield and Darlington counties, in the sandhills physiographic region of S.C.	\$95,000	\$325,000	SC	Longleaf Pine
Ft. Stewart/Altamaha Longleaf Pine Restoration (GA)	Georgia Department of Natural Resources	Restore longleaf pine and establish a framework for future work in Ft Stewart-Altamaha. Develop an implementation team, purchase and plant longleaf on 1350 acres and conduct prescribed burns on 5000 acres.	The project will be anchored in the Fort Stewart-Altamaha SGA and take place around Fort Stewart, along the Altamaha River corridor, and points in between.	\$104,998	\$806,550	GA	Longleaf Pine
Restoration of Longleaf Pine in South-Central Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks	The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks will provide seedlings and cost-share assistance to plant nearly 642,000 longleaf pine trees on 1,180 acres of private lands in south-central Mississippi. Project will conduct one landowner field day and four "town hall" meetings to inform landowners about the benefits of the longleaf pine ecosystem, and will help solicit enrollment in the project.	The areas in Mississippi targeted by this proposal include Marion, Walthall, Jefferson Davis, and Pearl River Counties in South-Central Mississippi.	\$75,000	\$300,000	MS	Longleaf Pine

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Evaluation of Longleaf Pine Groundcover Ecotype Seed Sources	The Longleaf Alliance, Inc.	Evaluate differences in germination, establishment, phenological characteristics and growth rates among proposed seed transfer zones for six common understory plant species that provide functionality in the longleaf ecosystem.	Project sites include Andrews Nursery (FL), Clemson University Research facilities (SC), Jones Research Center (GA), Erambert Seed Orchard (MS)	\$42,500	\$195,105	GA, FL, MS, SC	Longleaf Pine
Osceola National Forest Landowner Incentive Programs for Longleaf Restoration	Florida Forest Service	The Florida Forest Service will offer technical assistance and incentive payments to non-industrial private forest landowners for establishment and maintenance of longleaf on their lands. Project will treat approximately 1,800 acres of private land with a variety of longleaf ecosystem enhancements including planting over 500,000 longleaf trees, prescribed fire, mechanical underbrush reduction, timber stand improvement, native understory vegetation establishment, and noxious invasive weed eradication.	This work will be prioritized by proximity to managed conservation lands in the Osceola NF SGA including all counties touching the Osceola NF and adjacent counties.	\$98,000	\$300,000	FL	Longleaf Pine
Implementation Team for Longleaf Restoration (SC)	The Nature Conservancy, South Carolina	Create the Sewee to Santee Implementation Team to expand new private land longleaf installations by 1,000 acres, continue restoration work on 3,000 acres of recent private installations, increase the fire footprint in the Francis Marion National Forest by 10,000 acres annually, and treat 550 acres for Japanese climbing fern.	Lands adjacent and within the Francis Marion National Forest in South Carolina.	\$92,000	\$845,271	SC	Longleaf Pine
Altamaha/Ocmulgee Corridor Longleaf Pine Restoration (GA)	Georgia Department of Natural Resources	Plant 310 acres of longleaf, restore groundcover on 215 acres and prescribe burn 3,100 acres in the upper Altamaha/Ocmulgee River corridor in Georgia. Project will address major threats to longleaf in this region including the absence of prescribed fire; past conversion of open longleaf savannas to densely stocked loblolly, slash or sand pine plantations; isolation of quality longleaf habitat; and low-density residential sprawl.	Upper Altamaha/Ocmulgee River corridor: Appling, Jeff Davis, Coffee, Wheeler, Telfair, Montgomery, Dodge, Toombs, Tattnall counties.	\$20,000	\$289,585	GA	Longleaf Pine
Northeast Farm Bill Biologist and Technical Assistance Program (NY, NH, ME)	National Wild Turkey Federation, Inc.	Utilize two biologists stationed in the Northeast to promote Farm Bill programs and provide technical assistance plans to private landowners to increase young forest acreage in New York, New Hampshire, and Maine.	Priority will be given to New England cottontail, golden-winged warbler and bog turtle focus areas, as identified throughout New York, New Hampshire and Maine.	\$73,494	\$147,176	ME, NH, NY	NE Forests
Connecticut River Brook Trout Outreach and Education (VT, NH)	Connecticut River Watershed Council, Inc.	Conduct outreach to, and education of, private landowners about Natural Resource Conservation Service programs and the benefits of riparian buffers and fish passage structures for brook trout in the Connecticut River watershed in Vermont and New Hampshire.	Greater Upper Valley region along the Connecticut River in Vermont and New Hampshire, from the Little Sugar River in Charlestown, NH to as far north as the Wells River in Wells River, VT.	\$52,786	\$107,786	NH, VT	NE Forests
Private Lands Bog Turtle Habitat Restoration (NY, CT, MA)	Mid-Atlantic Center for Herpetology and Conservation	Restore and protect critical bog turtle habitat on private lands in the Northeast using Natural Resource Conservation Service conservation programs.	The project will focus on private lands bog turtle habitat restoration in eastern NY and the adjacent Berkshire-Taconic region of CT and MA.	\$248,000	\$622,950	CT, MA, NY	NE Forests
Preserving and Restoring Land to Recover Bog Turtles (NJ)	Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey, Inc.	Promote Natural Resource Conservation Service programs to historic bog turtle site landowners by hiring a full-time biologist, building on landowner contacts developed in U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreement and leveraging funds requested through Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program.	Active and historic bog turtle sites on private land in Sussex and Warren Counties and portions of Morris, Hunterdon, Somerset, Monmouth, Ocean, Burlington, Gloucester, and Salem Counties	\$95,357	\$191,357	NJ	NE Forests
Northeast Young Forest Technical Assistance	Wildlife Management Institute	Provide technical assistance to private landowners in the Northeast Forest Region to more effectively utilize Farm Bill conservation programs.	NY VT MA CT RI ME NH	\$300,000	\$900,000	CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI, VT	NE Forests

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Upper Mississippi Basin Technical Assistance - Tennessee Farm Bill Biologists	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Support two Farm Bill Biologists in the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative Focus Area of western Tennessee. The positions will focus on the Conservation Reserve Program and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, with an emphasis on reenrolling Conservation Reserve Program in high expiration counties.	The Farm Bill Biologists will service the NBCI Western Tennessee Focus Area. This multi-county area coincides with the areas of highest CRP expiration in the state.	\$240,000	\$505,000	TN	Other
Urban Agriculture in Cleveland (OH)	Fair Food Network	Establish a successful urban farming project in Cleveland based on hoop house production on individual city lots.	The project will be conducted in Cleveland.	\$200,000	\$250,000	OH	Other
Promoting Farm Bill Conservation to Private Landowners (IA)	Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Hire two staff to promote the enrollment of private lands into state and federal conservation programs in order to restore wetland and grasslands complexes in the Iowa Prairie Pothole Region.	Prairie Pothole Region of Iowa focusing primarily on the 19 Prairie Pothole counties in Iowa NRCS Area 2.	\$250,000	\$605,000	IA	Prairie Pothole
Ramping Up Grassland Conservation in the Chippewa Watershed (MN)	Land Stewardship Project	Provide technical assistance to increase conservation program adoption by farmers and landowners for grazing, prairie, cropland and water quality in the Chippewa River Watershed.	The Chippewa River 8-Digit Watershed (CRW) is located within the Prairie Pothole Region in west central Minnesota.	\$185,561	\$455,561	MN	Prairie Pothole
Nutrient, Soil, and Habitat Management in Upper Cedar Watersheds (IA)	Iowa Soybean Association	Work with crop advisors and watershed management specialists, experienced in whole farm planning, monitoring and farmer outreach, to help 75 farmers in the lower Upper Cedar watersheds assess on-farm nutrient, soil and wildlife habitat needs.	Work is focused in 4 HUC-12 watersheds bridging Chickasaw and Floyd Counties in the lower Upper Cedar, targeted in a current MRBI CCPI proposal, but may extend as needed to other Upper Cedar farms.	\$128,333	\$288,333	IA	Upper Miss
Engaging Driftless Area Landowners in Farm Bill Programs	Trout Unlimited, Inc.	Increase the capacity of organizations to implement Farm Bill programs that protect, restore and enhance streams for fish and other aquatic life throughout the Driftless Area.	The 24,000 square-mile Driftless Area spans portions of the SW Wisconsin, SE Minnesota, NE Iowa and NW Illinois. Partners will focus on the five MRBI Focus Area Watersheds in the Driftless.	\$133,333	\$608,333	IA, IL, MN, WI	Upper Miss
Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative (IN)	Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts	Expand adoption and improve technology of conservation cropping systems in Indiana for healthy soils and clean water while maintaining profitability and productivity for Indiana agriculture.	The Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative encompasses the entire State of Indiana, which is in the Upper Mississippi River Basin.	\$0	\$355,646	IN	Upper Miss
Accelerating and Implementing Conservation in the Root River Watershed (MN)	Land Stewardship Project	Accelerate conservation in the Root River Watershed through significant landowner contact and by implementing conservation plans for grazing, nutrients, habitat and water quality.	The Root River 8-Digit Watershed (RRW) is located within the Upper Mississippi River Basin and mostly within the Driftless agro-ecoregion in southeastern Minnesota.	\$155,070	\$396,900	MN	Upper Miss
Illinois Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Initiative	Lewis and Clark Community College District 536	Optimize Farm Bill conservation practices for water quality and habitat restoration goals in Illinois' Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program region. Project will increase capacity and measure long term results.	The project will target landholders in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) region of Illinois. The CREP region includes the Illinois River and Kaskaskia River watersheds.	\$187,500	\$650,000	IL	Upper Miss
Upper Mississippi Basin Technical Assistance - Illinois	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Support two Farm Bill Biologists in Illinois. The positions will focus on the Conservation Reserve Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement, and Conservation Stewardship Program and cover a total of 10 counties with more than a quarter of the state's expiring Conservation Reserve Program.	Each position will service a 5 county area of eastern Illinois. Locations were selected for their importance to grassland-dependent wildlife species and high rates of upcoming CRP expirations.	\$278,300	\$658,300	IL	Upper Miss
Managing for Biodiversity in the Iowa and Cedar River Valley (IA)	The Nature Conservancy	Improve private landowner assistance in managing for biodiversity by providing expertise and farm bill program options, and by coordinating with resource managers and like-minded citizens.	Primarily Muscatine and Louisa Counties, but also portions of Johnson, Washington and Cedar Counties.	\$101,331	\$407,661	IA	Upper Miss

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Upper Mississippi Basin Technical Assistance - Iowa Buffer and Declining Habitat	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Support three Farm Bill Biologists to provide technical assistance to landowners in central Iowa. The biologists will focus on Natural Resource Conservation Service financial assistance programs and reenrollment of Conservation Reserve Program.	Farm Bill Biologists will be located in Madison, Warren, Poweshiek, Mahaska, Pottawattamie, and Harrison Counties. Each of these counties will incur significant CRP expiration in the next 2 years.	\$250,000	\$500,000	IA	Upper Miss
Missouri Farm Bill Technical Assistance Initiative	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	Support three Farm Bill Biologists in the Mississippi River Basin Initiative critical watersheds of Missouri. The positions will focus on expiring Conservation Reserve Program and Natural Resource Conservation Service financial assistance programs.	Positions will be located in counties with extremely high CRP expirations and will service 3 - 5 counties each. Specific locations include Dexter, Edina, and Chillicothe.	\$300,000	\$920,000	MO	Upper Miss
Enhancing Sierra Meadows and Watersheds (CA)	Point Reyes Bird Observatory DBA PRBO Conservation Science	Provide technical capacity to assist the Natural Resources Conservation Service in the enhancement of 5,000 wet meadow acres and 10,000 rangeland acres for improved wildlife habitat and hydrology in the Feather River and Mokelumne/Cosumnes watersheds.	Wet meadows and rangelands of the Feather, Cosumnes and Mokelumne watersheds in Lassen, Plumas, Butte, Placer, El Dorado, Amador and Alpine counties of California's Sierra Nevada.	\$218,000	\$526,577	CA	California Sierras and Bay Delta
Hawaii CREP Planners: Coordination, Planning and Outreach	State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources	Provide two dedicated planner positions to engage landowners in Hawaii CREP. Increased participation is needed to meet program goals including improving rare species habitat and reducing sedimentation.	One planner positions will be placed in the NRCS Hilo Office, Hawaii County. The second position will be based in Honolulu County, but work on projects in Maui and Kauai counties as well.	\$250,000	\$555,000	HI	Conservation Reserve Program
Illinois Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Initiative	Lewis and Clark Community College District 536	Establish 16,000 acres of new Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts and address mid contract management on 12,000 acres of existing CRP. The impacts on Mississippi River Basin Healthy Watersheds Initiative nutrient and sediment goals will be quantified.	The main focus will be the Illinois River and Kaskaskia River watersheds, including 305b listed streams within those watersheds.	\$243,083	\$1,043,083	IL	Conservation Reserve Program
Short Grass Prairie Conservation in New Mexico and Texas	The Nature Conservancy	Protect, restore and enhance shortgrass prairie, lesser prairie chicken (LPC) habitat, and playas in the southeastern New Mexico and Texas focal area. Project will conduct educational activities on land and water resources, establishing a grazing cooperative, encouraging long term benefits of incentives to private landowners, and monitoring restored habitat for lesser prairie-chicken habitats.	Southeastern New Mexico, Roosevelt, Lea and Curry Counties and adjacent west Texas, Yoakum County. Focal area is in current range and centralized around Milnesand, NM, including high quality LPC.	\$10,000	\$100,000	NM, TX	Lesser Prairie Chicken
Enhancing Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat in Colorado - II	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	Conduct outreach to at least 50 landowners to raise awareness of Lesser Prairie-chickens and to assist with implementation habitat projects to enhance over 15,000 acres on private land in Colorado.	LEPC estimated occupied range in Baca, Prowers, Kiowa and Cheyenne Counties in Colorado	\$179,937	\$437,187	CO	Lesser Prairie Chicken
Shortgrass Prairie Ranchers Conservation Easement Outreach	Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust	Increase awareness of conservation easements and other available conservation options in the private ranching communities of eastern Colorado, western and south central Kansas, critical habitat areas of the Texas Panhandle and neighboring areas of western Oklahoma. Project will result in increased cooperation between wildlife and agricultural entities, including increased utilization of NRCS conservation programs.	The effort will focus on the current range of the Lesser Prairie Chicken is found in southeast Colorado, western Kansas and Texas as well as surrounding native shortgrass prairie areas in the region.	\$200,000	\$1,365,000	CO, KS, TX	Lesser Prairie Chicken
Lesser Prairie Chicken Ecosystem Coordination (OK)	Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts	Provide technical assistance and coordination to and among districts and landowners to increase participation in farm bill programs that directly benefit the habitat of the Lesser Prairie Chicken.	Counties in Oklahoma with the highest population of the lesser prairie chicken. These counties include Roger Mills, Ellis, Woods, Woodward, Harper, Beaver, Texas, and Cimmaron Counties.	\$90,000	\$236,500	OK	Lesser Prairie Chicken

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Prescribed Fire for Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat Conservation (KS)	Comanche Pool Prairie Resource Foundation	Place two multi-county fire coordinators to work with prescribed burning associations (PBAs). They will work with existing PBAs and develop new PBAs in the Lesser Prairie Chicken Initiative area to increase prescribed fire use.	The project will cover the western third of Kansas in the known and expanding LPC range and within the NRCS LPCI.	\$250,000	\$811,000	KS	Lesser Prairie Chicken
Upper Clark Fork Native Trout Initiative (MT)	Trout Unlimited, Inc.	Provide technical services to agricultural landowners to reconnect streams, improve habitat and restore flow for native trout in the Upper Clark Fork basin in Montana.	Upper Clark Fork River Basin, Western Montana	\$140,000	\$1,205,000	MT	Northern Great Plains
Safeguarding Montana's Northern Prairie Wildlife	Ranchers Stewardship Alliance, Inc.	Provide the Blaine County, Montana Natural Resources Conservation Service with two year, part-time technical assistance from a wildlife professional who will help deliver Farm Bill programs to benefit prairie wildlife.	Blaine County, MT, spans 2,713,000 acres of northern mixed grass prairie. It is designated as a NFWF Program Priority Area, a Working Lands for Sage Grouse Area, and a High CRP-Expiration Area.	\$82,125	\$206,289	MT	Northern Great Plains
Using NRCS Programs to Conserve Long-billed Curlews	American Bird Conservancy	Work with private landowners to accelerate delivery of NRCS Farm Bill Program conservation practices in the Northern Great Plains to support populations of Long-billed Curlews, and other species of conservation concern.	Private land focal areas in 32 selected counties in Northern Great Plains of Eastern Montana, SW North Dakota, W South Dakota. Emphasis on native grasslands with Curlews.	\$140,000	\$280,000	MT, ND, SD	Northern Great Plains
Landowner Assistance for Russian River Coho Salmon Recovery	Sotoyome Resource Conservation District	Working within the framework of the Russian River Keystone Initiative, collaborate with NRCS and landowners in the Russian River and coastal drainages to benefit working landscapes and fisheries.	Project area is the middle and lower Russian River watershed and adjacent coastal drainages within Sonoma County, CA, areas which have been deemed critical to the recovery of CCC coho salmon.	\$170,000	\$352,656	CA	NW Salmon Rivers
Working Landscapes for Salmonid Habitat Enhancement	Mendocino County Resource Conservation District	By leveraging funds & technical assistance, MCRCD & NRCS will target 5 high priority threats to salmon habitat in 4 major watersheds and increase Farm Bill signups and implementation of core practices	MCRCD & NRCS will expand their efforts in four key watersheds in Mendocino County: Garcia, Navarro, Upper Russian, and Outlet and Tenmile Creeks, subwatersheds of the Eel River.	\$125,000	\$1,125,000	CA	NW Salmon Rivers
Santiam-Calapooia Collaborative to Implement Farm Bill (OR)	Calapooia Watershed Council	Provide capacity for technical assistance to landowners to increase Farm Bill programs utilization that will leverage strategic restoration planning, implementation and monitoring.	Santiam and Calapooia Watersheds located in Linn County, Oregon. Work will be focused on salmonid fish bearing streams located on the east slopes in the mid-Willamette River Valley.	\$149,006	\$345,094	OR	NW Salmon Rivers
Whatcom Conservation District Salmon Partnership (WA)	Whatcom Conservation District	Recruit landowners with high priority salmon recovery projects to farm bill programs. Re-enroll landowners with expiring Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program leases along salmon streams.	Whatcom County, WA. Projects will take place on private lands primarily in the Nooksack River watershed.	\$91,000	\$182,000	WA	NW Salmon Rivers
Humboldt Bay/ Eel River Delta Complex Outreach	Humboldt County Resource Conservation District	The project improves and protects water quality and salmonid habitat through coordinated outreach and "boots-on-the-ground" assistance to private landowners in the Eel River Delta/Humboldt Bay area.	Humboldt Bay and the Eel River Delta is located in N. California on the coast of Humboldt County, near the adjacent cities of McKinleyville, Arcata, Eureka and Ferndale.	\$200,000	\$575,000	CA	NW Salmon Rivers
Technical Assistance to Landowners in Snohomish County (WA)	Snohomish Conservation District	Expand the Snohomish Conservation District's ability to provide technical assistance to landowners living along streams and rivers and enroll landowners in Farm Bill Programs.	Assistance to landowners will be provided across the County in the Stillaguamish, Snohomish, Cedar-Sammamish, and Camano Island watersheds.	\$90,000	\$220,000	WA	NW Salmon Rivers
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technical Assistance in the Upper Klamath Basin (OR)	Klamath Basin Rangeland Trust	Deliver a Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program Technical Assistance program to restore and protect riverine and riparian conditions for imperiled aquatic species on working agricultural landscapes in the Upper Klamath Basin, Oregon.	The Oregon portion of the Upper Klamath Basin, including the entire Upper Klamath Lake watershed, Lost River, Spencer Creek, mainstem Klamath, and other tributaries. NW Salmon Rivers PPA / Keystone	\$79,928	\$184,720	OR	NW Salmon Rivers

NFWF-NRCS Funded Projects

Private Landowner Technical Assistance Program
Conservation Partners Program

Project Title	Grantee	Project Description	Location Description	NRCS Funds	Total Project Funds	State	Program Priority Area
Technical Assistance and EQIP Implementation for Rivers and Streams (WA))	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Increase technical assistance and capacity to accelerate the implementation of Farm Bill programs, specifically EQIP in Washington State. The focus will be on improving the health of Washington State rivers and streams with an emphasis on salmon recovery, specifically to improve fish passage.	Project is located in Western WA on fish bearing streams. The applicant will work with NRCS staff to determine priority watersheds to focus efforts. 3 watersheds have been identified for consideration	\$59,938	\$120,312	WA	NW Salmon Rivers
Conserving Dakota Grass and Water for Waterfowl and Birds	Ducks Unlimited, Inc.	Work with landowners to protect and conserve native Conservation Reserve Program grasslands and wetlands to benefit waterfowl and other endemic species while helping to perpetuate ranching.	The Prairie Pothole Region of North Dakota.	\$50,000	\$250,700	ND	Other
Cultivating Conservation in the Cannon River Watershed (MN)	Cannon River Watershed Partnership	Hire a technical assistance coordinator who will do targeted outreach to farmers that will result in reductions in nutrient and sediment pollution and improve habitat.	The Cannon River watershed is located in southeast Minnesota in the Upper Mississippi River Basin and outlets to the Mississippi just upstream of Lake Pepin. The watershed is primarily agricultural.	\$60,000	\$212,000	MN	Other
Accelerating Conservation Delivery on the Landscape (MN)	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Accelerate conservation delivery to priority areas in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. Project will provide one-on-one technical assistance to private landowners leveraging USDA (CRP, EQIP, CSP) and Minnesota programs.	West Central Technical Service Area a twelve county area located in west central Minnesota.	\$178,500	\$655,000	MN	Other
Accelerating Prairie and Wetland Conservation (SD,MN)	The Nature Conservancy	Provide capacity to protect and manage prairie and wetland habitats on private lands in eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota through implementation of USDA and Department of Interior programs.	Project will occur across eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota with particular emphasis on the Prairie Coteau.	\$133,655	\$317,310	MN, SD	Other
Enhanced CRP Outreach and Assistance in Southern Iowa	Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation	Use Iowa's new, precise, flood probability maps to engage farmland owners in assessing floodplain land uses. Forty public meetings will be organized in 20 southern Iowa counties with already high Conservation Reserve Program participation.	Twenty Southern Iowa counties with the most expiring CRP contract acres in Iowa for 2011, 2012, 2013, that also have Iowa flood probability maps released.	\$179,896	\$675,000	IA	Other
Restoring Golden-winged Warbler Habitats in North Carolina	National Audubon Society, Inc.	Add capacity for targeted outreach to private landowners to restore and manage 6000 acres of early successional habitat for the benefit of Golden-winged Warblers and other species.	Western North Carolina mountain counties within Working Lands for Wildlife defined GWWA focal areas.	\$78,808	\$157,653	NC	Working Lands For Wildlife
Maintain Capacity for Gunnison Sage-grouse Conservation (CO)	Rocky Mountain Bird Observatory	Raise awareness and participation of at least 45 landowners and provide Farm Bill technical assistance to enhance over 10,000 acres of Gunnison Sage-grouse habitat.	Gunnison Sage-grouse country in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, and Saguache Counties, Colorado.	\$95,870	\$262,066	CO	Working Lands For Wildlife
Meeting Golden-winged Warbler Keystone Habitat Goals (PA)	American Bird Conservancy	Extend and expand current Natural Resources Conservation Service and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Golden-winged warbler work in Pennsylvania to meet Golden-winged warbler habitat goals for the Appalachians.	Golden-winged Warbler Focal Areas in Western, Central and South Pennsylvania. This work complements other GWWA work on PA public lands, throughout the Appalachians and Great Lake GWWA focal areas.	\$125,000	\$250,000	PA	Working Lands For Wildlife

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NFWF Award	\$14,576,542
NRCS Funds	\$10,311,566
Other NFWF Federal Funds	\$2,788,801
NFWF Non-Federal Funds	\$1,476,175
Grantee Matching Funds	\$25,889,423
Total Project Funds	\$40,465,965