



## 2023 Utah Soil Health Equipment Grant Eligibility and Ranking Criteria

Eligibility Criteria			
Applicant	All projects must have a conservation district as a fiscal partner in the project. All grant payments will be made to the district.		
Applicant	All partners involved in the project must be an organization that works with local producers, No individuals are eligible to apply for equipment.		
Equipment	Equipment must have a significant tie to at least one of the following soil health principles. 1. Keeping the soil covered. 2. minimizing soil disturbance (physical or chemical) 3. maximizing biodiversity 4. Keeping a living root as long as possible 5. Integrating livestock		
Equipment	Accessories and supportive equipment needed for the operation and or transporting of equipment can be included		
Funding	Each application / request will be capped to a maximum award of \$50,000		
Funding	A minimum of 20% match is required		
Funding	The match requirement must be in the form of a financial contribution (no in-kind match)		
<b>Applicant Demographics</b>			
Conservation District Applying	Name of the conservation district as fiscal partner on the application		
Additional Partners	List any additional partners in the application (must be providing match money)		
Location for use	List the counties that equipment will be utilized in		
Urban Agriculture	Will this equipment be utilized in urban agriculture		



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Ranking Questions		Points	Notes
Applicant Answered	Will this equipment be utilized in implementing a current project?	Yes: 10 Points / No 0 Points	Does the applicant have a current project that would benefit from this equipment? If yes the applicant will add additional detail
Applicant Answered	Does your organization currently have this type of equipment?	Yes 0 Points / No 10 Points	This is a like-to-like comparison of equipment. For example, a district already has a no-till drill and seeking a second no-till drill this would be a yes. If a district already has a no-till drill but is applying for a no-till planter this would be no.
Applicant Answered	How many producers do you estimate will use this equipment per year?	N/A	
Applicant Answered	How many acres do you estimate this equipment will be used on annually?	N/A	
Applicant Answered	What is the total funding request for this application?	N/A	This is the total amount of money being requested in the grant, not the total cost of the equipment to be purchased.
Applicant Answered	What is the total amount of match funding for this application?	N/A	This is the total amount of money the applicant and all fiscal partners will be contributing to the purchase of the equipment.
Applicant Answered	Is this the first soil health related equipment for your organization?	Yes: 10 Points / No 0 Points	Is this the first piece of soil health equipment the applicant will have purchased?
Applicant Answered	Do you have additional fiscal partners?	Yes: 10 Points / No 0 Points	The partners must be contributing money to the purchase of the equipment
Applicant Answered	Will this equipment be utilized in urban agriculture?	Yes: 10 Points / No 0 Points	Will the equipment be used in urban agriculture areas (small acres and for the production of vegetables, and specialty crops? If yes the applicant will provide further details
Conditional Answered	Cost Per Acre per year (total project cost / number of estimated participants)	N/A	this calculation will be used by the ranking committee to assign a point score based on the potential impact of the equipment in the area it will serve
Conditional Answered	Cost Per Participant per year (total project cost / number of estimated acres)	N/A	this calculation will be used by the ranking committee to assign a point score based on the potential impact of the equipment in the area it will serve



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Conditional Answered	Project Match Percentage	30% - 10 points, 40% - 15 Points, 50% - 20 Points	
Reviewer Answered	How many soil health principles does this equipment implement ?	5 points per principle - Max 25	
Reviewer Answered	How likely is this project to 1. positively impact soil health on an area scale 2. Be cost-effective on a per-acre basis. 1 - Points minimal impact / high cost per acre, 5 - Points some impact/nominal cost per acre, 10- Points groundbreaking impact / low cost per acre	10 Points Maximum	Points can be assigned in single-point increments to a maximum of 10 points. These points are assigned from a combination of factors including cost per acre for the equipment and the applicant's description of the equipment use, potential impact, and need in the area.
Reviewer Answered	How likely is this project to 1. positively impact soil health on a number of participant scale 2. Be cost-effective on a per-acre basis. 1 - Points minimal impact / high cost per participant, 5 - Points some impact/nominal cost per participant, 10- Points groundbreaking impact / low cost per participant	10 Points Maximum	Points can be assigned in single-point increments to a maximum of 10 points. These points are assigned from a combination of factors including cost per participant for the equipment and the applicant's description of the equipment use, potential impact, and participant need.
<b>Maximum points possible is 115 points</b>			