

Deschutes Soil & Water Conservation District · SWAP 2026-27

IRRIGATION COST-SHARE FOR DESCHUTES COUNTY LANDOWNERS

75%
Cost-share for eligible projects

$60,000
Maximum award per landowner

Dec 31
Applications due by 4 p.m., 2026

2 Years
to complete your project

NEW FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Soil & Water Assistance Programs (SWAPs) from **Deschutes SWCD** can help save water and energy on your farm or ranch. Visit our website for full program details.

IRRIGATOR

On-Farm Upgrades

Covers upgrades such as flood-to-sprinkler conversions, wheel and hand line upgrades, diversion-to-pond piping, pond liners, VFDs, windfighters, and soil moisture probes. **No minimum project size.**

PRIVATE LATERAL

Neighbors on a shared ditch

Pipes a private lateral serving two or more landowners from a shared district diversion, from feasibility through engineering and construction. DSWCD pays contractors directly. **Apply any time of year.**

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

- Current water rights with OWRD or your irrigation district
- You own the land, or you lease it with signed landowner consent
- Your project acres are in Deschutes County
- The acres aren't under a current NRCS irrigation contract

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How Much Can I Receive?

75% of your project cost or $60,000, whichever is less. The award is based on the lower of two quotes from approved irrigation suppliers. You cover the other 25%, plus anything over the quote or the cap.

Can I start work now?

Not yet. Work or purchases made before your contract date can't be reimbursed.

How do I get paid?

By reimbursement. After DSWCD staff confirm your new system is installed and working, submit your paid receipts; payment never exceeds them. Doing the work yourself? Log your time and equipment and we'll calculate a rate.

Can I combine this with other funding?

Yes. We coordinate with other funders so total reimbursement never exceeds 100% of your project costs.

What happens after I apply?

Staff check eligibility, then our Agricultural Irrigation Specialist visits to see your system and goals. A review committee ranks projects and the Board approves awards in May.

Is the payment taxable?

Yes. Reimbursements over $500 are reported to the IRS as taxable income.

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What do I commit to long term?

New equipment must stay on the property for its NRCS-rated lifespan, even if the land is sold or your lease ends.

QUESTIONS? CALL SETH.

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READY TO APPLY?

Visit Our Website to Apply Online:
www.deschutesswcd.org