

Colorado Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program Local Cost Share Requirements

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) is the State’s sponsor for the EWP program administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The EWP program provides financial and technical assistance to local project sponsors to install flooding and erosion recovery measures to protect life and property, such as protecting destabilized stream banks and repairing conservation practices, among others.

EWP Project Implementation Cost Share

- 75% NRCS
- 12.5% State of Colorado Disaster Emergency Fund
- **12.5% Local Sponsor**
(i.e. watershed coalition, city, county)

- DOLA CDBG-DR funds may be used as local cost share.
- Projects must meet program requirements for EWP and CDBG-DR.
- Other federal grant funds may not be used as local match.

Local Sponsor Cost Share May Be

1. Cash
2. In-kind contribution
3. Any combination of cash and in-kind contribution

Local cost share must be identified and committed prior to the project beginning. However, costs must be incurred after the project’s Financial Assistance Agreement is signed by the NRCS. Retain records to document costs incurred for in-kind match contribution.

Match Contribution	
Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Labor – Equipment – Materials – Surveys – Design – Contracting – Construction oversight – Others as approved by NRCS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Permitting costs – Operations and maintenance – Property rights acquisition – Internal management costs (clerical services, meeting attendance) – Past DOLA CDBG-DR planning/design grants
<p>*Deeper discussions with the NRCS determined that the items with strikethrough cannot be local match contribution for this EWP program. These services can be funded through the Technical Assistance (TA) agreement. See January 2016 FAQs, questions 8 and 10 for more information.</p>	

For more information on EWP program requirements, see the [National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manual](#). Still have questions? Contact Jeff Sickles, RWP program manager at jsickles@enginuity.com, 303-872-9109