

Please submit this application no later than April 24, 2009

Hill Country Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

2009 Matching Grant Program Application

Name of Organization _____
 Contact Person _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 County _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____
 County Board Representative _____

<i>Office Use Only</i>	
App. Number	_____
Date Received	_____
<i>Evaluation</i>	
Objectives	_____
Need	_____
Benefits	_____
Commitment	_____
Innovative	_____
TOTAL _____	

*** Complete All Items Below. Attach additional pages if needed
Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered.

- I. Project Description (Describe the community need, proposed solution and method of implementation):

- II. Project Benefits & Outcome (Please be specific and quantify, i.e., number of people served, jobs created, etc.):

- III. Project Commitment (Local support, how will matching funds be obtained, and other partnerships):

- IV. Objectives of Hill Country RC&D Area Plan (Check which objective(s) the project addresses):

___ Community Growth & Development	___ Natural Resources
___ Education & Technology	___ Economic Development

- V. Budget Details (Please **do not** include documentation):

1.	Total Cost of Project	\$
2.	Current Contributions:	
3.	Cash	\$
4.	In Kind (labor, services, materials, etc.)	\$
5.	Total Contributions (line 3 + line 4)	\$
6.	Grant Request (subtract line 5 from line 1) Max \$500	\$

VI. Estimated date of project completion: _____.
 VII. Is this an on-going project? _____ If so, estimated date of completion _____.

Return this page and signed Grant Agreement to HC RC&D P.O. Box 303, Mason, TX 76856

**GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION AND
HILL COUNTRY RC&D AREA, INC.**

This agreement made by and between the Organization, called the grantee, and Hill Country RC&D Area, Inc., called the grantor.

I. Purpose

Implementation of the project described in the Matching Grant Application that meets the goals and objectives of the Hill Country RC&D Area Plan.

II. The Grantee agrees to:

- A. Use funds according to the description in the grant application.
- B. Implement proposed project within twelve months after funds are received
- C. Notify the Hill Country RC&D of any changes to the original proposal.
- D. Petition the Hill Country RC&D Board of Directors for approval of any extension to implement the project.
- E. Provide bills, receipts or other cost documentation to the Hill Country RC&D office once the project is completed.
- F. Notify Hill Country RC&D when the project is completed and allow review and/or inspection by Hill Country RC&D staff and the county RC&D Director or Committee.
- G. Provide copies of any photos or publicity of project or publications produced with grant funds.
- H. Allow the Hill Country RC&D to use the project as an example of assistance available through the RC&D program.

III. The Grantor agrees to:

- A. Provide matching grant funds up to \$500.00 to complete the project.
- B. Provide technical assistance of the Hill Country RC&D staff to complete the project in accordance with Hill Country RC&D policy.

Signed

Organization

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Hill Country Resource Conservation & Development Area, Inc.

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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2009 Matching Grant Program Information

Goal: To provide matching grants for worthy community projects in the eight-county area of the Hill Country RC&D Area.

Eligibility:

1. Organizations, Units of Government located within the eight-county region of the Hill Country RC&D Area are eligible to apply.
2. Proposed projects must be eligible for RC&D assistance by providing public benefit and relate to land conservation, water management, economic development or community sustainability.

Guidelines:

1. Submit only the 2009 Matching Grant Program application. (Incomplete applications will not be considered).
2. Eligible projects must fall within the purpose and goals of the Hill Country RC&D Area Plan.
3. Grants will be limited to a maximum amount of \$500.
4. Grant funds will require at least an **equal match** (1:1) of cash or in-kind services or materials.
5. Applications must be submitted to the Hill Country RC&D office (or postmarked) by the close of business **April 24, 2009.**

Address: Hill Country RC&D, P.O. Box 303 Mason, TX 76856

FAX: 325-347-5003

Evaluation:

1. The Board of Directors of the Hill Country RC&D Council will score individual applications.
2. Applications will be scored on the following questions:
 - *Objectives* – How well does the proposed project meet the objectives of the Hill Country RC&D Plan?
 - *Need* – Does the project clearly address an identified community or environmental need?
 - *Benefits* – Are the benefits broad and clearly defined? Are benefits widespread and not isolated?
 - *Commitment* – Is there significant local commitment? How much has the community contributed? What is the ratio of grant request to other sources?
 - *Innovative* – Is the project innovative? What is the possibility of the project being used in other communities?

Board of Directors

<i>Area Counties</i>	<i>County Representative(s)</i>	
Blanco	Katy Murrah (830) 868-7237 #3	
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