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Kansas NRCS Announces State CIG Recipient

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funds an annual Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) program with both a national and state component to offer grants for innovative work aimed to advance the field of conservation.

Kansas State Conservationist, Eric B. Banks recently announced one recipient for the state level CIG:

- **Kansas Alliance for Wetlands and Streams:** Received \$49,978 to adopt a multi-front approach to increase cover crops.

The NRCS administers CIG as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program. Grants are awarded to state and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, and individuals. The NRCS uses CIG to invest in innovative, on-the-ground conservation technologies and approaches with the goal of wide-scale adoption to address water quality and quantity, air quality, energy conservation, and environmental markets, among other natural resource issues.

For more information on NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants in Kansas, including eligibility and project descriptions, please visit the Kansas NRCS Web site: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/ks/programs/financial/cig/>

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