

# James River Water Development District

## Instructions and Application

### For

## Project Assistance to Aid in the

# Restoration of the James River Watershed & Ecosystem

2011 (Approved 5/17/2011)

#### Instructions:

The James River Water Development District routinely provides project assistance funding to local project sponsors. This application will assist the Board of Directors in ranking projects which will guide funding decisions.

Eligible applicants include State Agencies, Counties, Municipalities, Conservation Districts, Non-profit organizations and individuals located within district boundaries.

Eligible projects include water and conservation related projects that meet the authorized Priorities of the District as defined by South Dakota Law and the James River Board of Directors. The following is an excerpt of district policy regarding project assistance funding and the applicable South Dakota law.

The JRWDD plans and implements programs and projects that support the restoration of the James River Watershed and Ecosystem.

The JRWDD's role is to serve as the principal guide for the expenditure of water development revenues, to influence federal funding decisions to follow local policies and priorities, and to identify areas for technical assistance. The projects that are approved will lead to the successful completion of our mission and be consistent with our highest District Priority:

#### **The Restoration of the James River Watershed and Ecosystem**

The James River Water Development District will seek to accomplish this progressive priority by focusing on projects associated with:

- Water Quality
- Economy
- Wildlife
- Social, Recreational and Cultural Resources

#### SUPPORT FOR WATER PROJECTS

The Board of Directors of the District may provide technical and/or financial assistance, cooperate or contract with any individual, state, or subdivision (this includes counties) thereof, federal agency, or private or public corporation to carry out the intent and purposes of Chapters 46A-3A to 46A-3E, inclusive, of South Dakota Codified Law.

46A-3A-1.1. Districts to promote conservation, development and management of resources--serve as clearinghouse for water quality and supply projects. Water development districts shall promote the conservation, development, and proper management of district water resources according to district priorities and shall serve as a district-wide clearinghouse authority for water quality and supply projects through technical, organizational and financial assistance to prospective and existing project sponsors and through recommending projects for inclusion in the state water plan, and through other appropriate actions accomplish the purposes of chapters 34A-2, 34A-3A, 34A-6, 34A-9, chapters 46A-3A to 46A-3E, inclusive, and chapters 46A-1 and 46A-2.

Applicants that are considering submitting a request for project assistance are encouraged to contact the District office for a preliminary discussion regarding the type of project they are considering. In addition to the requirements of South Dakota Law, the district also has a few basic requirements related to project eligibility. The application for funding must occur prior to project completion. The district reviews each project on its own merits, but does not normally fund more than 50% or an equal amount to the project sponsor contribution, whichever is less. The district requires a description of the project, its purpose, project schedule, source of non-district funds, budgetary estimate, method of contracting, and copies of any official actions or resolutions passed by the sponsor. Applicants are requested to make submittals a minimum of two weeks prior to the next board meeting to be considered at that board meeting.

Applications received less than two weeks prior to a board meeting will be considered at the

next following meeting. Applicants are encouraged to have a representative in attendance at the board meeting to answer questions.

Applicants are to use the attached form when applying for project assistance funding. Applications are to be filled out electronically for submittal. For more complex projects, additional supporting documents (construction plans, engineer's estimate, copies of contracts, budget resolutions, etc.) should be attached to the application.

## ELIGIBILITY

Projects must meet the minimum eligibility criteria in order to be considered for funding. Eligibility criteria include:

- 1) Any private landowner or entity (public or private) can apply
- 2) Projects must be consistent with the priorities of the District

Examples of projects include but are not limited to:

- Restoration of the James River
- Water Quality Improvements
- Removing contaminants in streams to provide safe drinking water
- New Construction of Sanitary sewer projects (when impairing water quality)
- Infrastructure development to improve stream flow or water quality
- Lake improvements that improve water quality
- Drainage Improvements
- Water-based recreation
- Engineering or environmental studies to bridge information gaps

The key is that any project needs to

- 3) Maintenance projects are not eligible
  - a. Maintenance projects are determined at the discretion of the board
  - b. Examples of maintenance include cameras in sewer lines or road and bridge projects away from streams
- 4) Improvements & repairs are eligible
- 5) At least 50% matching funds must be in place before submitting an application (at the discretion of the Board)

Application Form for Project Assistance to  
Restore the James River Watershed  
James River Water Development District  
Huron, South Dakota

Date:	Submitting entity & address:
Phone:	
Email:	
Amount Requested:	
Applicant point of contact: Title:	
Funds are for: ( ) Technical Assistance/studies ( ) Engineering ( ) Construction	
Brief Project Description:	

Please Explain Benefits to Water Quality:

Please Explain Economic Benefits of Project:

Please Explain Wildlife Benefits of Project:

Please Explain Benefits to Social, Recreational and Cultural Resources:

Please Explain Administrative & Logistics of Project:

Total Estimated Project Budget:	\$
Sponsor Contribution:	\$
JRWDD funds Requested:	\$
Other Funds/Source:	
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Comments:

Schedule for Work including completion date:

Project Location (Address, County, Township, Section, Range)

List of any attachments:

List all contractors and subcontractors providing services on project (include contact information):

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

This section for completion by JRWDD

Date Received:

To be Considered on:

Action Taken:

Amount of Grant:

Applicant notified on: