
April 23, 2004

WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO. WV300-4-8

SUBJECT: LTP – WV 2004 Initial Allocations

Purpose: To provide FY 2004 EQIP Initial Allocations

Expiration Date: This bulletin expires September 30, 2004

The attached chart shows the initial FY-04 EQIP funding by Local Work Groups. Actual funding will vary, depending on the dollar value of applications which can be funded. Applications must be selected for funding based on the ranking points.

With the amount of EQIP funding that West Virginia received this year, I expect that most of the unfunded applications will be funded during this EQIP ranking period. The next ranking period is planned to end on October 29, 2004.

In FY 2004, WV has received an initial allocation of \$6,827,100. This includes \$3,884,200 of “Regional Equity” funding based on the unfunded applications that WV had on hand. To maintain this level of funding, we must have a backlog of unfunded applications that demonstrates a need for the “Regional Equity” funds. We need your help in getting more EQIP applicants. Your LWG funding also considers the unfunded applications in your Local Work Group. Keep landowners informed about the program and encourage them to sign up during the continuous sign-up period this spring and summer.

We have been instructed by NHQ that we must have our \$3.8 million of regional equity obligated within 30 days after FSA has received the funds. We need at least \$3,884,200 obligated in signed contracts (entered into ProTracts, and the FSA System 36), by COB May 20. DC’s need to provide a conservation plan of operations (AD-1115), generated from ToolKit or ProTracts, to FSA as soon as plans are completed with the landowner. This will allow FSA to generate the official contract CCC-1200’s for signatures in a timely manner. EQIP funding allocations to the FSA County Offices will be based on the dollar value of contracts entered in ProTracts.

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I encourage ASTC-FO's and DC's to share this with LWG's members in order to keep them informed of EQIP activities. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Piper at (304) 284-7543 or Herb Andrick at (304) 284-7560.

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Attachment

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ATTACHMENT

Local Work Group	Allocation as % of Average % of Grazing Land, Cropland, Unfunded applications	Karst	TMDL	Total Allocation
Capitol CD	33,071			\$ 33,071
Eastern Panhandle CD	397,673	\$ 100,000		\$ 497,673
Elk CD	353,875		\$ 7,500	\$ 361,375
Greenbrier Valley CD	757,705	\$ 100,000		\$ 857,705
Guyan CD	221,914			\$ 221,914
Little Kanawha CD	512,368		\$ 30,000	\$ 542,368
Monongahela CD	510,730			\$ 510,730
Northern Panhandle CD	212,260			\$ 212,260
Potomac Valley CD	945,400		\$ 50,000	\$ 995,400
Southern CD	411,128			\$ 411,128
Tygarts Valley CD	663,913			\$ 663,913
Upper Ohio CD	151,892			\$ 151,892
West Fork CD	576,780		\$ 12,500	\$ 589,280
Western CD	578,391			\$ 578,391
Totals to LWG's	6,327,100	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 6,627,100.00
c) Errors/Omissions/Appeals				\$ 200,000.00
Total Cost-Share Available				\$ 6,827,100.00