



Grant Progress Report

Buffer Law 2022

Grant Title: 2022 - Buffer Law (Pope SWCD)

Grant ID: P22-6231

Grantee: Pope SWCD

Fiscal Agent:

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Holly Kovarik

Grant Award (\$): \$21,500.00

Required Match (%): 0

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Grant Execution Date: 11/24/2021

Grant End Date: 12/31/2024

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$21,500.00	\$12,568.17	\$8,931.83
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$21,500.00	\$12,568.17	\$8,931.83

*Grant balance remaining is the difference between the Awarded Amount and the Spent Amount. Other values compare budgeted and spent amounts.

Budget Details

Activity Name	Category	Source Type	Source Description	Budgeted	Spent	Balance Remaining	Match Fund?
Project Development	Project Development	Current State Grant	2022 - Buffer Law (Pope SWCD)	\$21,500.00	\$12,568.17	\$8,931.83	N

Grant Activities

Activity Name: Project Development

Activity Category: Project Development

Staff time?: Yes

Description: The funds will be used for staff implementation of the Buffer Law. This includes review of maps, site visits, and associated paperwork tracking and reporting the implementation. This will include staff time with alternative practices and the review and verification of parcels with new County imagery. This will also include assistance for any landowner implementing practices that will enhance the effectiveness of a required buffer.

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<u>Source Type</u>	<u>Source Description</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Balance Remaining</u>	<u>Last Transaction Date</u>	<u>Match Fund?</u>
Current State Grant	2022 - Buffer Law (Pope SWCD)	\$21,500.00	\$12,568.17	\$8,931.83	12/31/2023	N

Actual Results

The funds are being used for staff implementation of the Buffer Law. This includes review of maps, site visits, and associated paperwork tracking and reporting the implementation. This will include staff time with alternative practices and the review and verification of parcels with new County imagery. This will also include assistance for any landowner implementing practices that will enhance the effectiveness of a required buffer. Pope SWCD has just completed a complete review of all parcels using the most current imagery. We have 8 sites considered non-compliant and we are working on notifications to the County, State, and landowners. We will be using these funds in 2023 to do this work.

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