



Grant Progress Report

Soil Health Staffing 2024

Grant Title: Increasing Soil Health Adoption Through Partnership

Grant ID: C24-0140

Grantee: Chippewa SWCD

Fiscal Agent: Chippewa SWCD

Grant Day-to-Day Contact: Zach Bothun

Grant Award (\$): \$210,000.00

Required Match (%): 0

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Grant Execution Date: 04/26/2024

Grant End Date: 12/31/2027

	Total Budgeted	Total Spent	Balance Remaining*
Grant Funds	\$210,000.00	\$60,446.54	\$149,553.46
Match Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$210,000.00	\$60,446.54	\$149,553.46

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

Project Abstract

Above building connections with landowners in areas that move the needle in water quality improvement, Chippewa SWCD is seeking to build connections with private cooperatives, local agronomists, and crop consultants that aid landowners in making important farm management decisions. This will be done through a services contract with Kanati Land Management. The partnership will enhance outreach efforts for improving adoption of soil health practices on private land with available cost share funding and local technical assistance. The key concept through this partnership will be heavily focused on bridging the gap between the public and private sector by utilizing direct, targeted promotion of funding opportunities and technical assistance to existing farm management professionals. The initial target will be educating the farm management businesses that assist farmers on managing the health of their soil and cropping systems, in addition to individual farmers and landowners independently. Adding outreach capacity to the local district will improve communication and soil health program delivery and acceptance, leading to more sustainable cropping systems in the future.

Proposed Measurable Outcomes

1. Improved communication
2. Seminars, workshops
3. Demonstration plots
4. Outreach initiatives and media campaigns
5. Increased technical/financial assistance; engage 5 new producers per year over the course of the grant on soil health BMP adoption

Budget Details

<i>Activity Name</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Source Type</i>	<i>Source Description</i>	<i>Budgeted</i>	<i>Spent</i>	<i>Balance Remaining</i>	<i>Match Fund?</i>
Admin and Coordination	Administration/Coordination	Current State Grant	Increasing Soil Health Adoption Through Partnership	\$20,000.00	\$3,431.03	\$16,568.97	N
Project Development	Project Development	Current State Grant	Increasing Soil Health Adoption Through Partnership	\$190,000.00	\$57,015.51	\$132,984.49	N

Grant Activities**Activity Name: Admin and Coordination****Activity Category:** Administration/Coordination**Staff time?:** Yes

Description: Funds in this activity will be spent completing general administration such as accounting/finance, clerical support, management, and coordination of activities proposed with the grant. This will include staff time not directly charged to a grant that supports general office activities and operations.

Anticipated workload towards grant administration and coordination includes Chippewa SWCD Manager at 120 hours (40 hours annually at \$78.16/hour rate) for \$9,379.20 and Chippewa SWCD Office & Financial Coordinator at 148.25 hours (49.4 hours annually at \$71.64/hour rate) for \$10,620.80. Total cost for this activity is \$20,000.

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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	Increasing Soil Health Adoption Through Partnership	\$20,000.00	\$3,431.03	\$16,568.97	12/26/2025	N

Actual Results	
<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
In 2024, \$1250.56 was spent on administrative/coordination staff hours worked.	1/2/2025 2:22:24 PM
In 2025, \$2180.47 was spent on administrative/coordination hours worked by district staff.	1/7/2026 10:30:05 AM

Activity Name: Project Development

Activity Category: Project Development **Staff time?:** Yes

Description: Funds in this activity will supplement local soil health program delivery and implementation through a contracted partnership with Kanati Land Management for completing activities such as civic engagement; public outreach; initial contacts, actions, and activities with partners and/or landowners; preliminary information gathering; conservation marketing, or other activities which directly support the goals and outcomes of the application or work plan. The added capacity through the use of these funds will focus on facilitating workshops, seminars, and one-on-one consultations with cooperatives, agronomists, crop consultants, and landowners which will increase soil health practice adoption through the utilization of cost share resources offered by the district and other partners.

Anticipated workload towards project development includes Kanati Land Management staff time at 1,566 hours (522 hours annually at \$121.33/hour rate) for a total of \$190,000.

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Current State Grant	Increasing Soil Health Adoption Through Partnership	\$190,000.00	\$57,015.51	\$132,984.49	11/07/2025	N

Actual Results	
<u>Results</u>	<u>Date Added</u>
In 2024, \$11516.35 was spent on partner/consultant hours worked.	1/2/2025 2:23:52 PM
In 2025, \$45499.16 was spend on partner/consultant hours worked.	1/7/2026 10:32:58 AM