

RE: EWP 5038 Funds Received for Bristol Projects

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Hi Valerie,

Thank you.

With the West Street slide being a 100-foot-high bank, we will most likely outsource the design to a geotechnical engineer.

I'd let the landowners know that the cost estimate I did was very crude. It included toe armor, a rock slope, plus in-stream structures to help direct the flow around the bend where the slide it. All suggestions made by our Design Center in Fort Worth, TX.

Best Regards,
Mike Lapointe

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Thank you, Mike. I will reach out to the property owners and get back to you ASAP.

--Valerie

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Hello Valerie,

The attached letter is to notify the Town of Bristol that the eligible EWP projects in Bristol were funded on February 24, 2020. I will send you the grant application documents required to enter into an EWP agreement with NRCS in a separate email.

Town	DSR Number	Project Location	Proposed Remediation	Total Estimated Construction Cost	NRCS Cost Share (FA) [6] = 75% x [5]	Sponsor Cost Share [7] = 25% x [5]
[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	7
Bristol	5038-016	23-27 West Street	Armor 150 feet of streambank and install stream barbs.	\$498,393	\$373,795	\$74,759
Bristol	5038-019	455 Ireland Road	Armor 140 feet of streambank.	\$64,875	\$48,656	\$9,731
Bristol	5038-020	Ireland Road	Armor 60 feet of streambank.	\$34,350	\$25,763	\$5,153

Totals			\$597,618	\$448,214	\$89,643
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The funding amount is based on the estimated cost of the repair I entered into the Damage Survey Report (DSR). Since cost of streambank repairs can vary widely, we try and estimate high enough to ensure we have the funds on hand to do the projects. We typically include a contingency amount equal to 25% of the estimated project cost.

Should actual bids be higher than our estimated DSR cost, we would need to request additional funding from our National EWP Office. There is no guarantee that additional funds could be obtained for the projects.

As long as the contractor has not incurred any cost other than submitting the bids, the Sponsor or landowners can back out of participating in EWP if their share of the construction bid is more than they are able or willing to cover.

The next steps in the EWP process are:

Step	Sponsor	NRCS
1	Notice of funding received. Determine if project(s) will be repaired using EWP Program Funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, Go to Step 2. • No, EWP Process Ends. Note: EWP Process ends if repairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have been completed, or • threat to property no longer exists. 	Notify Sponsor, by email, that project funds have been received. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emails grant application documents to Sponsor. • Sends letter, via certified mail, giving Sponsors 45-days to submit grant application document.
2	Submit grant application documents required to enter into an EWP agreement with NRCS. Notify NRCS how repairs will be contracted. Options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally Led – Sponsor goes through bid process and selects contractor(s) to install repairs. • Force Account – Sponsor uses Town equipment and staff to install repairs. 	Surveys sites, design proposed repairs, conduct cultural resources review, and assist Sponsor in obtaining required permits.
3	Sign EWP agreement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally Led Contract – Go to Step 4 • Force Account – Go to Step 5 	Sign EWP agreement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds are obligated for proposed repairs.
4	Contract to have repair work done. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertise Project(s) • Review Bids • Award Contract 	Assist Sponsor as needed.
5	Construction phase. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannot begin until previous steps have been completed. • Must be completed by July 3, 2020. 	Assist Sponsor as needed.
6	Submit documents required for reimbursement.	Make payment to Sponsor.
7	Submit grant close out documents.	Close EWP agreement.

EWP **cannot** reimburse for work done prior to having an executed agreement. Repairs must also be done by Locally Led contract or Force Account.

Please let me know if Bristol does not want to move forward with the EWP process so we can return funds to our National office for redistribution.

Best Regards,
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