

**Desert Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council**  
*Will develop partnerships to enhance the quality of life and achieve economic growth while protecting the environment.*

The Desert Mountain RC&D Council provides assistance to SPONSORS in completing projects that address natural resources management and conservation and human resource development.

**How can an idea be proposed?**

Any individual or group in the Desert Mountain RC&D Area that has an idea for a project needs to have one of the RC&D Sponsors support the proposal. This is necessary because only current Sponsors of the Desert Mountain RC&D can submit an application to the Council.

**What is needed for a preliminary proposal?**

- **Project Name** - A descriptive title you would like to use.
- **Description of Present Condition** - What is the problem? What is the need?
- **Description of Project to be Accomplished** -What needs to be done to address the problem?
- **Sponsor Support** - Who could sponsor or carry out the project?
- **Project Contact Person** - Phone number and address
- **Assistance/Management** - Needs addresses and by who
- **Budget** - Estimated technical and/or financial assistance available and needed
- **Community Benefits Expected** - How many jobs created, business or industry developed?
- **Expected Outcome** - Will project improve, promote, inform, develop and/or protect?
- **Application participation** - Amount needed and source and administrative involvement.

**How does a Sponsor submit an idea?**

The Sponsor completes a Desert Mountain RC&D Project Application form and submits it to the RC&D office in Ridgecrest. The proposal will be evaluated to see if it addresses established goals and objectives and fits into the vision and mission of Desert Mountain RC&D. Project proposals are approved by either staff, executive committee, or full council, depending on level/cost of project involvement.

**What happens to a proposal that is adopted?**

It is very important to remember that Desert Mountain RC&D **ASSISTS** Sponsors. The Sponsor is required to provide a major commitment to the project. Once a proposal is adopted by the Desert Mountain RC&D as a project, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Program Coordinator is authorized to investigate technical and/or financial resources necessary to complete it. In this process the Sponsor or designated contact will need to assist the Coordinator in developing a complete proposal and play a major role in project completion.

You can obtain a RC&D Project Application by contacting the Desert Mountain RC&D office.

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**RC&D Project Application Form**

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| <b>Title:</b> | <b>Project No.</b> |
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Our RC&D Council is here to help improve living conditions, develop small business and industry, and make better use of all resources, including the talents and skills of people in the Desert Mountain RC&D Area.

Organizations, agencies, and individuals have many thoughts and plans for making our area a better place to live, work, and play. Perhaps, through the organized efforts of the RC&D Sponsors, these ideas will have a better chance of being accomplished. Fill in this form and submit it through one of the RC&D Sponsors so the RC&D Council can help carry out your proposal.

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| <b>What is the need or problem?</b>                      |
| <b>What plan do you propose for solving the problem?</b> |
| <b>What type of help is needed?</b>                      |
| <b>Who could sponsor or carry out the measure?</b>       |
| <b>Name, Address, Phone # of Contact Person:</b>         |

Ideas and proposals should be Submitted to the RC&D Chairperson (at the above Ridgecrest address) or to any of the RC&D Sponsors' representatives. Please review the entire form including the full instructions on the preceding page and include requested information. It is best if a representative can present the proposed project at a RC&D Council or Executive Committee meeting. Once a project is adopted it becomes an integral part of the Desert Mountain RC&D's area plan and is therefore eligible for technical or financial assistance from USDA or other sources as stipulated in Subtitle H, Section 1532(a) of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill.

**Recommended by:**

\_\_\_\_\_ By \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sponsoring Organization) (Signature)

**Accepted by RC&D Council:** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(RC&D Chairperson's Signature)

**Committee Referred to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Desert Mountain RC&D is requested to provide:**

- Technical Assistance  yes  no
- Project or Program Management  yes  no
- Financial Assistance  yes  no
- Grant Funding Research  yes  no
- Grant Funding Application  yes  no
- Grant Funding Administration  yes  no

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**Project Budget:**

Total project cost \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
 Amount of Local Match \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
 Amount needed to complete project: \_\_\_\_\_ .00  
 Period of involvement; from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ date

**Community Benefits:** What are the anticipated benefits to the community (Jobs created, business or industry development, tourism)?

Total number of jobs created in five years: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Time, \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ Temporary  
 Total number of businesses created in five years: \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_ Tourism  
 Estimated \$ value of combined jobs and developed businesses per year after five years will be \_\_\_\_\_ .00

**This Project:**

- A. Improves water quality or quantity issues?  yes  no
- B. Protects agricultural lands?  yes  no
- C. Promotes sustained yield/multiple use of timber lands?  yes  no
- D. Improves noxious weeds issues?  yes  no
- E. Promotes multiple uses of public lands?  yes  no
- F. Promotes good mining practices?  yes  no
- G. Supports recreational development/acceptance?  yes  no
- H. Improves existing transportation systems?  yes  no
- I. Develops community service capacity?  yes  no
- J. Improves sewer and water capacity?  yes  no
- K. Improves utilization of natural resources?  yes  no
- L. Promotes accessible education programs?  yes  no
- M. Improves or establishes accessible community libraries?  yes  no
- N. Promotes cultural or historic sites development?  yes  no
- O. Informs the public of Desert Mountain RC&D
- P. Activities?  yes  no

**If an application for grant funds is part of this project:**

1. What is the total amount of the grant needed to complete this phase of the project? \_\_\_\_\_ .00
2. Will a match be required?  no  yes { \_\_\_\_\_ % } will be required  don't know
3. What source of match is available? \_\_\_\_\_ will provide primary match in way of  cash  in kind match
4. Who will administer the grant?  Desert Mountain,  project sponsor,  other
5. What degree of involvement is anticipated by grant administrator?  8-10% (typical)  11- 25%  26+%

6. Comments: \_\_\_\_\_