



# Fact sheet

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## **Grant County** **Conservation Reserve Enhancement** **Program(CREP)** **2021 Update**

**Purpose of the Program:** To enhance riparian habitat and protect surface water quality on agricultural lands. **Participants receive rental payments and cost shares to dedicate portions of cropland or marginal pastureland to conservation practices for a 10 to 15 year contract.**

### **Eligible Land Criteria:**

- Offered acreage must be parallel or adjacent to streams or other waterways in an approved Agricultural Water Quality Management Plan area, or on tribal trust or reservation lands. This includes most agricultural land in Baker County.
- Marginal pastureland and Cropland may be planted to buffer or filter strips to address water quality problems. Wetland Restoration and Wetland Buffer practices are also available. Vegetation planted for buffers and filter strips must be appropriate for soils and historic vegetation.

### **Five Available Conservation Practices:**

1. Filter Strip (grass & shrubs) – CP21 Addresses water quality problems along Cropland
2. Riparian Buffer (trees, grass & shrubs) – CP22 Restores forested buffer function
3. Wetland Restoration – CP23 Restores manipulated wetlands
4. Marginal Pastureland Wildlife Habitat Buffer (Shrubs, forbs, grasses) - CP29 Buffers where trees are not suitable
5. Marginal Pastureland Wetland Buffer — CP30 Protects existing wetlands

### **Restrictions:**

- Land enrolled in CREP cannot be grazed, hayed, or harvested for the life of the contract.
- No in-stream work except livestock crossings and watering facilities
- Once the CREP is established no management activities may be conducted in the riparian area during the primary nesting season (March 1 through July 15). A waiver may be attained through the County Committee (COC).

## Annual Payments (per acre, per year):

Total payment =	Rental Rate	+	Incentive	+	Maintenance Rate
	(base)		(% of base)		*Rate varies on practices \$0-\$5/acre
• Marginal Pastureland					
• Seasonal Stream	\$53		50%		
• Permanent Stream	\$64		50%		
• Dryland/Cropland	\$14 -\$120/acre		50%		
• Irrigated	\$95/acre		50%		

### Example:

- Permanent stream with fencing and watering facility installed
  - Rental Rate \$64/acre + 50% Incentive (\$32/acre) + \$5 Maintenance/acre = \$101/acre

## PLUS: One-Time Incentive Payments:

### 1. Signup Incentive Payment (SIP)

- \$10 for each acre enrolled in the program, for 10 years.  
**Example: (\$100 X 40 acre = \$4,000) this is a one time payment.**
- for CP21, CP22, CP29, CP30 practices only (not CP23, Wetland Restoration)

### 2. Practice Incentive Payment (PIP)

- 40% of eligible costs – When all practices are completed the PIP will be paid based on the final eligible installed cost. If your cost to install a practice is zero, PIP is zero.  
**Example: (\$15,000 paid for installation X 40% = \$6,000). This is a one time payment.**

### 3. For having 50% of 5 miles of streambank enrolled (SIB) (one or more participants)

- A one-time payment of 4 times the annual base rental rate per acre for each participant.
- Cumulative Impact Bonuses are paid whenever a segment qualifies. If one owner enrolls one year, and his neighbor enrolls another year, and the total of enrolled stream length equals 50% of the stream bank in the five miles, both owners will receive the bonus for their acreage when owner 2 is approved.

**Example: (\$64 x 4 x 30 ac = \$7,680)**

**Cost Share Rate:** Cost share rates are 75% of eligible costs. 50% of the cost share comes from the Federal Government and 25% comes from the State. Mid-management activities are no longer eligible for cost share payments.

**Additional Information may be obtained from Harney-Grant Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office, 530 Highway 20 S., Hines, OR 97738. Phone (541)573-6446, ext. 2 or visit the FSA website: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/state-offices/Oregon/index>.**

**Information is subject to change as procedure and guidelines are updated.**