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# What you need to be prepared to apply for funding...

- Cost estimates (more detailed the better)
- What are the benefits of your project?
- Any data
- What are the benefits of your project to others?
- What can you contribute to the project?

# On-Farm Funding

- Not many options outside of NRCS, especially when it comes to projects like sprinklers, gated pipe, drip
- Other opportunities focused on benefits to habitat or water quality









# Colorado Parks & Wildlife



# Off-Farm Funding

- Ditches, reservoirs, diversion structures, recharge
- Being prepared = getting funds
  - Have projects prioritized
  - Estimates
  - Benefits
  - Matching funds



- Cover 50 – 75% of a project
- Designs, studies, research, construction, pilot projects



- Multiple deadlines throughout the year



- Often stack multiple grants from different sources to cover most of a project
- CWCB Loan Program



# Terror Ditch Pipeline Project

\$995,426 – total project cost

\$100,000 – Ditch Company

\$80,000 – Colorado River District

\$265,120 – CWCB

**\$550,306 – NRCS EQIP**

**NRCS Water Management Entity  
Program**





# **Colorado Canal Company Strategic Plan - \$127,975**

- Review of ditch system operations**
- Survey of farm shareholders about company operations and future**
- Economic analysis of current farm operations in company service area**
- Analysis of capital projects and operational concepts**
- Develop plan to guide company's efforts and future investments**



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