



# CAWACO RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

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*The Cawaco RC&D Council is actively involved in the management of multi-county, cross-jurisdictional projects that address natural, financial, and/or human resource opportunities within Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby, and Walker Counties. Many of these projects involve partnerships between local businesses, governmental agencies and citizen volunteers.*

## **BASIC INFO**

- We serve Blount, Chilton, Jefferson, Shelby and Walker Counties of Alabama
- We award approximately \$200,000 in grants each year
- The grant cycle is open year-round, with awards announced in September
- Final reports are due August 1 of each year
- 2019 grants will be announced in September 2018 and will close out in August of 2019
- Most awards are \$5,000 or less
- New applicants should submit a letter of inquiry or obtain written recommendation from a Cawaco Board Member
- ALL GRANTS ARE REIMBURSABLE
- Grantees who do not use their grant award and fail to cancel their grant are ineligible to reapply for a minimum of 2 years

## **How Are Grants Chosen?**

**Each year, we receive far more applications than we can possibly fund.**

- A Board Member from each county serves on the Grant Committee
- The Grant Committee members review and score each grant
- The Grant Committee considers the following:
  - Projects where a small amount will make a big impact
  - Community need, public support, and area/number of people affected
  - Partnerships, volunteers and donations
  - Grants must meet Cawaco Goals and Objectives
  - If the grant committee member knows you or your organization, it helps.
- Grants scores are compiled and averaged, failing grants get no further review
- After all grants are reviewed and scored, the grant committee meets to make the final decision

*\*\*If you would like to contact the grant committee member in your area to discuss your project with them, we encourage you to do so. Call Patti for more information.205-623-0457*

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### **What types of projects have we funded?**

#### **Environmental Projects:**

- ❖ Pervious pavement
- ❖ Drought tolerant landscaping
- ❖ Water catchment systems
- ❖ Environmental education

#### **First Responder Support:**

- ❖ Equipment upgrades
- ❖ Training
- ❖ Radios, turn out gear, specialized rescue equipment

#### **Education:**

- ❖ Scholarships for low-income students to attend events
- ❖ Equipment
- ❖ Books and other tools that help educate a large population
- ❖ Workforce Development

#### **Parks and Rec:**

- ❖ Walking tracks
- ❖ Facility Improvements
- ❖ Nature trails
- ❖ Native tree planting
- ❖ Invasive control

#### **Preservation of History and Natural Resources:**

- ❖ Restoration of historic buildings & artifacts
- ❖ Preservation and improvements of open spaces

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