

Technical Assistance Allocation Methodology Used for FY2027-2029



Technical Assistance Allocation: FY2027-29

- Allocation parameters prescribed in rule:
 - [02NCAC 59D .0108 Technical Assistance Funds](#)
- **No changes are being recommended from the methodology used during the last calculation period.**
- Allocations effective July 1, 2026
- Discussed at September and January Commission meetings



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(b) The Commission shall allocate technical assistance funds as described in its *Detailed Implementation Plan* (DIP). This allocation shall be made based on the implementation of conservation practices for which district employees provided technical assistance incorporating the following:

(1) Commission Cost Share Programs funded practices will be weighted at 100 percent – *CS² data*.



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(2) other local, State, federal, and grant funded practices that meet the purpose requirements as set forth in Rule .0101 of this Section will be weighted at a minimum of 25 percent as specified in the DIP

(3) districts shall submit information on funded practices as specified in Subparagraph (2) of this Paragraph through their annual strategic plan



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(4) this allocation will be calculated using the highest three of the most recent seven years

(5) this allocation will be calculated once every three years, unless there is a change in technical assistance State appropriations



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(c) Technical assistance funds may be used for salary, benefits, social security, field equipment and supplies, office rent, office equipment and supplies, postage, telephone service, travel, mileage, and any other expense of the district in implementing Soil and Water Conservation Commission Cost Share Programs.

(d) Each district requesting technical assistance funding with the required 50 percent local match shall receive a minimum allocation of \$20,000 each year.



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1. All data in CS2 was incorporated into the calculation **except for Disaster Response Funding Codes** as districts received separate technical assistance payments for their work on these practices.
2. **Weight all local, state, federal and grant funded practices that meet the purposes of ACSP, CCAP and AgWRAP at 25%.** This includes only the BMP construction/installation cost and excludes the design, construction oversight and practice certification cost to be consistent with item 1.

Data is obtained from the following sources:

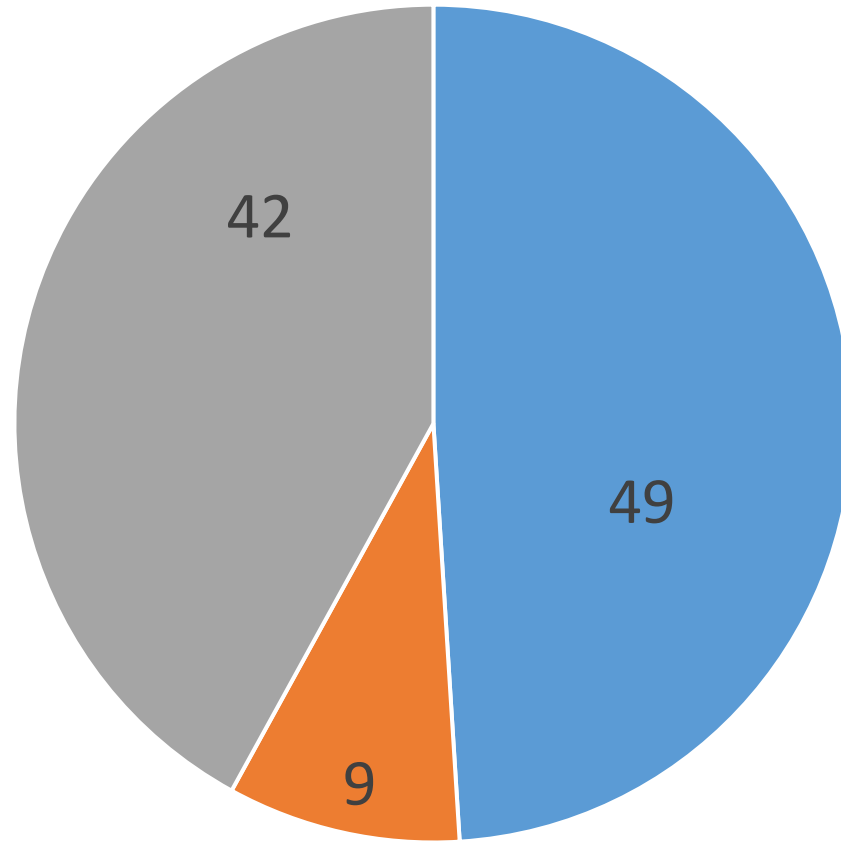
- NRCS state office for federal programs
 - NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation
 - Districts uploading grant and funder agreements
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3. Adopt a maximum allocation of \$30,000 per district (included in the Detailed Implementation Plan). The minimum allocation per county is set in the rule at \$20,000 per district, unless the district requests a lesser amount in their annual strategic plan.



Proposed Draft Technical Assistance Allocation Results for Districts



■ Increased Funding ■ Consistent Funding ■ Decreased Funding

Job Approval Authority Reminder

(f) All technical district employees shall obtain Job Approval Authority for two best management practices from the Commission or the United States Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service within three years of being hired or Jan. 1. 2023, whichever is later.

Encourage all district staff to work towards this goal. Division staff will continue to support districts in reaching this goal.



Draft Allocation for FY2027

- Prepared using existing approved rules.
 - Amounts finalized using Strategic Plan Requests.
 - This information was presented at the September and January Commission meetings.
 - Many different ideas have been shared to consider revisions to [02NCAC 59D .0108 Technical Assistance Funds](#)
 - The Cost Share Committee will work on rule revisions.
 - There will be opportunities for input at the start and throughout this rule revision process.
 - Stayed tuned and please stay involved!
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Technical Assistance Allocation for FY2027

Request Commission Action for the FY2027 Technical Assistance allocation.

