

# Technical Assistance Allocation Methodology Review FY2027-2029



# Technical Assistance Allocation: FY2027-29

- Allocation parameters prescribed in rule:
  - [02NCAC 59D .0108 Technical Assistance Funds](#)
- Today's discussion is to introduce the rule parameters and calculation methodology
- Commission action will be needed for the allocation; to be presented at November meeting

# 02NCAC 59D .0108 Technical Assistance Funds

(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 – *CS<sup>2</sup> 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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(e) If a district is not spending more financial assistance funds on Commission Cost Share Programs than they receive for technical assistance, the district shall appeal to the Commission to receive technical assistance funding.

*This is done in conjunction 3 year when Technical Assistance allocations are recalculated.*



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1. All data in CS2 will be 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. 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.



# 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 staff to work towards this goal. Division staff will be following up with districts.*

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- (1) One of the best management practices for which the employee has obtained Job Approval Authority shall be a design practice. "Design practice" means an engineering practice as defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service or Soil and Water Conservation Commission in their Program Detailed Implementation Plan(s).
  - (2) The District Board of Supervisors may request a one-year extension for their employees in meeting the Job Approval Authority requirement for extenuating circumstances outside of the employee's control.
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