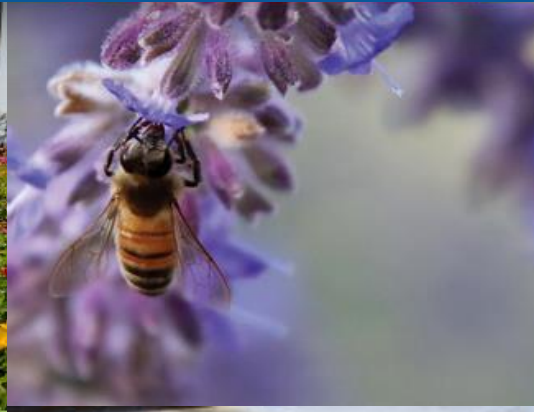




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What does NACD do?



Advocate for conservation districts with a unified voice



Communicate the value of conservation districts



Educate and develop conservation leaders



Provide **grants and services** to conservation districts



Our Brand of Conservation



- Locally led
- Voluntary
- Incentive-based
- Nonpartisan
- Conservation for all lands and all people



Your NACD Leadership



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Advocacy

and what it means for you



- NACD speaks on behalf of conservation districts with *one voice*
- NACD's Legislative Committee and Government Affairs Team develops and supports policy requests
- NACD's Spring Fly-In provides an opportunity for members to meet with their legislators on Capitol Hill



What's up in Washington?

Farm Bill

- One-year extension expired on September 30.
- Critical USDA programs, including conservation programs, will continue, but a full bill or additional extension will need to be passed before the end of the calendar year to prevent arcane commodity laws from going into effect.
- The congressional agriculture committees are still attempting to pass a full bill in the lame duck session. While possible, it will require immediate action and resolution of several policy disagreements related to overall funding, the nutrition title, and the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).
- NACD is working with agriculture committee leaders to consider integrating IRA funding into a separate legislative vehicle if a farm bill is not passed this year.



What's up in Washington? (continued)

FY25 Appropriations

- Congress has until December 20 to pass a full FY25 spending bill or another Continuing Resolution.
- NACD's top appropriations priority is to **increase funding for NRCS Conservation Operations**, which supports conservation technical assistance.

2024 Election Update

- Effective **bipartisan collaboration** has been one of NACD's greatest strengths since its establishment in the 1940s.
- In the coming months, NACD will be focused on connecting and working with new administration officials and Congressional members.



Policy Development

Upcoming Deadlines:

- **November 15, 2024** – deadline to submit policy sunset challenges
NACD Board Members can challenge the sunset of one or more policies.
- **December 13, 2024** – deadline to submit NACD Bylaw amendments
The NACD Board of Directors, region boards, the executive board, and state/territory associations of conservation districts may submit proposed bylaw amendments.
- **December 21, 2024** – deadline to submit new resolutions
State or territory associations, region boards, committees, subcommittees, and the executive board may submit new resolutions for the full board to consider.



Communications & Publications

stay informed



Sign up



Stories for and by you

- Weekly eResource
- Quarterly *The Resource*
- Monthly Forestry Notes
- Weekly news, Conservation Clips



Youth Education & Outreach



- 2024 Stewardship theme: “May the Forest Be With You Always”
- 2025 Stewardship theme: Home Is Where the Habitat Is”
- Photo and poster contests
- NACD Education Hub is a one-stop-shop for K-8 materials

Scan for the Education Hub



Leadership Development

NACD invests in developing conservation leaders

- NACD Board of Directors provides opportunities to work on a national scale
- In-person educational and training opportunities at Annual and Summer Meetings

National Conservation Foundation (NCF)

Next Generation Leadership Institute



Agriculture Future of America (AFA) + NACD Sustainability Institute



Outreach & Technical Assistance Grants



Bring in new people

Involve new and historically underserved producers in conservation

Build Resilience

Improve economic and environmental resilience in rural and urban communities



Address Issues

Food security, heat equity, clean water, and more

Learn more here



Urban and Community Conservation Grants



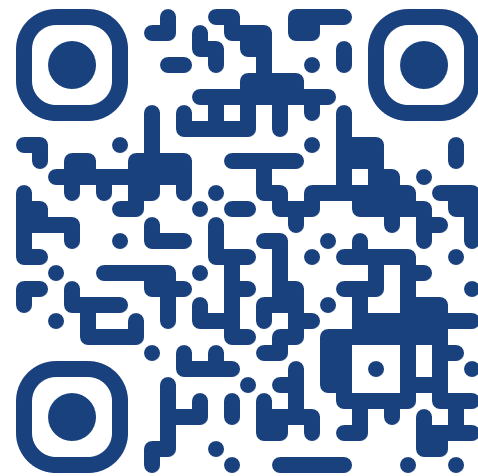
Goal

Provide urban technical assistance and small-scale conservation in both urban and rural areas



Eligibility

Conservation districts, state associations and agencies, tribal organizations, RC&Ds



[Learn more here](#)



Friends of NACD District Grants Program



Mission

Conduct new activities or test novel approaches to district operations



Eligibility

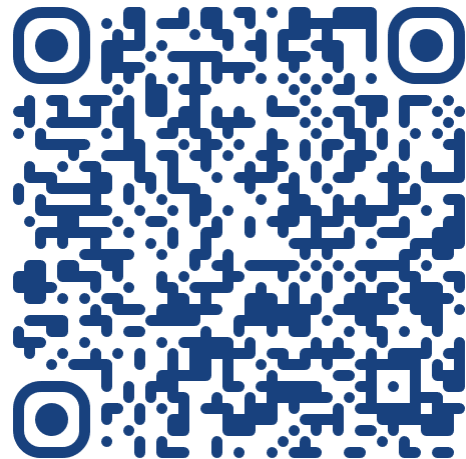
Member conservation districts



Funding

Up to \$2,500

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Now seeking proposals through **November 30, 2024!**



Climate-Smart Commodities Grant Program



Eligibility

Public and private entities, must involve conservation districts



Funding

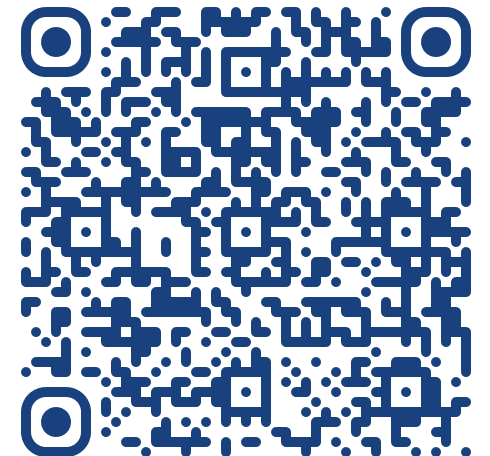
\$80 million for outreach, technical, financial, and marketing assistance



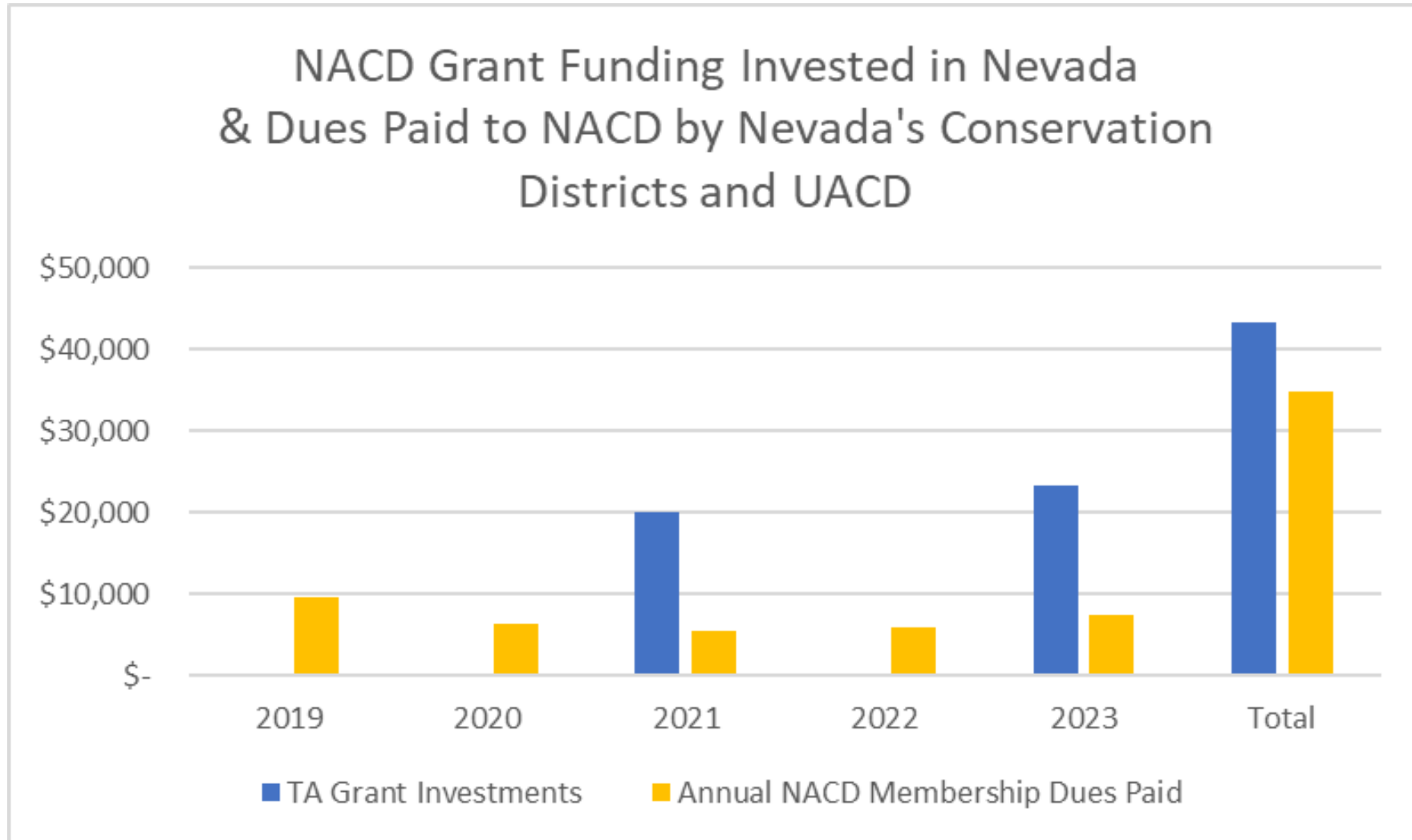
Goal

Foster private-public partnerships, implement climate-smart practices, support participation in markets

Learn more



Investing in each other



2025 NACD Annual Meeting



February 8-12, 2025

Hyatt Regency

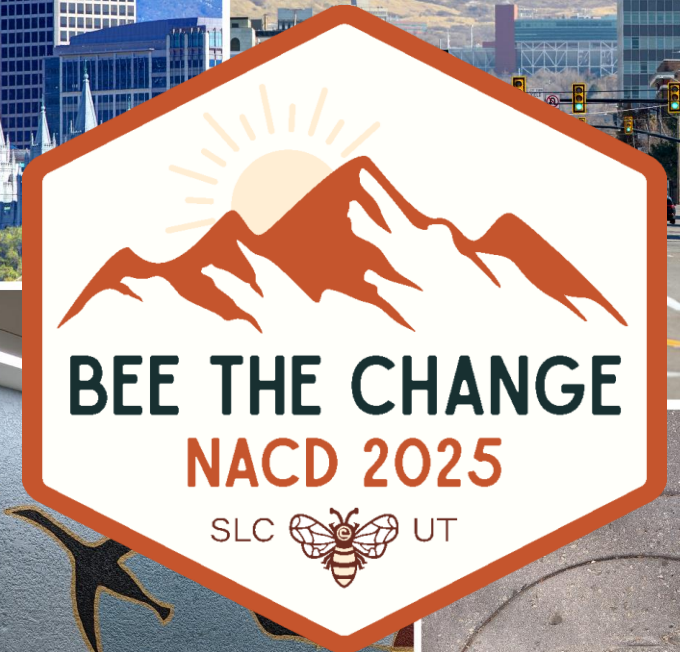
Salt Lake City, UT



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Share your stories



Grow your membership





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