

CLEAN WATER INDIANA

BUDGET OVERVIEW



The Clean Water Indiana (CWI) Program was established by the legislature to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation (ISDA-DSC) administers the Clean Water Indiana fund under direction from the State Soil Conservation Board. The CWI budget is derived from a portion of cigarette tax funds. (IC 6-7-1-29.3) The cigarette tax fund is 4.22 percent of total cigarette tax revenue, and the CWI fund receives one sixth of this amount. In recent years, the CWI budget has also included a general fund appropriation from the legislature.

CWI funds are utilized in three key ways.

Direct Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Distribution:

- Competitive CWI grants provide funds for locally prioritized projects to address local water quality concerns.
- For each dollar an SWCD receives from local government or other outside funding sources, the SSCB will provide a match up to \$10,000. (IC 14-32-8-8)
- In FY23 the SSCB voted to direct \$184,000 to district capacity payments (\$2000 per district)

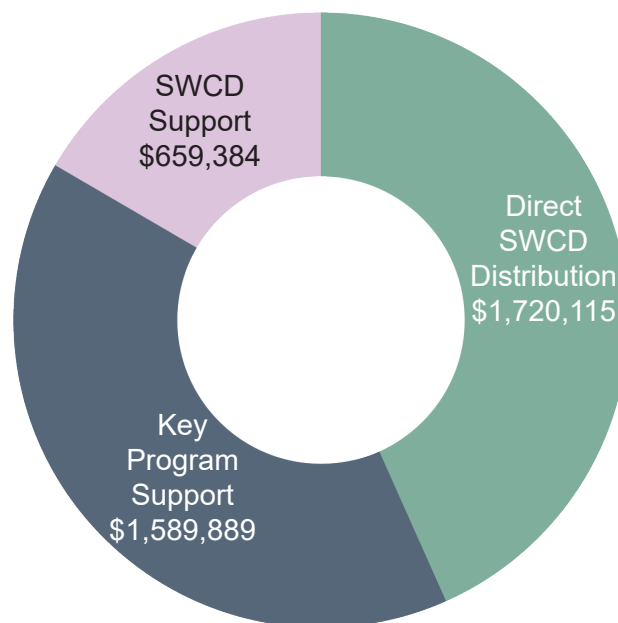
SWCD Support:

- Each SWCD has an assigned District Support Specialist who aids in district capacity building, including providing training, developing business plans, and assisting with grant writing.
- CWI bonds all SWCD supervisors.
- ISDA will hire a grant & training coordinator to support SWCD employee development and to secure additional outside funding.

Key Program Support:

- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) funds provide incentive payments to plant native grasses, trees, or other vegetation on converted cropland. ISDA employs CREP leaders to provide technical support for this program. Ten SWCDs administer CREP locally.
- The SSCB awarded funds to the Indiana District Employees Association and State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management (SICIM).

FY 2023 CWI Budget Overview



- Includes \$970,000 general fund appropriation
- Total: \$3,969,388
- The Clean Water Indiana dedicated fund received a 15% cut in FY23.
- This fund is non-reverting.
- The Division of Soil Conservation has a separate budget.
- All funds are subject to a 2% reserve.
- *SSCB Voted to direct \$184,000 to district capacity payments (\$2,000 per district)
- *SSCB Voted to hold back \$150,000 from CWI competitive grants for ISDA staffing capacity (2 years)
- In 2022 the Governor's NextLevel State Work initiative resulted pay adjustments for state employees

Clean Water Indiana supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs (IC 14-32-8).

