



Conservation Cropping
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2023 Mini-Grant Program

The Indiana Nature Conservancy is providing generous financial support to launch a “mini-grant” program in partnership with CCSI. A total of \$40,000 will be made available to SWCDs and other Indiana Conservation Partners for Soil Health education/outreach projects, especially those that target Certified Crop Advisor and farmers who have not adopted soil health systems or are beginning soil health practitioners.

- Eligible proposals will be funded on a first-come, first-served basis. (i.e. non-competitive)
- Proposals will be accepted until all funds are obligated.
- Projects must target improved soil health on Wabash Watershed *cropland*. Priority will be given to projects West of I69 to the Wabash River and South of I70 (See map).
- Funding may be used for demonstration projects that incorporate *field-adjacent* practices of a soil health systems such as pollinator habitat, prairie strips and buffers, etc. However, they may not be stand-alone demonstrations.
- Funding will not be allocated to urban ag projects.
- Funding may not be used for cost-share, the purchase of food, or farm equipment.

A webinar was held on February 1st to further explain the process. A recording may be found at <https://ccsin.info/2023TNC-CCSIWebinar>

A sample Request for Support form and project examples may be found at <https://ccsin.info/TNC-CCSI-Mini-Grant-Form>.




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2023 Mini-Grant Program Project Area

-  Priority Area
-  Additional Project Area

