

An aerial photograph of a river winding through a desert landscape. The river is characterized by a large, wide sandbar in the center, which is mostly dry and light-colored. The water flows in narrow channels on either side of the sandbar. The surrounding terrain is arid, with sparse green and brown vegetation. In the background, there are rugged, layered rock formations under a clear blue sky.

# Cost Share Programs

## For West Texas

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# What ARE Cost Shares?



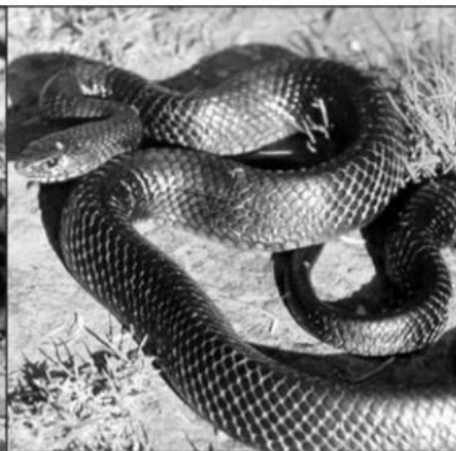
- Exactly what they sound like! Payments made to landowners to assist with implementation of BMPs on their property
- Implemented by state and federal agencies
- Rates typically range from 40-70%, can be as high as 90%

# Texas Landowner Incentive Program (LIP)

- **WHO:** Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- **WHAT:** Habitat enhancements for rare or at-risk species and protections for riparian areas/watersheds
- **WHEN:** Contracts last 1-3 years. Pre-proposal submission deadline: **February 1, 2022**
  - Exceptional projects will be funded on a rolling basis, so don't wait for a submission deadline to submit.
- **HOW** (requirements): no minimum acreage, but depends on plan details. First step is contact your TPWD biologist



Ocelot



Texas Indigo Snake



Lesser Prairie Chicken

## LIP – For More Information:



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# Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (PFW)

- **WHO:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- **WHAT:** Partnership program for private landowners to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat
- **WHEN:** Contracts have minimum 10 year term. Deadline is **September 30, 2021**
- **HOW:** Reimbursement program: landowner must complete the conservation work prior to release of the cost-share funding. Available to all landowners



# PFW – For More Information:

1. The landowner contacts the appropriate U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) field office.
2. A PFW biologist will visit with the landowner to determine if a project is feasible.
3. If feasible, a project plan is developed, often with other conservation partner input.
4. A Cooperative Agreement, which contains both the landowner's and FWS's objectives, is provided to the landowner for review and signature.
5. Projects are reviewed, ranked, and selected based on merit and available funding.
6. If selected, the project will be submitted to the FWS Regional Office for processing and final approval.
7. Once approved, the landowner receives an Award Letter from the FWS. At that time the project may begin.



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# Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- **WHO:** Natural Resources Conservation Service
- **WHAT:** Provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers in order to address natural resource concerns
- **WHEN:** Applications for EQIP are accepted on a continuous basis; **deadline for 2021 has passed**
- **HOW:** EQIP is available to producers or owners of eligible land with a natural resource concern



## EQIP – For More Information:

Eligible land includes cropland, rangeland, pastureland, non-industrial private forestland and associated lands.



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