

SUBCHAPTER A: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
§§519.1 – 519.12

§519.1 Policy Statement

It is the policy of the State Soil and Water Conservation Board to develop and implement a program to provide technical assistance for the development and implementation of soil and water conservation plans and soil and water conservation measures. In accordance with this purpose, §§519.1-519.12 of this title (relating to Technical Assistance Program) are adopted.

Effective May 8, 2000

§519.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) District--A soil and water conservation district created under the Agriculture Code of Texas, Chapter 201.

(2) State board--The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board created under the Agriculture Code of Texas, Chapter 201.

Effective October 23, 1986

§519.3 Use of Funds

Funds appropriated from the general revenue fund and other sources for technical assistance may be used by the state board to reimburse districts for salaries or wages paid to technical personnel of a district for performing or being trained to perform those duties included in §519.7(a) of this title (relating to Eligible Expenditures), and for other purposes specifically approved by the state board as provided for in §519.7(b) of this title (relating to Eligible Expenditures).

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§519.4 Allocation of Funds

The state board may allocate funds appropriated from the general revenue fund and other sources for technical assistance to districts, and may adjust such allocations throughout the year as district needs and available funds change in order to achieve the most efficient use of state funds. The state board may also allocate such funds for other purposes as provided for in

§519.7(b) of this title (relating to Eligible Expenditures), and may adjust such allocations to meet changing conditions.

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§519.5 Requests for Allocations

Districts must submit requests for allocations of technical assistance funds under this subchapter to the state board on forms provided by the state board, and shall include all information required by such forms.

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§519.6 Approval of Allocations

The state board may consider and approve, reject or adjust district requests for allocations giving consideration to relative need for funding, district workload and fund balances, as well as other information deemed necessary by the state board. Only districts for which the state board has established an allocation are eligible to claim funds under this subchapter.

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§519.7 Eligible Expenditures

(a) Expenditures eligible for reimbursement include the wages or salary paid to a district soil conservation technician. A soil conservation technician generally works with owners and operators of agricultural or other lands on activities associated with planning, administration, installation and maintenance of conservation practices.

(b) Other expenditures specifically approved as eligible expenditures by the state board include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Wages and salaries paid to technicians at plant materials centers.
- (2) Employer's matching on Social Security and Medicare wages.
- (3) Other activities contributing to the carrying out of district responsibilities.

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§519.8 Eligible Pay Rates

The State Board hereby establishes maximum pay rates of \$10.00 per hour or \$20,773 per year and maximum hours per week of 40 hours. With the prior approval of the State Board a

district may exceed the maximum pay rate or maximum hours per week. Expenditures for wages or salaries that are above the maximum pay rate or expenditures for hours over the maximum hours per week will not otherwise be eligible for reimbursement.

Effective April 10, 2001

§519.9 Payment of State Funds

(a) On the first working day of each fiscal year or as soon as possible thereafter, the State Board shall provide notice to each district of the amount allocated to that district for the fiscal year.

(b) payments shall be made on a reimbursement basis.

(1) each district receiving funds under provisions of this chapter shall file with the State Board a monthly report of expenditures no later than the 30th of the month following the end of each reporting period on forms provided by the State Board.

(2) upon verification that the reports are in order, the State Board shall cause payment for reimbursement of expenses to be made to the district.

(3) upon receipt of the last monthly report, the State Board shall perform a reconciliation of funds and pay the claim accordingly.

(4) the district has complied with the reporting requirements of §519.10 and §519.11 of this chapter.

Effective April 1, 2007

§519.10 Reports Required

The district shall file an Annual Grant Summary Report on or before September 30 of each year on forms provided by the State Board.

Effective March 17, 2004

§519.11 Audits

The State Board shall have access to all district records for the purpose of verifying compliance with the provisions of this subchapter and other state requirements. The State Board may withhold funds under this subchapter from districts found to be in violation of this subchapter or other state requirements and may require districts to reimburse the State Board for expenditures claimed and reimbursed that are found to be in violation of this subchapter or other state requirements. Any district which has not met the filing requirements of §525.7 of this title,

will not receive reimbursements under this subchapter until such reports are received in the State Office in Temple.

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§519.12 Nepotism

The State Board may withhold funds under this subchapter from districts or other entities found by the State Board to be in violation of state nepotism statutes.

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