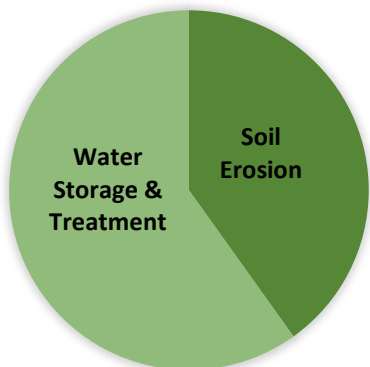


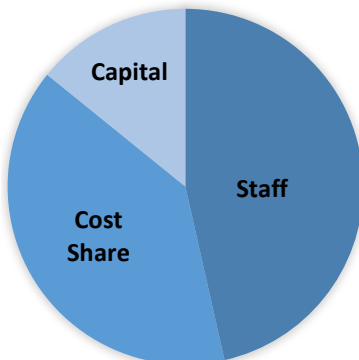


STATE FUNDING AT WORK FOR SOIL AND WATER

Resource Concerns



Operational Needs



IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES	RESOURCE AREA			
	Soil Erosion	Riparian Zone Mgmt	Water Storage & Treatment	Excess Nutrients
Administration/Coordination	✓			
Agricultural Practices	✓		✓	
Education/Information	✓		✓	
Planning & Assessment			✓	
Supplies/Equipment			✓	
Technical/Engineering Assistance	✓		✓	

**Data based on FY 18-19 work plan information*

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STEELE COUNTY

Steele County Soil and Water Conservation District has been utilizing the Local Capacity Funds in a variety of ways.

They have utilized it for staff hours expanding our soil health outreach, training staff in more specific areas, and on projects that help streamline their ability to aid the local producers and landowners. One such project was the complete reorganization and digital documentation of all the private tile maps that are stored in the office. The changes allow staff to efficiently access this information and provide a digital record of the documents for future use.

The District also made a few capital purchases using a portion of these funds. These included a Ranger to allow staff to easily access areas that they are working on, a VRS to provide more efficient survey capabilities, and an updated pick-up.

The largest single area that these funds have been used for is the District’s Cover Crop cost share program. This program is designed to give producers an incentive to start using cover crops. The FY18 & FY19 Local Capacity funds allowed the District to help local producers plant 720 acres of cover crops.

