

TEXAS STATE SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD
1012 First National Building
Temple, Texas
September 6, 1961

To: All Supervisors of Soil Conservation Districts

As a result of efforts put forth by Soil Conservation District Supervisors, watershed groups and the officers and staffs of the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts and the State Soil Conservation Board, an appropriation of \$110,000 was secured for "Operating Expenses of Soil Conservation Districts and for Planning Flood Prevention Projects".

At its meeting on August 22, the State Soil Conservation Board determined that for the coming year the appropriation to districts would be divided equally between planning Watershed Projects under Public Law 566 and for allocation to Soil Conservation Districts for operating expenses.

Each Soil Conservation District's pro rata share of the \$55,000 for operating expenses would be approximately \$309.00. According to the August 31, 1960 audit, forty-three districts had in balances \$15,000 or more, ninety-two districts had between \$5,000 and \$15,000 and forty-seven districts had between 0 and \$5,000.

Attached to your Chairman's copy of this letter are four copies of an application form. If your district wishes to apply for its pro rata share, please complete all four copies of the form and return to this office. Also complete the blanks on the second page of this letter showing what the cash balance of your district was as of August 31, 1961. If your district, during the next twelve months, does not particularly need the \$309.00 then your share will be allocated to districts in more dire circumstances.

If we have not heard from you by October 18, 1961, we will assume that you do not wish to apply and your share will be allocated to other needy districts.

We all recognize that \$110,000 is an inadequate amount for the districts' need for watershed planning and operating expenses but we hope this is only a beginning and that future appropriations more in line with needs can be secured. At least a precedent for annual appropriations has been set.

There are many ways of allocating money to the districts but considering the small amount of money received it is the judgment of the State Soil Conservation Board that making the allocation optional with the districts and then using money turned back to help more needy districts is the best approach.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A. C. Spencer
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Executive Director

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As of August 31, 1961, the _____
Soil Conservation District # _____ had on deposit the following
cash balances.

State Fund	\$ _____
Local Fund	\$ _____
Trust Fund	\$ _____
Total cash on deposit	\$ _____

Signature of Chairman or Secretary