



## **FY 2026-2027 Priorities**

When reviewing grant applications, the applications that will take priority are the applications that fall under the priorities set by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Association of RC&D Councils. The FY 2026-2027 Priorities are as follows:

### **1. General Funds**

- A. Projects related to Natural Resources Conservation
- B. Community Facilities and Services
- C. Tourism and Economic Development

### **2. Education Funds**

- A. K-12 Outdoor Education
- B. Education to Benefit Small Farmers and/or Community Gardens, etc.
- C. K-12 Technology
- D. Workforce/ Community Training

### **3. Other Considerations**

- A. Projects that cover all nine member council regions
- B. Projects that cover more than three council regions
- C. Projects that only cover three council regions
- D. Projects submitted by an RC&D council (or multiple councils)
- E. Projects submitted by partnering organizations

The Board of Directors of the Alabama Association of RC&D Councils, in an effort to provide direction and priority for 2026 and 2027 operations, have established these priorities for Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027. The fiscal year begins on October 1st.



## Requirements and Restrictions

**Requirement:** Must have direct impact on three or more Council regions, or have statewide impact.

**Eligibility:** Must be a registered 501c3 not-for-profit or unit or sub-unit of government

**Grant Amount Request Range:** \$5,000.00 - \$25,000.00

### Restrictions:

- Operational/Administration phases of established programs
- Salaries or expected operational cost
- Endowment campaigns
- Religious organizations for religious purposes
- Individuals directly
- Development or public relations activities (e.g. literature, videos, etc.)
- Purchase of land/property
- Post-event or after-the-fact situations

\*\* The AARCDC Board reserves the right to review approve exceptions to restrictions on a case by case basis.

### Grantee Understanding:

1. The funding is on a reimbursement basis. Grant funding will not be received until the completion of the project and with the completion of proper documentation.
2. A cooperative agreement must be fully executed before the project begins. This will outline the items expected to receive reimbursement. Funds are not reimbursable if funds are spent before October 1st or until the agreement is signed.
3. The logo for the Alabama Association of RC&D Councils will be given. The logo is required to credit the organization for the funding of the project.
4. A form will be required to receive reimbursement.