

Oklahoma City, OK - The Oklahoma Conservation Commission (OCC) is excited to announce another round of funding for the Soil Health Implementation Program (SHIP), an innovative state conservation initiative aimed at improving soil health and operational resilience for participating Oklahoma agricultural producers.

SHIP invites applications from for profit farmers and ranchers keen on enhancing their land through soil health practices. Eligible applicants must be prepared to serve as mentors for local farmers in sharing their experience and advice for those looking to begin or strengthen their efforts toward soil health. SHIP producers must be open to sharing their experiences in regenerative farming and ranching techniques through an additional activity like hosting a field day, participating in a video interview, or speaking at a local conference.

Through SHIP, accepted applicants will collaborate with the OCC Soil Health Team to devise and execute a three-year plan focused on advancing soil health-centric production systems. The program offers not only technical assistance but also partial cost reimbursement for implementing practices as outlined in approved conservation plans.

In its second program year, SHIP seeks to empower participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to make lasting changes for soil health in their agricultural operation, whether they manage a crop, grazing, or urban food production system. There are no operational scale requirements.

The application window is open from January 1 to March 1, 2026. Through a comprehensive review process, the OCC seeks to select producers from conservation districts across the state in this endeavor. With this second release, SHIP continues to take significant strides in building more resilient agriculture in Oklahoma.

For more information or to apply, interested individuals are encouraged to contact: