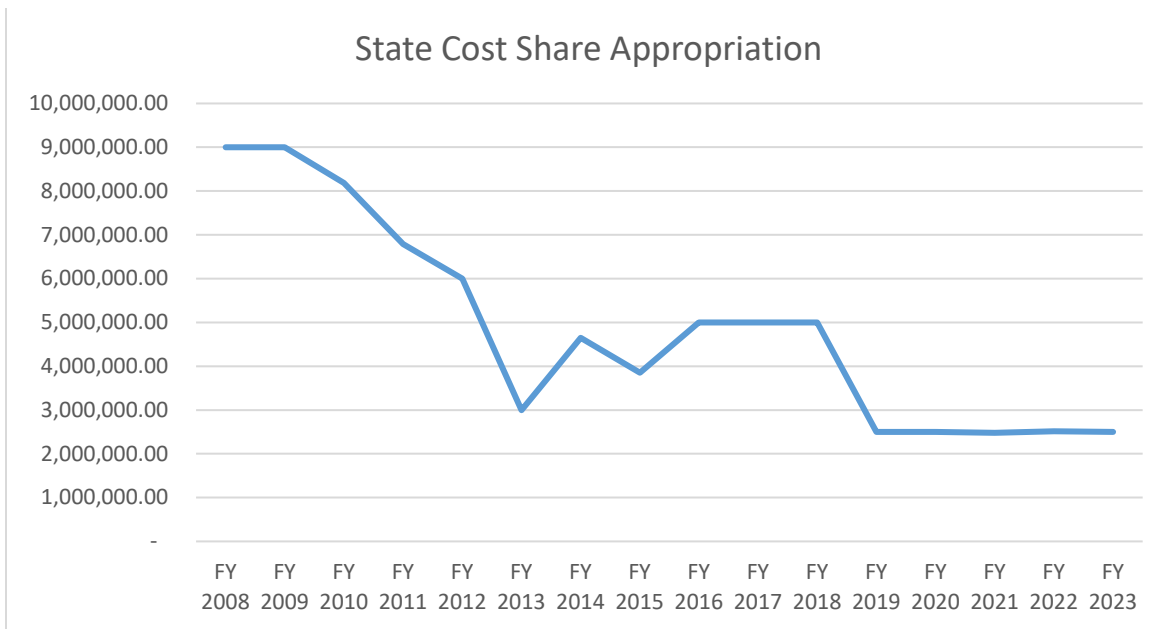


Kentucky State Cost Share Summary 2023

For Tobacco Settlement Oversight Committee

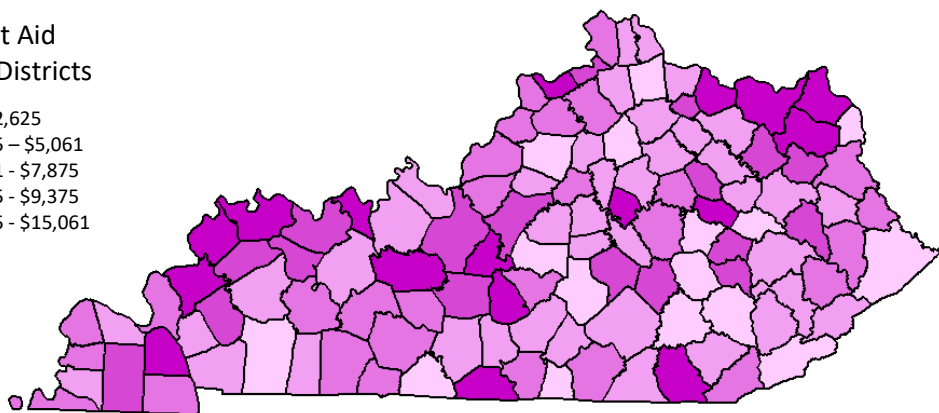
The program was originally established in 1994 and funded from General Funds and Pesticide Product Registration Fees. Starting in 2000, the program was funded through Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Funds. The cost share program provides financial assistance to farmers at a 75% reimbursement rate for those implementing best management practices on their farms with the assistance of local conservation districts.



The FY23 budget appropriated \$3,400,000 of Tobacco Settlement funds to the Division of Conservation including \$2,500,000 for state cost share and \$900,000 for Direct Aid to Conservation Districts.

FY22 Direct Aid
Dollars to Districts

- \$0 - \$2,625
- \$2,625 - \$5,061
- \$5,061 - \$7,875
- \$7,875 - \$9,375
- \$9,375 - \$15,061



The Soil and Water Conservation Commission approves the total amount of funding to be distributed. The list of approved projects each year is larger than the appropriation because 20-35% of the previously approved projects cancel or overestimate the cost of the project and that money returns to the account.

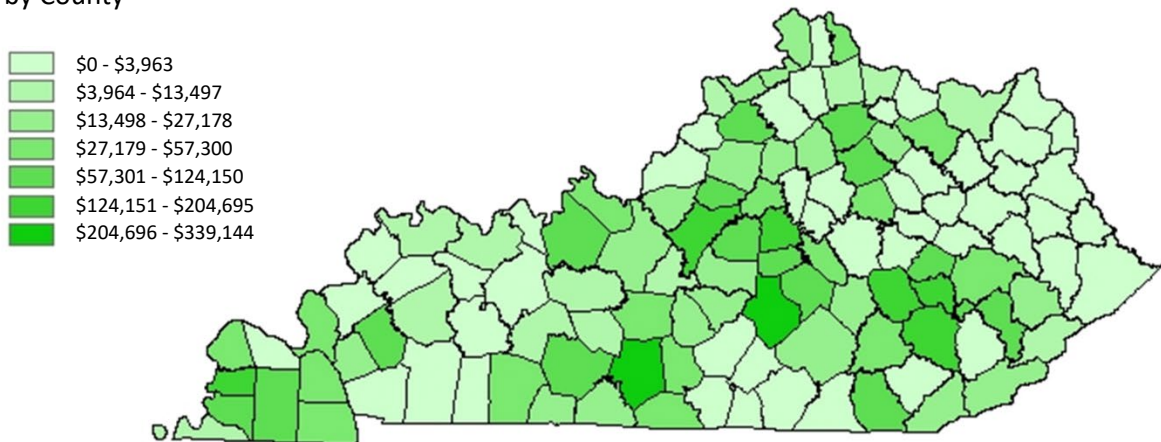
FY22 Funds – Approved January 2022

- Approved 387 individuals and \$4,301,477.16
- At 18 months – 18% canceled, 44% paid, \$1,647,612.61 still to be paid

FY23 Funds – Approved February 2023

- Approved 345 individuals and \$4,203,631.62
- At 6 months – 3% canceled, 5% paid, \$3,861,440.73 still to be paid

**FY23 Dollars Approved
by County**



\$10,856,845.19 currently in account

- \$900,000 obligated Direct Aid to Conservation Districts
 - Approximately \$200,000 will be paid to contracted auditor during FY24
 - Remaining \$700,000 will be distributed to conservation districts September 2023
- \$1,654,987.18 obligated from FY22
- \$3,859,334.88 obligated from FY23
- \$340,000 required contingency fund set aside (\$20,000 has been obligated)

\$4,102,523.13 available funds for January 2024 approvals