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Dear Mr. Joslyn:

On behalf of the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc., I am writing to request Sterling's annual support in the amount of \$500 in your FY 27 budget. Attached are a copy of our 2024-25 Annual Report and current year operating budget.

As highlighted in our Annual Report, ECCD responded to inquiries from municipalities and residents within our 36-town District. These services are not covered by contracted services. In order to continue many of our technical assistance and educational outreach programs, we are required to seek additional sources of funding.

Support from Sterling would serve to enhance the number of people we can provide continuing natural resource conservation services throughout eastern Connecticut. Awareness and action continue to grow, as more and more people strive to practice sound conservation measures for their towns and properties.

We encourage you to read through our Annual Report and visit our website at www.ConserveCT.org/eastern to learn more about our non-profit organization.

If you have any questions or require any additional documentation, please contact me at Dan.Mullins@comcast.net. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Mullins

Daniel Mullins
Executive Director
Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.
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BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR 2026

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

EASTERN CONNECTICUT CONSERVATION DISTRICT, INC.

Income

Contributory Income

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| State Funding | \$ 100,000 |
| Municipal Funding | \$ 10,000 |
| Private Contributions | \$ 1,000 |
| Contributory Income Total: | \$ 111,000 |

Programs and Services Income

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Miscellaneous Programs and Services | \$ 0 |
| SW PCP Review for DEEP | \$ 40,000 |
| Programs and Services Income Total: | \$ 40,000 |

Grants and Projects Income

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|--------------|--|--------------|
| 23-01 | FY 23 - Block Grant - Site Plan Reviews | \$ 40,000 |
| FY 23 | NACD TA funding via CSWC | \$ 15,000 |
| FY23 LIS/BIL | FY23 LIS/BIL Funded Project (Shewville Dam Fishway) | \$ 4,703 |
| 75587 | LISFF Square A Barn/Waste Structure | \$ 610,519 |
| 79554 | LISFF Valley View Barn/Waste Structure | \$ 750,000 |
| 84809 | LISFF Managing Silage Leachate in a Local Dairy Farm | \$ 725,000 |
| 20-06/21-08 | FY 20/21 (319) - Birch Plain Creek Strpmwater Imp BMPs | \$ 104,100 |
| 2025-081 | FY 21 (319) - Washington Park Pervious Pavers | \$ 280,000 |
| 2025-094 | FY 23 - 319 Natchaug Watershed Advisory Bd | \$ 35,000 |
| 2025 - 095 | Wequ. Cove Stormwater BMPs Implementation | \$ 344,000 |
| | Anguilla Brook North. Headwaters Restoration | \$ 15,776 |
| | The Eastern CT Watershed Network | \$ 41,968 |
| 2025 - 120 | White Park Dam Modification | \$ 170,000 |
| | Other Grants/Projects | \$ 2,000 |
| | Grants and Projects Income Total: | \$ 3,138,066 |

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|---------------------------------------|--|---------|--|---------------------|
| <u>Other Income</u> | | | | |
| Bank Interest Earned | \$ | 100 | | |
| Meeting Income | \$ | 400 | | |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 0 | | |
| | Other Income Total: | | | \$ 500 |
| | Total Income: | | | \$ 3,289,566 |
| Expenses | | | | |
| <u>Administrative Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Advertising | \$ | 2,000 | | |
| Dues, Memberships, Contributions | \$ | 1,500 | | |
| Insurance Premiums | \$ | 8,000 | | |
| | Administrative Expenses Total: | | | \$ 11,500 |
| <u>Personnel Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Wages | \$ | 300,543 | | |
| Employer's Payroll Taxes | \$ | 26,000 | | |
| Employer's SIMPLE Contribution | \$ | 5,000 | | |
| Unemployment Tax and Bond | \$ | 6,000 | | |
| Payroll Processing Support Services | \$ | 2,500 | | |
| Mileage, Tolls, Parking, Vehicles | \$ | 20,000 | | |
| Education, Conferences | \$ | 8,000 | | |
| Additional Staffing Cost Contingency | \$ | 25,000 | | |
| | Personnel Expenses Total: | | | \$ 393,043 |
| <u>Programs and Services Expenses</u> | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Programs and Services | \$ | 100 | | |
| SW PCP Review for DEEP | \$ | 500 | | |
| | Programs and Services Expenses Total: | | | \$ 600 |

Grant and Project Expenses

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|--------------|--|---------------------|
| 23-01 | FY 23 - Block Grant - Site Plan Reviews | \$ 0 |
| FY 23 | NACD TA funding via CSWC | \$ 0 |
| FY23 LIS/BIL | FY23 LIS/BIL Funded Project (Shewville Dam Fishway) | \$ 1,500 |
| 75587 | LISFF Square A Barn/Waste Structure | \$ 578,421 |
| 79554 | LISFF Valley View Barn/Waste Structure | \$ 720,000 |
| 84809 | LISFF Managing Silage Leachate in a Local Dairy Farm | \$ 735,000 |
| 20-06/21-08 | FY 20/21 (319) - Birch Plain Creek Strpmwater Imp BMPs | \$ 60,718 |
| 2025-081 | FY 20 (319) - Washington Park Pervious Pavers | \$ 257,000 |
| 2025-094 | FY 23 - 319 Natchaug Watershed Advisory Bd | \$ 5,000 |
| 2025-095 | FY 25 - Wequ. Cove Stormwater BMPs Implementation | \$ 280,240 |
| | Anguilla Brook North. Headwaters Restoration | \$ 6,576 |
| | The Eastern CT Watershed Network | \$ 20,568 |
| 2025 -120 | White Park Dam Modification | \$ 150,000 |
| | Other Grants/Projects | \$ 0 |
| | Grant and Project Expenses Total: | \$ 2,815,023 |

Expenses, continued**Office Expenses**

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|---|------------------|
| Accounting and Auditing | \$ 24,000 |
| Communication Services | \$ 2,000 |
| Office Machines | \$ 4,500 |
| Office Supplies, Printer Ink & Software | \$ 4,500 |
| Postage | \$ 3,000 |
| Printing | \$ 3,000 |
| Office rental (Brooklyn) | \$ 4,000 |
| Other Services | \$ 500 |
| Office Expenses Total: | \$ 45,500 |

Miscellaneous Expenses

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|---|---------------------|
| Contingency | \$ 3,000 |
| Meeting Expenses | \$ 2,000 |
| Legal expenses (ECCD land in Brooklyn) | \$ 12,000 |
| Executive Director Discretionary Spending | \$ 2,000 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 4,900 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses Total: | \$ 23,900 |
| Total Expenses: | \$ 3,289,566 |

