



---

Blaine County  
Fiscal Year 2024  
External Organizations Budget Request

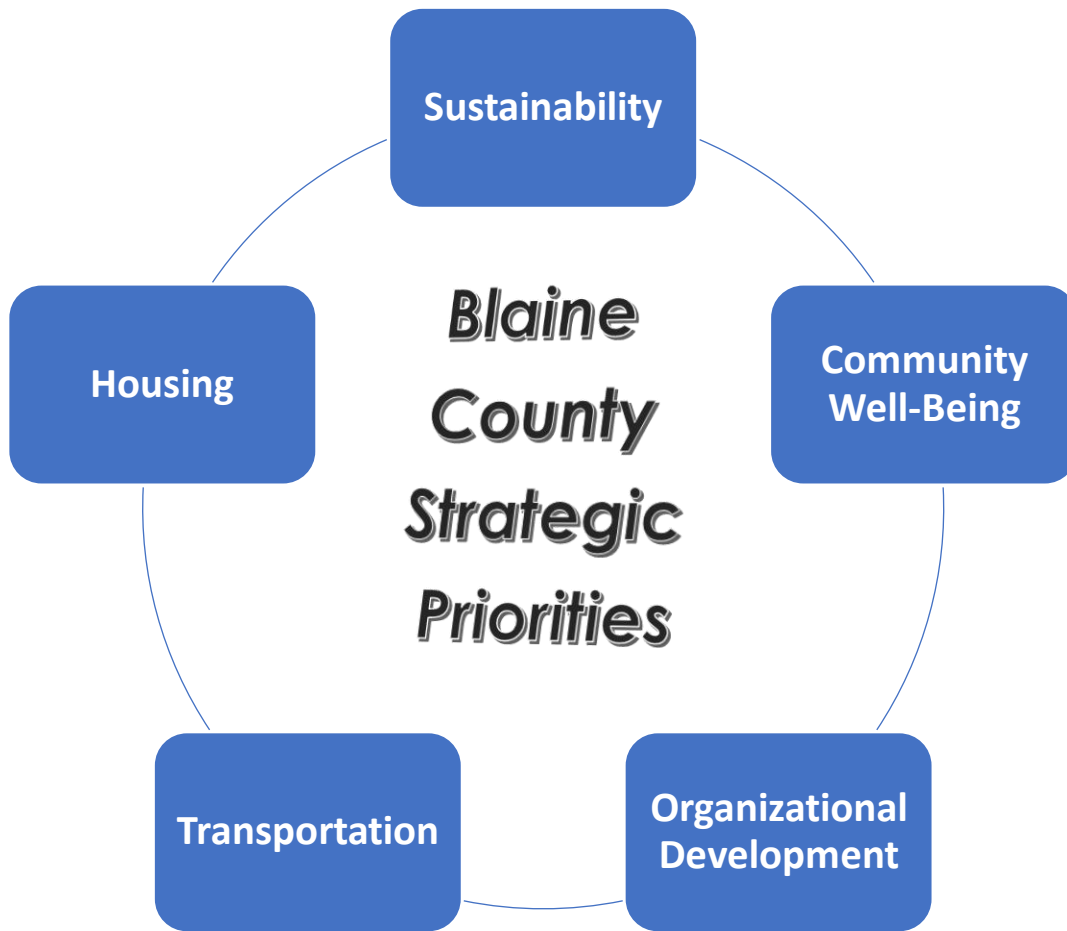
---

Prepared by:  
Blaine County Administrator's Office  
May 1, 2023

---

**FY24 Strategic Priorities**

Each budget request for FY24 should directly correlate to at least one of the FY24 Strategic Priorities. All funding requests and approvals will be weighed against how they align with the Strategic Priorities.



## **General Information**

**Organization: Blaine Soil and Water Conservation District**

**Budget Contact Person: Kelsey Barg (Admin Assistant) Chris Johnson (BSWCD Chairman)**

## **Organization Profile**

### **Organization Mission**

Blaine Soil and Water Conservation District is here to coordinate assistance from all available sources - - public and private, local, state, and federal government - - to develop locally driven solutions to natural resource concerns.

### **Operational Description**

- Implement federal and state farm conservation practices and programs to help local farmers and ranchers with the best management practices
- Conserve and restore wetlands, which purify water and provide habitat for birds, fish, and numerous other animals
- Protect groundwater resources, and water quality
- Plant trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife, and beautify neighborhoods
- Provide technical assistance to developers and homeowners to assist with managing the land in an environmentally sensitive manner
- Reach out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts

### **Organizational Structure**

*Include a current organizational chart that highlights any new FTEs that were added the last FY and highlights in a different color any new FTEs being requested in the upcoming FY.*

## **FY23 Fiscal Year Review**

### **FY23 Performance Metrics**

*(Provide a bulleted list of at least 3 performance metrics - Note – going forward these should be reported on year-over-year as well as a history of this data)*

- Fall and Spring Workshops
- Scholarships for High school students
- Local Working Group
- Poster and Speech contests for Blaine County Students

### **FY23 Fiscal Year Highlights**

*(Provide a bulleted list of three to five highlights from FY23 – should tie directly to budget requests and approvals from current FY and how the budget approvals help(ed) your organization achieve your metrics)*

- Fall and Spring Workshops
- Tree Sale
- Scholarships for Blaine County Students

### **FY23 Other Highlights**

*(Provide any other highlights and updates from FY23)*

- Scholarship recipients for Blaine Soil Conservation scholarship
- Provided a fall and spring workshop for local landowners and farmers in the Blaine County area
- Our 2023 arbor day tree sale was a success
- BSCD promoted Japanese yew plants removal. We had 16 yews traded for other shrubs at our tree sale

## **FY24 Fiscal Year Budget Request Highlights**

### **Requested Resources and Associated Costs**

*(Identify any significant budget requests and applicable information to support the requests. Explain how the requests will support increased performance of the above identified performance metrics.)*

- People; Facilities; Equipment; Programming Costs; Other Requested Resources
  - Administrative assistant salary support
  - Office space rent
  - Office software, QuickBooks, Computer system, internet
  - Sustainability

## **FY24 Fiscal Year Anticipated Highlights**

### **FY24 Anticipated Projects, Performance and Highlights**

*(Provide a bulleted list of at least 3 anticipated highlights based upon budget requests or anticipated projects.)*

- BSWCD will continue to bring workshops in the fall and spring to local landowners and community members with topics that relate to the needs of soil and water health.
- Continue to work with Blaine County Schools private and public for poster and speech contest relating to environmental and conservation topics in our region.
- The Moisture Sensor Project is in development but worth mentioning in the county budget request. These sensors will enable producers to monitor the moisture level in their soil and allow them to increase irrigation efficiency and reduce water use. It will be finalized in our June 2023 meeting.