

# CALF Initiative - Eligibility Criteria & Other Info

**The CALF (Controlled Access and Livestock Fencing) Initiative is a voluntary program for private landowners to minimize stream-bank erosion and improve herd health.**

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- The program is open to any private landowner (including LLC, NGO, municipal, company, or other non-state or federal government entities).
- There is no AGI limitation.
- There must be a history of livestock use at the site within the past 3 years or documentation that one will start in the next 6 months (e.g. cattle contract, other livestock related improvements to the property, etc.).
- The land-use must already be considered a pasture. Program is not intended to help convert a land-use from forest to pasture.
- Applicant must not be on the Excluded Parties List ([sam.gov](http://sam.gov)).
- The riparian area fenced must flow into the next order stream or river. Do not fence areas that are just low, wet, drainage ditches, etc.
- If a buffer does not exist, planner must first consider potential for area to be enrolled in CRP (CP-22 or CP-29) as it has more financial benefit to the landowner.
- Landowner must sign an agreement for at least 11 years where they agree to maintain the fence.
- Fencing will follow the NRCS practice specifications for Practice 382.
- Funds cannot be combined with NRCS funds for the same practice on the same location.
- Eligible costs include: fencing that meets NRCS specs for practice 382, gates, stream crossings, controlled access points, etc. Troughs, pipelines, pumps, heavy use area protection and solar panels are also eligible costs if stream fencing is part of the application.
- Ineligible costs include the costs to pump water, the costs to hook up electricity, non-native plantings.
- Buffer widths are negotiable, but must address the resource concern.
- The riparian area can be maintained through mowing or flash grazing if desired. However, these projects do not rank as high.
- Projects with match, including donated labor time from the applicant, will score higher.

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