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NRCS Team III Monthly Report

6/5/2023

Inflation Reduction ACT- EQIP IRA- CSP-IRA

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- EQIP-IRA- 100% Obligation July 7, 2023. **6 EQIP IRA applications have been preapproved for funding.**
- CSP-IRA- 100% Obligation July 7, 2023. **No applications received.**
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- Currently taking applications and conducting site visits for FY 2023
- 100% obligation July 7, 2023
- We have 113 applications. **41 applications have been approved for funding so far.**
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

Conservation Stewardship Program – CSP

- Currently taking applications for FY 2024
- 100% obligation April 21, 2023
- We have 2 CSP applications and 1 application for RCPP-CSP **2 have been approved for funding.**
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/csp/>

Environmental Quality Incentives Program - Conservation Incentive Contract– EQIP CIC

- Currently taking applications for FY 2023
- 100% obligation July 7, 2023. **No Applications.**
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ca/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1788631>

Conservation Innovation Grants

- CIG -supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.
- Proposals must be submitted through Grants.gov.
- Currently taking applications for FY 2023- Deadline TBA by NHQ
- 100% obligation by Sept 30, 2023.
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Team III Update.

Staffing:

- Alicia Lozano was selected Soil Conservationist for Santa Fe- start date 7/17/2023.
- Soil Conservation Technicians have been selected for Chama and Hernandez.

Local Work Group Meeting – Scheduling the LWG meeting for some time in August.

- Consider watershed approach - Forestry.

Training:

- North Area Meeting – 27-29 June 2023
- Working effectively with Hispanic Producers - July 11-13, 2023
- New Mexico All Employees Operational Meeting in Albuquerque-Aug 22-23, 2023

Other - Hermits Peak and Calf Canyon – all employees will be required to spend 2 weeks assisting with the HP/CC recovery efforts.

- Farm Service Agency ECP- Emergency Conservation Program
- NRCS EWP –Emergency Watershed Program
- FEMA -Writing Restoration Plan
- Daniel Romero from the Taos Field Office has been reassigned to assist with the recovery efforts for the summer.
- Johnny Ulibarri from the Chama Field Office has been reassigned for 30 days to assist with the inspection of EWP projects.

**Respectfully Submitted,
David Griego
District Conservationist, Team III**