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NRCS Team III Monthly Report

1/4/2024

Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP

- Team 3 Field 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 2025.
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

Conservation Stewardship Program – CSP

- Currently taking applications for FY 2025.
- <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 2025
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/ca/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcseprd1788631>

Conservation Innovation Grants- CIG

- 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 2024- Deadline TBA by NHQ**
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

Regional Conservation Partnership Program – RCPP

- Currently taking applications for FY 2024
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/rcpp/>

Post-Inflationary Supplemental Payments (PISP) – Payments have been extended from December 1, 2023, to September 1, 2024.

Team III Update.

Staffing:

- Ashley Baumgartner, Soil Con Tech will be on Detail in Carlsbad, NM for up to 120 days.
- Elisa Welch, Team Farm Bill Specialist started in Hernandez on November 20th.
- Beth Doolittle, Part Time Farm Bill Specialist in Taos, Effective January 15th.
- We still have 2 planner positions and 2 Engineering Tech positions open.

Training / Meetings:

- On the job training is being conducted by our lead planners to the new Techs on the Team.
- Irrigation and Irrigation Water Mgmt. (IWM) training in Albuquerque - 2/6/24-2/8/24
- NM NRCS Joint DC and Leadership Meeting in Albuquerque– 1/23/24 to 1/25/24

Respectfully Submitted,
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District Conservationist, Team III

 United States Department of Agriculture			
Program/Initiative	Application Deadline	Ranking	80% Obligation
EQIP Classic	November 3, 2023	February 16, 2024	May 31, 2024
EQIP CIC	November 3, 2023	February 16, 2024	May 31, 2024
EQIP IRA	April 26, 2024	TBA***	May 31, 2024
CSP IRA	Jan 5, 2024	February 16, 2024****	May 31, 2024
CSP Classic****	November 3, 2023	February 16, 2024	May 31, 2024
2024 CSP Renewals (Includes IRA)	TBA**	November 17, 2023	December 22, 2023
CSP- GCI-1	TBA**	TBA**	TBA**
ACEP	November 3, 2023*	TBA	Sept 30, 2024
ACEP IRA	November 13, 2023	December 8, 2023	TBA**
CIG	TBA	TBA	Sept 30, 2024
*High Priority Applications. Second Sign up may be announce if needed			
** NHQ Established Deadline			
*** IRA Fund Pools will use ACTnow and Ranking Deadlines are different for each fund code			
**** CSP Classic BFR and NIPF and CSP IRA BFR and NIPF Fund Pools will use ACTnow and ranking will ASAP after app is accepted			