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NRCS Team III Monthly Report

2/5/2024

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 2025.
- We have to assess and rank well over 100 applications by 2/16/2024
- <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/nm/programs/financial/eqip/>

Conservation Stewardship Program – CSP

- Currently taking applications for FY 2025.
- We must assess and rank 6 CSP applications by 2/16/2024.
- <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.

Grant Opportunity: NM CTA for Outreach and Education grants

NM State Conservationist has made grants available for \$10,000 – \$20,000. Must be spent within a year. It will be posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for 60 days.

Team III Update.

Staffing:

- Ashley Baumgartner, Soil Con Tech will be on Detail in Carlsbad, NM for up to 120 days.
- Team Farm Bill Specialist will be readvertised.
- Beth Doolittle, Part Time Farm Bill Specialist in Taos
- We still have 2 planner positions and 2 Engineering Tech positions open.
- Jim Wood – ACES employee for Santa Fe – Jim will start on 2/15/2024.

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 - 2/6-2/8

**Respectfully Submitted,
David Griego
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