

## **NRCS Team III Monthly Report**

**4/1/2024**

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program – EQIP**

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- 120 applications were ranked.
- We have 48 EQIP applications that are preapproved.
- We have 6 Watershed applications preapproved.
- Deadline of May 31, 2024, to have 80% Obligated.
- 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**

- 6 CSP applications were funded.
- 3 renewal application are being ranked.
- Deadline of May 31, 2024, to have 80% Obligated.
- 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**

- No applications this year
- 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/>

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

## **Team III Update.**

### **Staffing:**

- Leslie Ulibarri was selected for the Team Farm Bill Specialist in Hernandez.
- Fiona Jolly was selected for the Part Time Farm Bill Specialist in SF/Taos.
- Lucinda Montano was selected for the Natural Resource Specialist in Hernandez.
- Angelo Borrego was selected for the Technician in Santa Fe.
- Maddy Gates was selected for a Student Intern Position– Hernandez – May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- We still have 2 planner positions and 1 Engineering Tech position open.
- HPCC efforts are starting up, some of the planners may be pulled to assist.

### **Training / Meetings:**

- On the job training is being conducted by our lead planners to the new Techs, Planners and Farm Bills.
- Joint Leadership / District Conservationist Meeting – Roswell – 4/16-4/18
- Team 3 will host the Soil Health Workshop –Hernandez - 4/29 – 5/1

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



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			