

## **NRCS Team III Monthly Report**

**8/2/2024**

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

- Staff are currently working on engineering and vegetative practice designs, checkouts, cultural resource clearances and conducting site visits.
- Contracting –To be complete before July 26 and then funds to be returned.
- 120 applications were ranked.
- We have 56 EQIP applications that are preapproved
- EQIP Applications are totaling \$3,167,599.00
- We have 2 Watershed applications preapproved.
- Watershed Applications are totaling \$455,965.00
- 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**

- 4 CSP applications were funded.
- USDA is increasing the minimum annual payment for new and renewed contracts for agricultural producers participating in the Conservation Stewardship Program from \$1,500 to \$4,000 starting in fiscal year 2024.
- Currently taking applications for FY 2025, application deadline to be announced
- <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.**

- David Griego is Acting Program Manager for EWP
- Gerald “JJ” Dabbs is Acting District Conservationist for Team 3

**Staffing:**

- We still have 2 Engineering Tech positions open (Santa Fe and Hernandez).
- The HPCC and the EWP efforts are underway, some of the planners will 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.
- North Area Meeting in Taos, August 21-22

**Respectfully Submitted,  
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