



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
103 Francisco de Avondo, Socorro, NM 87801
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AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FY2017

1. Cost share is available on private land only.
2. All mill levy contributors are eligible for the program. A copy of the tax bill for the property is required to be eligible for cost share and must accompany this application. The property tax bill must show that the cost share applicant owns the land and is being assessed for the Socorro SWCD.
3. All practices shall be based on the fiscal year from July 1 through June 30. Applications are considered on a first come, first serve basis. Applicants who received cost share in the previous fiscal year will not be eligible for cost share.
4. Cost share for agricultural projects shall be a 50-50 share. The maximum paid will be to \$3,000, as funding permits. Payment will also be limited to average costs, where applicable. Estimated payment will be determined before the project is started and will be discussed with the cooperater. Prior to payment, the District board will review all receipts from the project. Payment shall be half of the actual cost, or half of the estimated cost, whichever is less.
5. Approval is subject to project feasibility determination by Socorro SWCD. If the project is not feasible, the approval will be cancelled and no cost share will be paid.
6. Projects must be completed within 60 days from time of approval or by June 1, 2017, whichever comes first.
7. A full detailed accounting of all expenses with paid receipts (copies are fine) must be submitted with project completion notification. If landowner submits receipts rather than a contractor's invoice, this must include a summary page including all charges and their explanations. Cost share is not paid on gross receipts tax. If gross receipts tax is not itemized on the receipts provided, it will be assumed to be included and removed for calculations.
8. All cost share recipients will receive a Misc. 1099 form for tax purposes in January following cost share if the cost share amount paid was greater than \$600. The Socorro SWCD files the Misc. 1099s with the Internal Revenue Service.
9. Application will be denied if applicant has a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service contract on the same practice on the same tract of land.
10. All completed practices must be maintained for a period of 10 years or a full refund of cost share will be required.
11. Land leveling must move at least 100 cubic yards per acre to qualify for assistance. Land leveling MUST be done using an agricultural laser leveling system. Cost share does not include planting.
12. Applications for Middle Rio Grande Conservancy delivery ditch turnout upgrades must be accompanied by approval paperwork from the MRGCD before the SWCD will consider cost share.
13. Brush management practices next to archeological sites registered with the New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office will require consultation with that office prior to application for cost share assistance.
14. Community ditches, community pipelines, and residential wells are not eligible for cost share assistance.
15. Irrigation Well Rehab is an eligible practice for cost share. Documentation showing that the well is permitted will be required prior to cost share assistance. The well rehab secondary cost share form must be submitted with this cost share application. No more than 2 well rehabilitation applications will be funded per fiscal year.



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16. Noxious weed treatment is an eligible cost share practice. Cropland is NOT eligible for this program. The target species must be legally designated as noxious by the state of NM. Prior to application, range staff will identify the species, GPS the infestation, and make maps to accurately determine the number of infested acres. Landowners must hire an applicator with a current NMDA Commercial Pesticide Applicators License. The applicator must comply with all NMDA regulations, including carrying a minimum of \$1,000,000 in liability insurance. The applicator must fully comply with the specimen label of every product used. The applicator must complete a report that the Socorro SWCD will provide. When the Socorro SWCD range staff has determined that 90% or more of the target species has been eradicated for 30 days or more, and has collected receipts/invoices as well as treatment reports, cost share will be paid at the rate of 50% of the total treatment cost, with a maximum reimbursement of \$3,000.

Sequence of Events:

1. Landowner contacts Socorro SWCD to schedule a meeting and survey.
2. Landowner reviews design parameters and cost estimates after design is complete.
3. Landowner selects a contractor that can complete the job within the time parameters.
4. Landowner completes and submits this form for approval.
5. Cost share application is approved in the next regularly scheduled board meeting (2nd Tuesday each month).
6. Following approval, work begins on project.
7. Landowner calls Socorro SWCD when work is complete and ready for inspection.
For land leveling, do not irrigate or plant your land prior to checkout.
8. Landowner submits copies of invoice(s) for project.
9. Cost share check to landowner is signed at next regular Board meeting and mailed the following day.

Applicants Name: _____

Date: _____

Print _____

Address: _____

Mailing _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone: _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

Email address: _____

Acres of Project: _____ Location of Project: _____

Social Security # or federal Tax ID #: _____

Proposed Project: _____

Do you currently have an EQIP contract with NRCS on this tract of land and practice? YES NO (circle one)

Property Tax Bill Attached?

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

SSWCD Supervisor Signature _____

Approval Date _____