



**Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
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AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES FY2018

1. Cost share is available on private land only.
2. All mil 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, 2018, 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 District delivery ditch turnouts (upgrades or new) must be accompanied by the estimate from the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District. The Socorro SWCD must have this estimate to approve the landowner for cost share assistance on the turnout. The application fee to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District is not eligible for cost share assistance.
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.

