

UPPER HONDO
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Phone: (575) 354-2220 / Fax: (575) 354-2515
COST SHARE APPLICATION

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PROPOSED PROJECT: TOWNSHIP, RANGE AND SECTION _____

ADDRESS OF PROJECT LOCATION _____

NUMBER OF ACRES SERVED _____

DESCRIPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCE PROBLEM _____

DETAILED PROPOSED PRACTICE TO ADDRESS PROBLEM _____

CATEGORY REQUESTING ASSISTANCE THROUGH _____

FARM AND TRACT NUMBER (IF REQUIRED) _____

ACEQUIA GROUP _____ SECURED WATER RIGHTS? ___ YES ___ NO

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR CURRENT

LINCOLN COUNTY TAX ASSESSMENT, BILL, OR BYLAWS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

I request cost share project participation with the UHSWCD to address the natural resource problem on the land identified above. I understand that to be eligible for reimbursement I must complete the project within 90 days of approval. I agree to refund all of the funds paid to me by UHSWCD if; (A) I destroy the practice, or (B) I no longer utilize the practice for the original intended purpose, before the lifespan of the practice is fulfilled.

I certify that I have read and understood the application and received a copy of the guidelines.

Applicant's Signature Date

The Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District's cost share program is available to anyone without regard to: national origin, age, sex, creed, race, marital status, sexual preference, or handicap.

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Cost-Share Program Guidelines

Who may apply: A land manager addressing a natural resource concern, who can prove ownership or lease on land within the Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District (UHSWCD) boundaries and is a current UHSWCD Cooperator.

Application: Will be received on a fiscal year basis from July 1st to June 30th. One application, per operation will be approved each fiscal year. Applicants must provide proof of ownership (a tax bill/assessment) and/or lease agreement with the application.

Categories for assistance:

- **Technical Assistance:** Anyone is eligible, financial assistance is not provided
- **Non-Ag:** 1 lot – 40 acres dependent on Conservation Practice (\$7,500.00 maximum available)
- **Community:** Senior Centers, Parks, Schools, Churches etc. (\$7,500.00 maximum available)
- **Acequia:** Organized ditch association with By-laws in place (\$7,500.00 maximum available)
- **Ranch/Farm:** Determined by the FSA Farm and Tract number or IRS Schedule F (\$7,500.00 maximum available) Alamogordo FSA office (575) 437-3100 ext. 2

Examples of Eligible Projects for Each Category Provided on Page 2

Guidelines:

1. Only one application, per cooperator, will be approved each fiscal year.
2. Applicant must have a current Cooperator Agreement signed and on file in the UHSWCD office in Capitan, NM.
3. Practices must meet the UHSWCD and/or the NRCS standards and specifications.
4. Maintenance and repairs will only be considered if the practice has exceeded its life span according to NRCS Standards and Specifications.
5. The cooperator must allow 30 days for the UHSWCD and/or NRCS staff to complete the necessary site visit(s), drawings, designs, GPS the site, etc. providing this information to the cooperator and district board.
6. Any project requiring an NRCS engineering design may require an additional 180 days.
7. **The applicant will be placed on the agenda for the next month's regular meeting and asked to attend in order to present their cost-share project.**
8. The cooperator will be notified of approval or rejection in writing.
9. If approved the cooperator MUST return the W9 sent with the letter.
10. The cost-share project must be completed within 90 days of approval notification.
11. If the project cannot be completed within this time frame, the Cooperator may ask for a one-time 30 day extension of time within that Fiscal Year.
12. Operations currently under EQIP contracts are ineligible for cost-share until the contract is fulfilled.
13. Projects should be completed within 90 days of approval prior to June 15th for fiscal year closeout.
14. Project may be completed by land manager or contractor.
15. **Estimated project cost will be determined by USDA/NRCS/UHSWCD practice cost list for Conservation Practices.** Landowners may wish to obtain a written contractor estimate for total project cost, as the actual cost of implementing the practice may be different.

Payments:

1. **Approved cost-share projects are reimbursed at a rate of 75% of actual approved costs.**
2. Documentation must be received and checkout completed verifying that the project was completed and is operating according to established specifications.
3. Original receipts must be submitted for reimbursement.

Examples of Eligible Projects per Category

(Valid resource concerns must be met)

Non-Ag: (\$7,500.00 maximum available) 1 lot – 40 acres. New Construction and/or Surfaces Excavated Are Not Eligible for Cost Share. Technical assistance is provided.

Eligible practices include:

(Landscaping is not included)

Erosion control/Soil Stabilization	Critical Area Planting
Stream bank protection	Wildlife habitat improvement
Brush Management	Living Windbreaks
	Siberian Elm, Salt Cedar, Russian Olive Management

Community Facility: (\$7,500.00 maximum available) Senior Citizens Centers, Parks, Schools, Churches etc. New Construction and/or Surfaces Excavated Are Not Eligible for Cost Share. Technical assistance is provided.

Eligible practices include:

Erosion control	Critical Area Planting
Stream bank stabilization	Wildlife habitat improvement
Brush Management	Living Windbreak
	Siberian Elm, Salt Cedar, Russian Olive Management

Acequia: (\$7,500.00 maximum available) Organized ditch association with By-laws in place

Eligible practices include:

Irrigation Improvements ie:

Pipelines	Risers	Herbaceous Weed Management
Dams/Diversions	Ditches	Siberian Elm, Salt Cedar, Russian Olive Management
Gates	Leveling	

Ranch or Farm Operation: (\$7,500.00 maximum available) Determined by the Farm Service Agency Farm and Tract number or IRS Schedule F Alamogordo FSA office (575) 437-3100 ext. 2

Farming Operation: (water rights must be sufficient for requested practice)

Eligible practices include:

Improvements ie:

Livestock watering facilities	Pipelines
Storage tanks	Drinkers
Spring Boxes	Dirt Tanks
Cross Fencing	Critical Area Planting
Brush Management	Erosion Control/Grade Stabilization
Risers	Sprinklers
Dams	Ditches
Gates	Leveling
	Herbaceous Weed Management
	Siberian Elm, Salt Cedar, Russian Olive Management

*Common practices include but are not limited to those that are eligible through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Projects can be selected and/or deemed ineligible at the board's discretion.

**UPPER HONDO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

This cooperative agreement is entered into by the Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District (hereinafter referred to as the District) and _____ (hereinafter referred to as the Cooperator).

The District agrees to:

1. Provide resource inventories to include soil surveys, range health assessments, ecological site descriptions, and other resource inventories of the Cooperator's operating unit(s) needed to develop and implement a conservation plan.
2. To furnish technical assistance available through the District for the development and implementation of a conservation plan for the Cooperator's operating unit(s).
3. To maintain confidentiality of the conservation plan and records on the Cooperator's operating unit(s) in accordance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations.
4. To use reasonable care to protect the Cooperator's property and structures including closure of gates, etc., while carrying out its responsibilities under this agreement.

The Cooperator agrees to:

1. Develop as quickly as feasible a conservation plan on his/her operating unit(s).
2. Implement and carry out the provisions of the conservation plan in accordance with approved time schedule and technical standards stated in the conservation plan.
3. Maintain all conservation structures and measures and comply with the management practices prescribed in the conservation plan.
4. Allow access to the operating unit(s) to the District and its cooperating agencies for the purposes of providing needed technical assistance and reviews of conservation plans, practice installation, and application of management practices.

It is Mutually Agreed that:

1. In the event of the sale of the operating unit(s), neither the Cooperator nor the new Owner shall be obligated to carry out the provisions of this agreement except where cost-sharing contracts have been entered into that require compliance with those contracts. In either event, the Cooperator will inform the new owner of the existing conservation plan and any contract compliance requirements for the operating unit(s) and advise the new owner of assistance available from the District.
2. The availability of technical assistance, funding, or other resources of the District will be dependent on the availability of such resources of the District.
3. All activities carried out under this agreement will be done so in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer. Its services and assistance are available to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political belief, or marital status.

Cooperator

Date

Upper Hondo Soil & Water Conservation District

Date