

RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM COST SHARE PROGRAM

A. Description:

A roof runoff structure, consisting of gutters, downspout, and a storage tank. Used to keep roof clean water runoff uncontaminated, provide storage for rural on-farm or residential use of roof water and a stable outlet for any excess to distribute along ground surface in a way that avoids erosion.

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 also 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.

Standards and Specifications:

1. Water harvesting plan to capture drainage from a minimum of 85% of the roofed area for use as livestock water or landscape irrigation. Storage tank shall be sized to hold 1.5 gallons per square foot of roof area or a minimum tank size of 2500 gallons.
2. Storage Tank shall have a man-hole with lid.
3. Rainwater harvesting plans should manage roof runoff and divert outfall away from structures or contaminated areas.

Guidelines for non-potable (non-drinkable) water harvesting:

1. Project is reimbursed at a rate of \$.075 per gallon. \$5,000 CAP per Household-Lifetime.
2. This Assistance is being offered to purchase tank, gutters, downspouts or other necessary items to capture storm water.
3. Only one application, per cooperator, will be approved each fiscal year. May not be combined with other cost share programs/projects.
4. Applicant must have a current Cooperator Agreement signed and on file in the UHSWCD office in Capitan, NM.
5. Practices must meet the UHSWCD and/or the NRCS standards and specifications.
6. Maintenance and repairs will only be considered if the practice has exceeded its life span according to NRCS Standards and Specifications.
7. 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.
8. Any project requiring an engineering design may require an additional 60 days.
9. **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.**
10. The cooperator will be notified of approval or rejection in writing.
11. If approved the cooperator MUST return the W9 sent with the letter.
12. The cost-share project must be completed within 90 days of approval notification.
13. If the project cannot be completed within this time frame, the Cooperator may ask for a onetime 30-day extension of time within that Fiscal Year.
14. Operations currently under EQIP contracts will be ineligible for cost-share until the contract is fulfilled.
15. Projects should be completed within 90 days of approval prior to May 30th for fiscal year closeout.
16. Project can be completed by land manager or contractor
17. **Original receipts must be submitted to UHSWCD before reimbursement is made.**

UPPER HONDO
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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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.

**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