

Cost Share Assistance
EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 58, ESTANCIA, NM 87016 384-2272, Ext. 3287

REQUEST FOR COST-SHARING

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM _____ FOR THE
FIRST RANKING ONLY.**

Cost-share Assistance will be based on Ranking Sheet Scores based on whatever funds are available.

Application No.: ET-_____ Date Received: _____

NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

DISTRICT COOPERATOR AGREEMENT? YES ___ NO ___

IF SO, ARE YOU ENROLLED IN ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS? PLEASE LIST:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT LOCATION:

**PLEASE PROVIDE A DRAWING OF PROPOSED AREA AND PROJECT ON REVERSE
SIDE OF THIS SHEET.**

Conservation Practice Applied For:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brush Management/Fire Breaks | <input type="checkbox"/> Critical Area Planting/Range Seeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diversions – Earth, Rock, Brush | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grazing Management | |

ACRES SERVED: _____

PRACTICE TO BE COMPLETED BY _____

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

I request cost-share assistance under the program to solve the natural resource problem on the land identified above.

Applicant's Signature

Date

The Cost Share Program is available to anyone regardless of national origin, age, sex, creed, race, marital status, or handicap.



**EAST TORRANCE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COST-SHARING GUIDELINES
2023 REVISION**

WHO MAY APPLY - Applicant project land must be within the East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District (ETSWCD) boundaries. Leasers and land managers are eligible for the program however must have written authorization from the legal landowner. Farms, ranches, urban development, community groups, all persons addressing a natural resource problem or issue(s) are eligible.

Applicant must have a signed ETSWCD Cooperation Agreement.

FUNDS AVAILABILITY - Applications are accepted year-round. Funds are available to landowners, long-term leaseholders, federal, state, or county land with written permission and clearance from the respective agency. Project must show public benefit to the land concerned and ensure the maintenance of the conservation projects practice.

Non-landowners must provide a written agreement with the legal landowner stating that the cost-share project will be properly maintained for its intended purpose. All projects will be ranked using established ranking criteria comparing environmental benefits of similar projects. If the terms of the agreement are not met, the applicant defaults on the contract terms and agrees to repay all cost-share funds obtained from ETSWCD.

ETSWCD reserves the right to hold a ranking date depending on the availability of a technical planner and available funds.

COST-SHARE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING BASIS:

1. Applicant must complete the cost-share application identifying resource concerns, specific practices needed, and detailed conservation impacts. Proposed projects will be reviewed for conservation needs, estimated costs, and ranked value.
2. District supervisors determine approval of the application based on established criteria, public benefit, and overall conservation need. Supervisors have the right to request applicants to attend a board meeting for any clarification and/or additional information needed on the pending application.
3. Projects must meet Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) technical guidelines found within the Field Office Tech Guide to be approved for the cost-share program. Technical assistance is provided by the NRCS staff or an ETSWCD representative. Copies of project specs will be given to the applicant at the time of approval. If an engineering design is needed, a technician will survey, complete, and review the project with the applicant. Upon technician review and approval construction may begin.

If additional information is needed by the technician, applicant must supply the additional information within ten (10) days of notification. Failure to supply any additional information requests for the project

application will be considered incomplete and the application will not be considered for approval and rejected at that time.

4. Upon project construction completion, a technician will inspect the completed project for determination of approval of payment.
5. Payments will be made to the applicant upon submission of original paid receipts, not to exceed NRCS Cost-Share Docket, \$7,500.00.

PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE BASED ON THE COST OF MATERIALS & INSTALLATION OF THE PROJECT AND WILL BE COMPARED TO THE NRCS STATE AVERAGE COST DOCKET, THE LOWEST AMOUNT WILL BE APPLIED. A MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF \$7,500.00 PER PERSON/ PER YEAR.

The East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District Cost-Share Program does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.