

**DITCH REHABILITATION GRANT PROGRAM
OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER**

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

Help community ditch associations improve irrigation and water delivery systems, provide flood protection, and conserve water, through grants for the repair and improvement of community ditch projects.

AT A GLANCE

Fund Availability

Total program funds available: \$250,000 state funding .

Maximum amount awarded: \$120,000 per project each year including local match.

Minimum amount awarded: No minimum.

Eligibility

- Counties
- Municipalities
- Special Districts
- Indian Tribes & Pueblos
- Other Local Governmental Units
- Non-profit 501(c)3
- Individual
- Private Business
- School Districts

Type of Aid

- Grant
- Cooperative Agreement
- Service Contract
- Loan
- Technical Assistance

Deadline to Apply

Applications accepted throughout the year.

Eligibility

Associations which are operating as community ditches/acequias under state statute and have by -laws approved by the State Engineer's legal staff.

Special Conditions

Community ditches receive funds up to 80 percent from the State, with the remaining 20 percent provided as a local match by the acequia. This 20 percent cost share may be loaned to the organization by the State of New Mexico, with a typical 10-year payback period at 2.5 percent interest.

Use of Funds

For repairs, rehabilitation and new construction of water delivery systems. Funds may not be used for periodic cleaning and maintenance tasks.

Funding Availability

Funding Potential

The Legislature generally appropriates \$250,000 each fiscal year.

Range of Awards

The maximum state grant is \$120,000 per project (\$96,000 state, with \$24,000 in local match).

Funding Cycle - Duration

Revolving cycle, however projects must be completed by end of fiscal year (June 30).

Source of Funds

Funds appropriated by the New Mexico State Legislature.

Application Process**Deadline**

Applications are accepted throughout the year. The total review period is about two weeks.

How to Apply

Applicants first seek technical assistance from the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Plans and specifications are drawn up by the NRCS, at no cost to the acequia, and sent for approval to the State Engineer. If approved an agreement to cost share is prepared and signed by all parties.

Selection Criteria & Decision Authority

Funding is by need and adequacy of specifications.

Authorization

Annual appropriation. Irrigation Works Construction fund by the Legislature to the State Engineer.

Related Programs

Acequia Restoration and Rehabilitation Program, administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Irrigation Works Construction Fund Loan Program, administered by the Interstate Stream Commission. Technical Assistance Program, administered by the Interstate Stream Commission and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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