



AGRICULTURAL COST SHARE PROGRAM APPLICATION FY 2026(revised March 2026)

Please read and initial each item to indicate that you agree with and understand the rules and regulations associated with the Socorro SWCD Cost Share Program.

1. Cost share application must be approved by the Socorro SWCD Board at a regularly scheduled board meeting (meeting dates are the second Tuesday of each month unless a change is necessary-notice will be given and also posted on the website: www.socorrowswcd.org) before any expenses are incurred. Calculation of cost share will only be based on receipts dated after the board meeting in which you receive approval. _____
2. All applicants must submit an estimate for their project with their application. In certain cases, the Socorro SWCD may provide an estimate for your project. _____
3. Cost share is available on private land only with water rights only. If you have leased water for a minimum of ten years from date of cost share application, you must submit your water lease agreement with this application. _____
4. All property owners within the Socorro SWCD boundary are eligible for the program. To be eligible for this program, a landowner must be current on their property tax. A copy of the property tax bill from the Socorro County Treasurer for the property that the project will occur on 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. The property owner must apply, even if the land is leased to another person. If the property has been purchased but the property tax bill is not yet in the new owner's name, the closing documentation must be included with this application. The cost share check will be made out to the landowner. _____
5. All practices shall be based on the fiscal year from July 1 through June 30. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants who received cost share in the previous fiscal year will be considered on a case-by-case basis. _____
6. Cost share for agricultural projects shall be a 50-50 share. The maximum paid will be \$6,000, as funding permits. Payment will also be limited to standard costs. Estimated payment will be determined before the project is started and will be discussed with the landowner. Prior to payment, the District board will review all paid receipts from the project. Payment shall be half of the actual cost, or half of the standard cost, whichever is less. _____
7. Approval is subject to project feasibility determination by Socorro SWCD staff. If the project is not feasible, the approval will be cancelled, and no cost share will be paid. _____
8. Projects must be completed within sixty days from time of approval or by June 1, whichever comes first. _____
9. 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. The Socorro SWCD will not pay a landowner's contractor directly. _____



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10. All cost share recipients who receive more than \$2,000 per calendar year will receive a Misc. 1099 form for tax purposes in January. The Socorro SWCD files the Misc. 1099s with the Internal Revenue Service. The applicant must submit a US Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 with their application. The W-9 is attached to this application. _____
11. Application will be denied if applicant has a USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) EQIP application or contract on the same practice on the same tract of land. _____
12. All completed practices must be maintained for a period of 10 years or a full refund of cost share will be required. _____
13. 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/GPS system. Cost share does not include seed, planting or dirt waste for roads/house pads or removal. _____
14. Cost share assistance is available for the annual service cost of Wet Stake. This does NOT include the deposit for each wet stake. Cost share applications for Wet Stake will be accepted at any time during the year. Landowners may apply for cost share assistance on multiple wet stakes. The annual fee as well as the PLUS service and humidity service are eligible for cost share assistance. _____
15. If you are applying for a new Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District delivery ditch turnout, you must file an application and pay the application fee at the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District office. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District will then survey and prepare a bill for you for the new turnout installation. You will have to pay for the installation prior to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District installing the turnout. A copy of the application and receipt for the fee, as well as a copy of the installation cost and receipt of payment to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District are required prior to approval for cost share assistance from the Socorro SWCD. Installation of the turnout must be completed within sixty days of approval for cost share assistance. _____
16. Irrigation wells and residential wells are not eligible for cost share assistance. _____
17. Livestock well drilling, livestock well rehabilitation and solar conversion for livestock wells are all items eligible for cost share assistance. Livestock wells must be permitted by the NM State Engineer. All regulations regarding livestock wells shall be followed and can be found on the NM Office of the State Engineer's website. _____
18. If you do not complete your project within the sixty-day time limit, your project will be cancelled, and you will be excluded from eligibility for cost share for the remainder of the fiscal year. _____

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Cost share limits for common practices

| Practice | Unit | Standard Cost | Cost Share % | Cost Share Paid |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Laser Land Leveling | Cubic Yard | \$4.00 | 50% | \$2.00 |
| Concrete Lined Ditch | Lineal Foot | \$40.00 | 50% | \$20.00 |
| Underground Irrigation Pipeline 12"-15" | Lineal Foot | \$27.50 | 50% | \$13.75 |
| Underground Irrigation Pipeline 15" + | Lineal Foot | \$60.00 | 50% | \$30.00 |
| Livestock Pipeline Up To 1.25" | Lineal Foot | \$3.00 | 50% | \$1.50 |
| Interior fencing for livestock management | Lineal Foot | \$4.00 | 50% | \$2.00 |

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| MRGCD Turnout Replacement** | Receipt Total | 50% |
| Windmill Conversion To Solar * | Receipt Total | 50% |
| Livestock Well Drilling * | Receipt Total | 50% |

*Work must be performed by a licensed contractor

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Items NOT Eligible for Cost Share:

Mileage reimbursement

Tax

Individual labor costs (these costs are imbedded in the standard cost)

Maximum reimbursement is \$6,000

