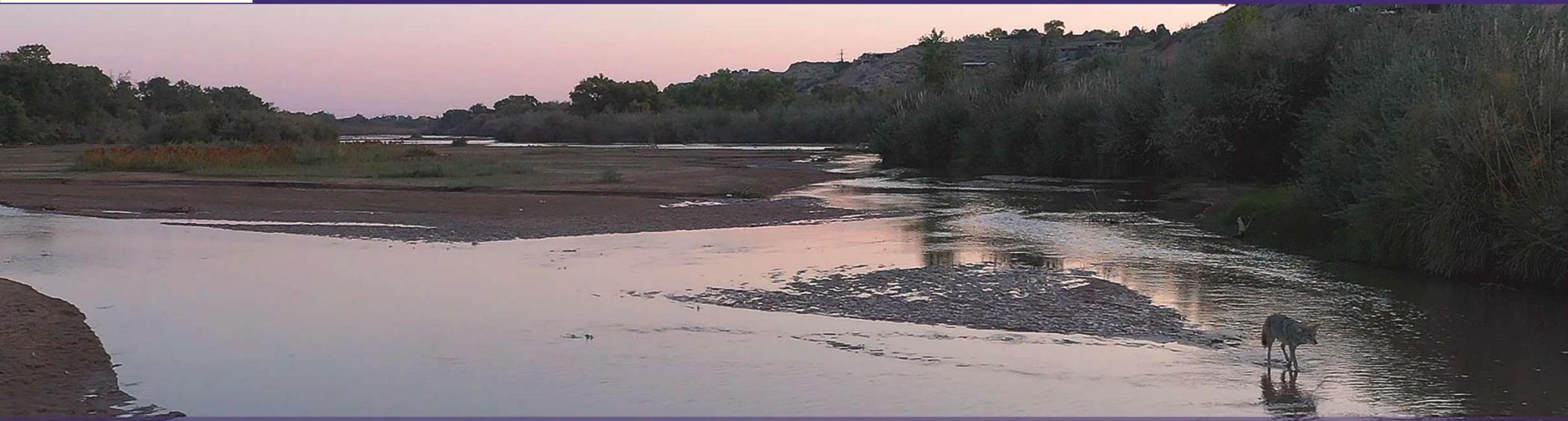




New Mexico Office of the State Engineer/ Interstate Stream Commission



NMISC Acequia Assistance
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Acequia Bureau Information

April 2023 - Acequia Bureau Formed Within NMISC

- Acequia Funding Coordination Meetings
 - Department of Finance and Administration
 - New Mexico Acequia Commission
 - New Mexico Acequia Association
 - Department of Justice
 - Office of the State Engineer
 - NM Association of Conservation Districts





Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund



What is ACDIF?

The Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF) is administered by the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission to provide funding for the planning, engineering design or construction of irrigation works of acequias or community ditches, including dams, reservoirs, diversions, ditches, flumes or other appurtenances for the purpose of restoration, repair, disaster response recovery and hazard mitigation, improvement of irrigation efficiency, or protection from floods, and match or meet cost-share requirements of other state and federal funding programs.



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Purpose of ACDIF?

Provides \$2.5M annually for the following:

- Planning
- Engineering
- Construction
- Disaster Response Recovery and Hazard Mitigation



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ADCIF Funding

- Planning and Scoping
 - Assess and identify potential cost-sharing opportunities and to aid in preparing a project for the engineering phase
- Engineering Design Services
 - All services required to provide the applicant with final construction drawings (stamped by NM licensed PE), engineer's construction cost estimate, and a bid package.
- Construction and Engineering Oversight Services
 - Provide grants to applicants or meet cost-share requirements for construction funding for their designed project as well as provide funding for engineering services required to assist with bidding process, construction oversight and inspection, and as-builts, as required.
- Disaster Response Recovery and Hazard Mitigation
 - Assist acequias or community ditches impacted by disasters with state or federal declarations of emergency or disasters declared pursuant to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Emergency Watershed Program (EWP). Funding could also be used to conduct damage assessments.



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ACDIF Application Deadlines

- Planning Applications - Accepted year-round in the form of a Letter of Interest with problem/need identified.
- Engineering Applications – late March
- Construction Applications – early May
- Disaster Response Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Applications - Accepted year-round in the form of a Letter of Interest and copy of application for funding from FEMA, DHSEM, EWP, or other state or federal disaster funding.



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ACDIF Funding History

- FY23 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023) – 3 Staff
 - Engineering – 19 Acequias (\$388K)
 - Construction – 10 Acequias (\$1.6M)
 - 29 Acequia Projects Funded/20 Completed (69%)
- FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024) – 4 Staff
 - Engineering – 12 Acequias (\$260K)
 - Construction – 28 Acequias (\$4.4M)
 - 40 Acequia Projects Funded/36 Completed (90%)
- FY25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025) – 5 Staff
 - Engineering – 12 Acequias (\$256K)
 - Construction – 24 Acequias (\$4.5M)
 - 36 Projects Funded/33 Completed (92%)
- FY26 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) – 5 Staff
 - In Process
 - Engineering – 22 Acequias (\$505K)
 - Construction – 22 Acequias (\$4.8M)



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Acequia Capital Outlay Funds

352 individual appropriations totaling approx. \$35M

- 2019 – 67 acequias (\$6.93M)
- 2020 – 72 acequias (\$4.62M)
- 2021 – 29 acequias (\$2.24M)
- 2022 – 56 acequias (\$5.26M)
- 2023 – 57 acequias (\$5.72M)
- 2024 – 29 acequias (\$5.19M)
- 2025 – 42 acequias (\$4.87M)



Acequia Projects





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Questions?

