

Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF)


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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.



Purpose of ACDIF?

- ▶ Provides \$2.5M annually to match or meet cost-share requirements of other state and federal funding programs and includes the following components:
 - Planning
 - Engineering
 - Construction
 - Disaster Response Recovery and Hazard Mitigation

Eligibility Requirements

- ▶ Current Bylaws
- ▶ Valid Water Rights
- ▶ Federal Tax ID #
- ▶ Bank Account
- ▶ Financial Compliance with Executive Order 2013-006
 - Audit Compliance with OSA
 - Budget Reporting Compliance with DFA
- ▶ NMISC Loans in Good Standing
 - (if applicable)

Planning

- ▶ Planning and Scoping
 - Assess and identify potential cost-sharing opportunities and to aid in preparing a project for the engineering phase
- ▶ Funds for planning will be determined at the discretion of the NMISC Staff based on the following:
 - Letter of interest
 - Assessment of need
 - Consistency with the purpose of the ACDIF

Engineering

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Amount**
 - Up to \$50,000 per Applicant per state fiscal year.
- ▶ All applications will be ranked in accordance with criteria set out in application packet.


Construction

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Amount**
 - Typically, up to \$250,000 of construction funds per Applicant per state fiscal year but may differ for federal funding partnerships (does not include engineering oversight costs).
- ▶ All applications will be ranked in accordance with criteria set out in application packet.


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.
- ▶ Requirements
 - Acequia must have applied for other emergency programs through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM), EWP or other state or federal agencies.

ACDIF Application Deadlines

- ▶ Planning Applications – Accepted year-round in the form of a Letter of Interest with problem/need identified.
 - ▶ Engineering Applications – March 31st by or before 3:00 PM
 - ▶ Construction Applications – May 9th by or before 3:00 PM
 - ▶ 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

- ▶ FY24 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)
 - Engineering – 12 Acequias (\$260K)
 - Construction – 28 Acequias (\$4.4M)
 - 40 Acequia Projects Funded/36 Completed (90%)
 - ▶ FY25 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
 - Engineering – 12 Acequias (\$256K)
 - Construction – 24 Acequias (\$4.6M)
 - 36 Projects Funded/33 Completed (92%)
 - ▶ FY26 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)
 - Engineering – 22 Acequias (\$505K)
 - Construction – 22 Acequias (\$4.8M)
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Acequia Capital Outlay Funds

- ▶ 285 individual appropriations totaling approx. \$28M
 - 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?

