

# **New Mexico 50-Year Water Action Plan Priority A.2.**

## **NM WRI Agricultural Water Resilience Program**

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# NM WRRRI Agricultural Water Resilience Program (AgWRP)

The NM WRRRI Agricultural Water Resilience Program (AgWRP) implements [Action A2](#) to incentivize agricultural water conservation, part of the [New Mexico 50-Year Water Action Plan](#).

AgWRP was funded for FY26 by the NM Legislature to “improve farmers’ and ranchers’ ability to manage, save, and efficiently apply limited water resources for agricultural production”.



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# AgWRP Application Submissions

\$4.5 M will be made available for individual projects. The maximum award for each project is \$250,000. Project funds must be expended from September 15, 2025, through June 30, 2026.

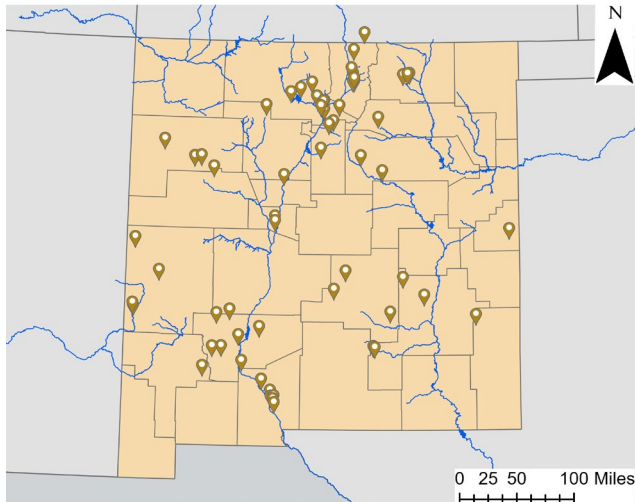
**61 applications submitted**

Funds requested: \$8.6 M

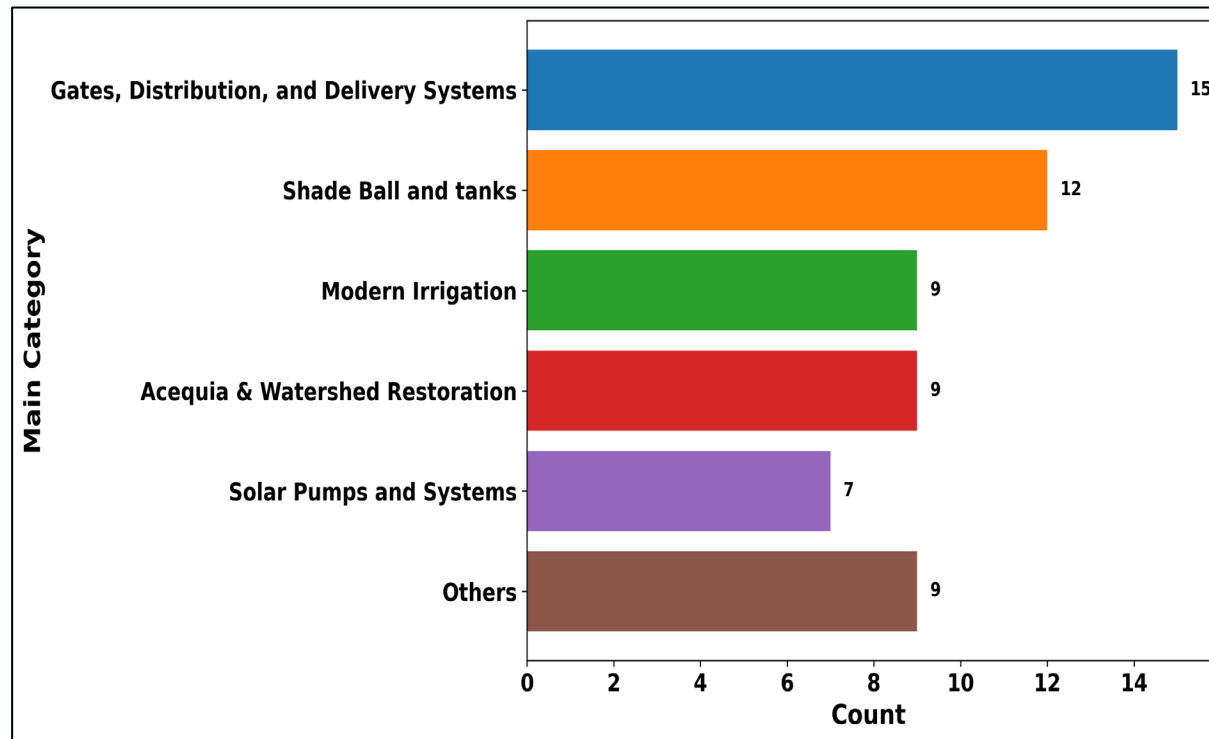
Matching funds: \$1.7 M

Total: \$10.3 M

## Broad spatial distribution



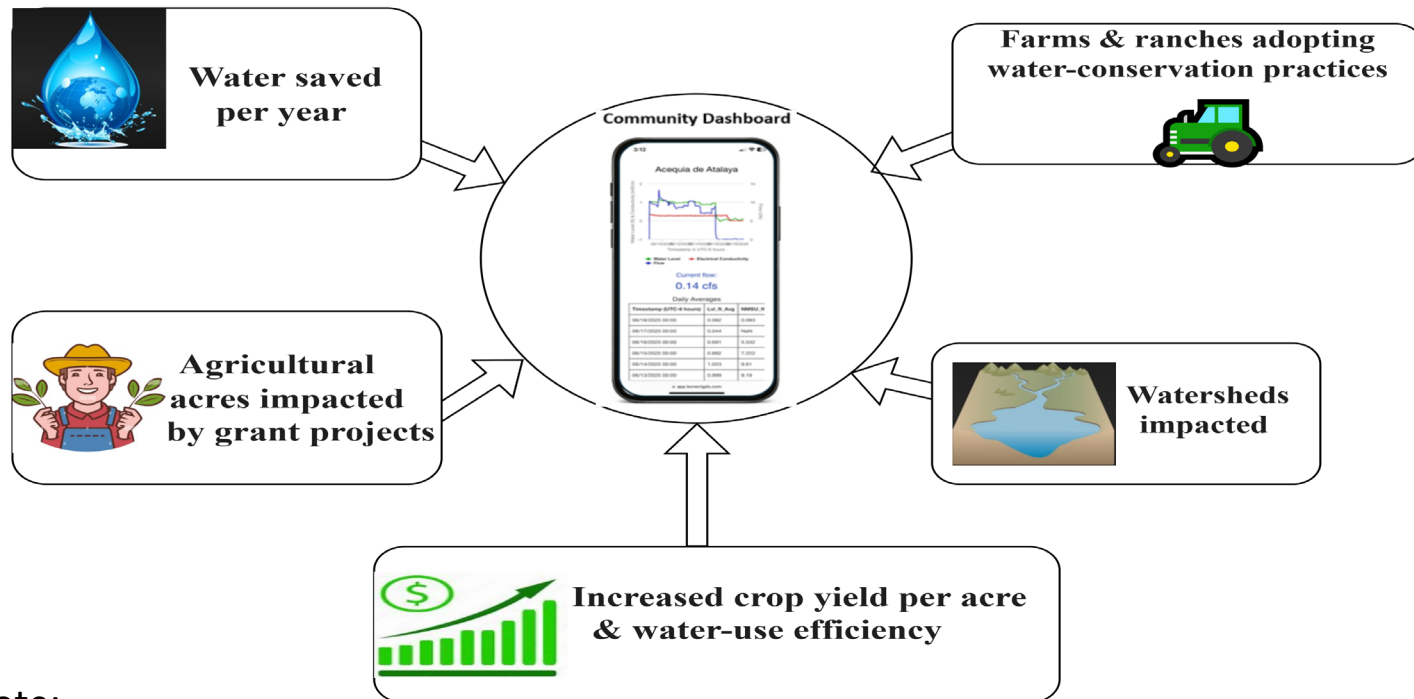
## Major agricultural water resilience approaches addressed



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# NM WRRI AgWRP Performance Metrics



\*Note:

- Water Use Efficiency = Crop Yield (kg) / Water Consumed (m<sup>3</sup>)
- Economic Water Use Efficiency = Gross Revenue or Net Profit (\$) / Water Consumed (m<sup>3</sup>)

\$0.5 M will be used for project implementation and water impact assessment to be completed by June 30 2027 with active participation by the project partners.

Multiple other NM WRRI and NMSU programs address the 50 Year Water Action Plan.