



Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Environmental Programs Department
Water Quality & Remediation Division
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Application for Funding Voluntarily Participation in the Cost-Share Agricultural Program

Note: Due to limited funding, not all applicants will be chosen. Projects are judged based upon the potential to reduce agriculture-related pollution and to improve water quality. It is advised to **complete the entire application** as it relates to your project to increase your chance for funding.

Name _____
Last First Middle Initial

Tribal Member _____ Lessee _____ Non-Tribal _____ (check one)

Mailing Address: _____

Assignment/Land Address: _____

Best Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Is the property within the SUIT Reservation? (Check one) Yes _____ No _____

Additional Land Description / Location

Township Range Section

What is the status/control of land and the number of acres? (Check box, describe, list acreage)

Assignment Allotment Fee (private) Lessee*

Total property acreage: _____

Acreage to be served by potential project (if known): _____

* (If Lessee, please give name of Tribal assignment holder) _____

How is the land currently being used: (check box)

- Non-irrigated crop production
- Irrigated crop production
- Pastureland
- Range Land
- Animal holding / management area
- Feedlots
- Other (please explain)

Do you currently have a Farm Plan in place? (Check one) Yes ___ No ___

If so, who are you working with on its implementation?

Name/type of any waterbody on/through property (check all that apply and describe each)

- Irrigation Ditch _____
- Creek _____
- River _____
- Wetland _____
- Spring _____
- Pond _____
- Lake _____
- Other (please explain) _____

Definition of Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP): Practices to improve agricultural efficiencies and reduce negative environmental impacts. BMPs can be applied to all aspects of agriculture including irrigation, livestock management, crop management, etc. Practices aim to restore riparian corridors, reduce runoff, reduce streambank erosion, lower sediment input and decreased temperatures of creeks and rivers.

Are you currently using any conservation or best management practices on this property?

Yes ___ No ___

If yes, list current practices in place:

What types of BMPs are you interested in implementing (Check box)

- Irrigation system improvements:** Application of gated-pipe, side-roll, or comparable equipment.
- Riparian Livestock Exclusion Fencing/Grazing Management:** Construction of fence to manage livestock near sensitive riparian habitat. Provide type and estimated length of fencing to be installed. Management of grazing through appropriate grazing plan.
- New livestock watering facilities** Construction or installation of livestock watering facilities removed from streams, sensitive habitat, or steep banks. List type and number of watering facility/facilities to be installed.
- Stabilization of stream banks/riparian revegetation activities:** Collaborating with professionals to control erosion, slope steep banks, plant native vegetation, restore native riparian ecology.
- Other, please explain:**

Would you consider additional BMPs for your land? Yes ___ No ___

Please list any structures built in or near the water body. (Check appropriate box, and give the distance, in feet, from waterbody)

- Fences _____
- Corrals _____
- Dams, diversions, canals, earth berms _____
- Roads/highways _____
- House/garage _____
- Septic/sewer _____
- Bridges _____
- Barns _____

Would you be willing to move any of your structures away from the water body with assistance? (Check one)

Yes ___ No ___ Please comment:

Please include a digital image with submission showing existing irrigation structures and layout of land. Screenshots of Google Earth or other methods work best. Please contact 319 Coordinator if assistance is needed for this step.

If your project is chosen as a NPS Cost Share Project, are you willing to provide at least 5% cost assistance in implementing BMPs? Note: this assistance can be monetary, or “in-kind” such as labor or existing materials. (Check one) Yes ___ No ___

If yes, what will you contribute to the project? (Please explain)

Applications will be reviewed and scored by the “selection Committee”, comprised of members from SUIT’s Water Quality & Remediation Division and SUIT’s Natural Resources Department (Agriculture, Lands, Water Resources, and Wildlife). Project funding will be considered based upon funding availability and priority ranking. Ranking scores are based upon the following factors:

- Total Project Cost
- Cost per Acre served
- Proximity to Riparian Areas
- Proximity to other WQRD restoration/CSP projects
- Expected Environmental Outcomes
- Efficiency of BMPs to be implemented

IMPORTANT: Any structures built, or methods/systems implemented under the Cost Share Program, must be maintained and kept in place by the participant for at least a fifteen-year period designated in the signed Agreement.