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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 440-9-1

SUBJECT: PGM - CONSERVATION INNOVATION GRANTS, NEW MEXICO STATE  
COMPONENT

TO: All Employees

Purpose: To advise all NRCS NM employees of the availability of the FY 2009 Conservation Innovation Grant Request for Proposals and the deadline for CIG applications: May 15, 2009.

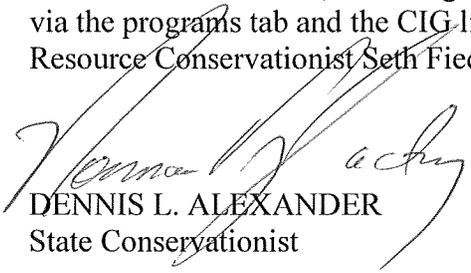
Expiration Date. September 30, 2009

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a voluntary program intended to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies in conjunction with agricultural production. Eligible entities include non-Federal governmental or non-governmental organizations, Tribes, and individuals.

NRCS New Mexico is currently soliciting applications for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches in New Mexico. NRCS anticipates that the amount available for support of this program in FY 2009 will be approximately \$150,000. Funds will be awarded through a competitive grants process.

There are two CIG categories available in FY 2009: Natural Resource Concerns Category and Technology Category. NRCS New Mexico will prioritize proposals including a riparian restoration component, but will consider all eligible applications. Applications are requested from eligible governmental or non-governmental organizations or individuals for competitive consideration of grant awards for projects between 1 and 3 years in duration. The attached notice identifies the objectives for CIG projects, the eligibility criteria for projects, and provides the associated instructions needed to apply to CIG.

Additional information, including application forms, is available on the NRCS New Mexico website, via the programs tab and the CIG link. Other questions and comments should be directed to Resource Conservationist Seth Fiedler, (505) 761-4416.



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