

New Jersey will be using the ACT NOW process in FY 2024 for AMA, EQIP and EQIP IRA to immediately approve and obligate a ranked application in a designated ranking pool when the eligible application meets or exceeds a State determined minimum ranking score without waiting until the NRCS field office ranks all applications in that ranking pool. When using ACT NOW, the State must post the threshold ranking score for any ACT NOW ranking pool to the website. Upon receipt of the application, the application must be date stamped to ensure the policy is met in funding applications in the order they are received in that ranking pool. Applications will be funded in the order of receipt with available funds.

Fund Threshold per Ranking Pool

Ranking Pool	Funding Threshold*
FY24 NJ AMA ACT NOW High Tunnel	Ranking Score equal to or greater than 60
FY24 NJ EQIP ACT NOW High Tunnel	Ranking Score equal to or greater than 60
FY24 NJ EQIP ACT NOW CAPs DIAs and CEMAs	Ranking Score equal to or greater than 50
FY24 NJ EQIP ACT NOW Tree Mortality	Ranking Score equal to or greater than 50
FY24 NJ EQIP ACT NOW Forestry and Wildlife	Ranking Score equal to or greater than 50
FY24 NJ EQIP ACT NOW Soil Health	Ranking Score equal to or greater than 20

*Applications will be funded based on the available funds equal to or greater than the threshold score for each fund code.