

**Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Target Timelines for ACEP:
Entering into New Agreements and Obligations and Target Dates for Prior-Year Agreements**

Vermont State-specific timeline for new enrollments and obligations

ACEP FY 2024 Enrollment and Acquisition Actions	Target Date	Notes
ACEP: Guidance and allocations for FY 2024 ACEP implementation provided to States.	October 2023	Vermont will complete FY 2024 CART ranking pools and post ranking criteria and signup deadlines.
ACEP-ALE: Target date to submit application for new ACEP-ALE Program Agreements to be executed in FY 2024.	January 19, 2024	New program agreement applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year, but it is recommended that new applications be submitted by this date to allow enough time for funding of associated parcel contracts in FY24.
ACEP Signup Deadline	February 2, 2024	Complete applications submitted by this date will be considered for FY24 funding. Applications submitted after this date may be considered subject to the availability of funds or deferred to FY25. Applications for new ALE Program Agreements must be submitted no later than this date for execution in FY24.
ACEP-ALE: FSA Eligibility Deadline	March 8, 2024	For FY24 new enrollments, landowners that have not submitted FSA paperwork or made an appointment with FSA by this date will be deferred to next year's applicant pool.
ACEP: Deadline to request additional funds for consideration in 1 st Funds Assessment.	March 2024 (anticipated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date may change according to NHQ-defined timelines and priorities. This funds assessment typically prioritizes historically underserved participants. - ALE entities may request supplemental funds for additional projects, cost overrun (i.e., increases to federal share) of existing parcel contracts or substitute parcels.
ACEP: Ranking deadline; complete eligibility determinations, and assessment and ranking in CART.	April 5, 2024	Eligible applications received by the application cutoff date must be ranked and prioritized using the most current State ranking criteria.
ACEP: NRCS to finalize determinations regarding eligibility and selection for funding or deferral for FY 2024.	May 3, 2024 (anticipated)	If hazardous materials issues, title or access issues, onsite or offsite issues, or ALE agreement or deed terms issues are identified that present eligibility concerns that cannot be readily resolved by the landowner or ALE eligible entity, the application must be deferred or determined ineligible accordingly.
ACEP-ALE: Deadline to submit parcel contract substitute modification requests	May 10, 2024	Requests to substitute a parcel, including application and all supporting materials, must be submitted by this date for completion in FY24. Landowners must have records with FSA or an appointment with FSA prior to submitting application.

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ACEP-WRE: Finalize the preliminary WRPOs and cost estimates in CD	May 15, 2024	Sufficient documentation, including conservation plan map and schedule of operations, must be submitted to the State Office for internal controls reviews.
ACEP-ALE: NRCS to send individual ACEP-ALE parcel cost-share contracts to the eligible entity to obtain required signatures.	May 26, 2024	NRCS will issue enrollment offers only after completion of all required eligibility determinations and preliminary due diligence reviews and upon conclusion of required internal controls reviews.
ACEP-WRE: States issue WRE offers of enrollment (agreements) to landowners with eligible applications selected for funding.	June 16, 2024	NRCS will issue enrollment offers only after completion of all required eligibility determinations and preliminary due diligence reviews and upon conclusion of required IC reviews.
ACEP-ALE: Deadline to submit parcel contract modification requests to add funds or change landowner	June 21, 2024	Changes to landowners on a parcel contract and additional funds submitted after this date are unlikely to be approved in FY24.
ACEP: Final deadline to submit requests for additional funding in FY 2024.	July 2024 (anticipated)	Funds may be requested for cost overrun or for any FY24 applications that are prepared to have all contracts/agreements fully executed by all required parties, and funds obligated prior to the fiscal year end deadlines.
ACEP: Easements must not be closed during this period.	September 23-30, 2024	Easements must not be closed during this blackout period for closing to minimize negative impacts of unreconciled late-September closings and payments on the NRCS financial statement.