

Ohio will be using the ACT NOW process in FY 2023 for 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

Ranking Pool (all statewide)	Funding Threshold
Pasture	Ranking score equal to or greater than 63.100*
Crop	Ranking score equal to or greater than 63.100*
Beginning Farmer	Ranking score equal to or greater than 63.100*
Socially Disadvantaged	Ranking score equal to or greater than 63.100*

*Applications will be funded based on the available funds equal to or greater than 63.100.