

Act Now—Rhode Island

Application Process



Act Now Implementation

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) uses Act Now to expedite funding decisions by pre-approving a ranked application in a designated ranking pool when the application meets or exceeds a pre-determined minimum ranking score. This means funding decisions can be made without having to wait for all applications to be reviewed and ranked. Act Now streamlines the contract approval process.

Applications for eligible practices that meet or exceed state-determined minimum ranking thresholds will be considered for funding when applying to the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). There is no need to submit a separate application for Act Now. Clients will be considered for Act Now when applying for an eligible practice.

Applications are ranked and scored according to local resource concerns, the amount of conservation benefits the work will provide, and the needs of applicants. Applications will be ranked and evaluated in the order they are received.



Act Now Eligible Practices include:

- ♦ Combustion System Improvement (CPS 372)
- ♦ Pumping Plant (CPS 533)
- ♦ Energy Efficient Agricultural Operation (CPS 374)
- ♦ Energy Efficient Lighting System (CPS 670)
- ♦ Energy Efficient Building Envelope (CPS 672)
- ♦ Streamlined Conservation Planning Activities (CPAs, DIAs and CEMAs)



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