



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

# Tribal Advisory Committee

## Programs Information



# Agenda

- Payment Limitations and Contract Limitations for tribes.
- FY25 Spending Update
- How Ranking Pools Work (how to give feedback)
- Deadlines for Ranking Pool Feedback
- NV Application deadlines

# Payment Limitations

- **EQIP General Manual 530.406 C (1) (i)**

A person or legal entity may not receive, directly or indirectly, payments that, in the aggregate, exceed \$450,000 for all EQIP contracts for Farm Bill 2018.

- **EQIP General Manual 530.406 C (1) (iii)**

Indian Tribes with contracts or Alternative Funding Arrangements are excluded from the person or legal entity payment limitations.

# Contract Limitations

- **EQIP General Manual 530.406 (2) (i)**

Each EQIP contract with a person or legal entity is limited to \$450,000 over the term of the contract.

- **EQIP General Manual 530.406 C (2) (iv)**

Indian tribes are not subject to contract limits.

# Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

- **EQIP General Manual 530.21 (B)**

A federally recognized Indian tribe means any Indian tribe, band, nation, pueblo, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1601 et seq.), that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

Federally recognized Indian tribes are **exempt from payment limitation** requirements, **contract limitations**, and **adjusted gross income (AGI)** requirements.

# Indians Represented by the BIA

- The following information applies to Indians represented by BIA:
  - (1) NRCS can make payments exceeding the payment limitation to tribal participants if a BIA official certifies in writing that no one individual will receive more than the payment limitation.
  - (2) The BIA must produce, at the request of NRCS, proof of payments made to the person or legal entity that incurred costs or lost income related to conservation practice or activity implementation, as record of payment limitations.

# Individual Tribal Members

- Individual tribal members are not exempt from payment limitations, contract limitations, and AGI requirements.
- Individual tribal members are entitled to Historically Underserved Payment Rates.
- Individual tribal members are eligible for NRCS Nevada ‘Tribes Fund-Pool’ as well as other fund-pools they would otherwise be eligible for.

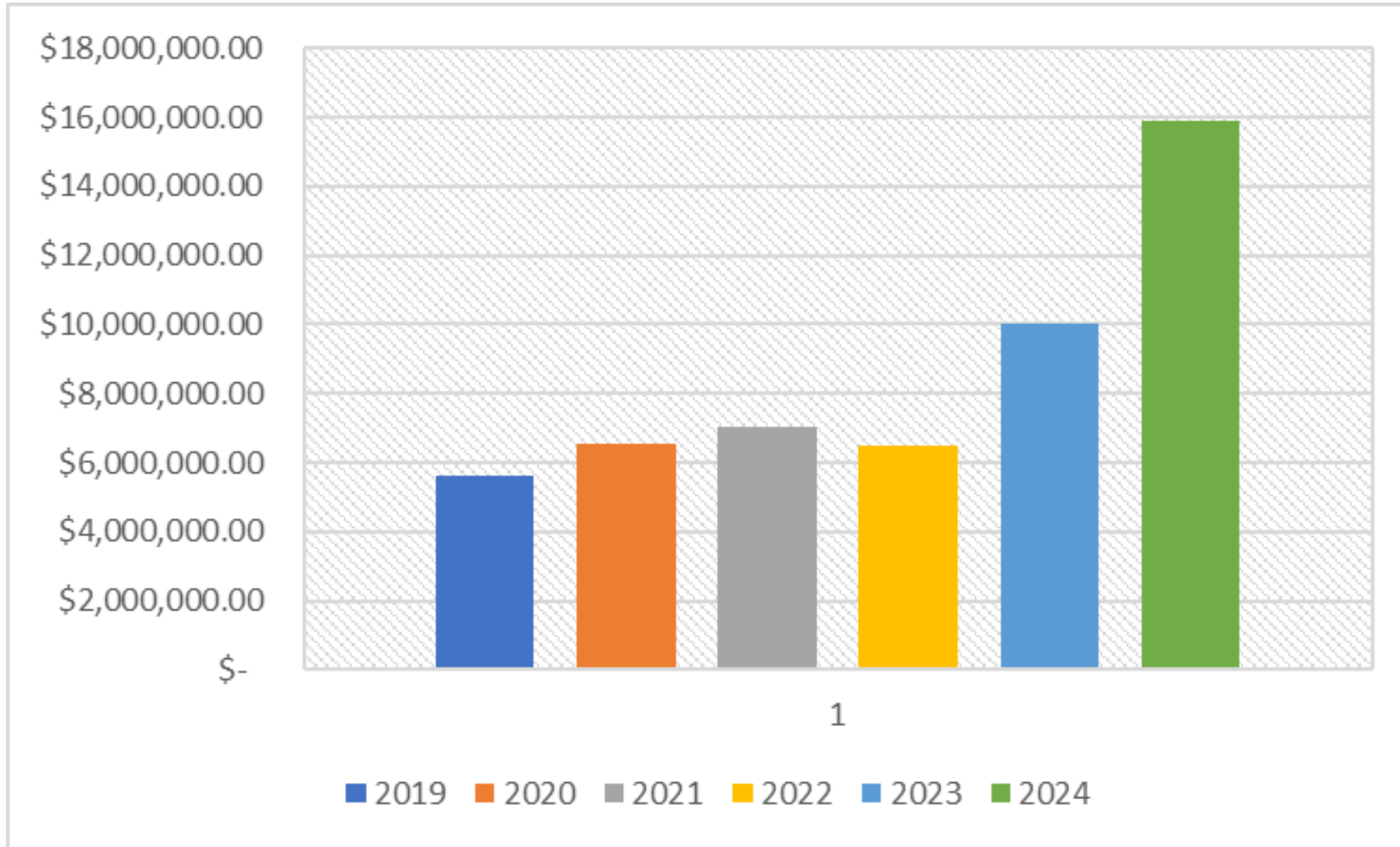
# FY25 Spending Report As of 3-28-2025

| Fund-Pool               | Amount Available | Amount Spent | Amount Remaining |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| EQIP General FA         | \$15,855,230     | \$14,560,047 | \$1,295,183      |
| National Air Quality    | \$1,913,105      | \$1,902,190  | \$10,915         |
| National Water Quality  | \$96,309         | \$0          | \$96,309         |
| Sage Grouse Initiative  | \$693,240        | \$692,866    | \$374            |
| WaterSmart - TCID       | \$1,547,144      | \$1,373,916  | \$173,228        |
| Tribes                  | \$1,419,100      | \$1,397,069  | \$22,031         |
| ActNow                  | \$501,000        | \$400,556    | \$100,444        |
| Livestock Management    | \$153,500        | \$153,432    | \$68             |
| Source Water Initiative | \$990,000        | \$905,005    | \$84,995         |
| High Tunnels            | \$7,000          | \$6,368      | \$632            |

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| Fund-Pool                | Amount Available | Amount Spent | Amount Remaining |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Beginning Farmer/Rancher | \$708,000        | \$707,456    | \$544            |
| Socially Disadvantaged   | \$124,000        | \$123,836    | \$164            |
| Elko LWG                 | \$925,110        | \$925,110    | \$0              |
| Ely LWG                  | \$932,100        | \$932,100    | \$0              |
| Fallon LWG               | \$882,000        | \$232,444    | \$649,556        |
| Las Vegas LWG            | \$1,019,600      | \$1,019,600  | \$0              |
| Lovelock LWG             | \$313,000        | \$313,000    | \$0              |
| Minden LWG               | \$925,000        | \$788,602    | \$136,398        |
| Yerington LWG            | \$1,095,000      | \$1,095,000  | \$0              |
| Urban Ag Fundpool        | \$7,000          | \$5,250      | \$1,750          |

# Total Obligation 2019 - 2024



# How Ranking Pools Work.

Ranking Scores are a weighted average of

- **Priority Resource Priorities**
- **Program Priorities**
- Planned Practice Effects
- Vulnerability Score
- Efficiency Score

# What feedback can influence Ranking Scores?

- Priority Resource Concerns

This is the easiest way LWG's and TAC can influence fund-pools.

NRCS software splits Resource Concerns into Resource Concern Categories.

Please work with State Programs Staff and/or your local Field Office when submitting feedback to ensure that we help translate to NRCS speak.

# Default Resource Concern 'Points'

## Resource Concern Categories

| Categories                                 |       |           |       |
|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| Category                                   | Min % | Default % | Max % |
| Air quality emissions                      | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Aquatic habitat                            | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Concentrated erosion                       | 0     | 10        | 100   |
| Degraded plant condition                   | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Field pesticide loss                       | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Fire management                            | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Inefficient energy use                     | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Livestock production limitation            | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Pest pressure                              | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Salt losses to water                       | 0     | 5         | 100   |

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## Ranking Pool Report

| Categories                         |       |           |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Category                           | Min % | Default % | Max % |
| Soil quality limitations           | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Source water depletion             | 0     | 10        | 100   |
| Storage and handling of pollutants | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Terrestrial habitat                | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Weather resilience                 | 0     | 5         | 100   |
| Wind and water erosion             | 0     | 10        | 100   |

# Lincoln County Priority Resource Concerns

## Resource Concern Categories

| Categories                                 |       |           |       |
|--|-------|-----------|-------|
| Category                                   | Min % | Default % | Max % |
| Air quality emissions                      | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Aquatic habitat                            | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Concentrated erosion                       | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Degraded plant condition                   | 0     | 25        | 100   |
| Field pesticide loss                       | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Fire management                            | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Inefficient energy use                     | 0     | --        | 100   |
| Livestock production limitation            | 0     | 25        | 100   |
| Pest pressure                              | 0     | 20        | 100   |
| Salt losses to water                       | 0     | --        | 100   |

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### Ranking Pool Report

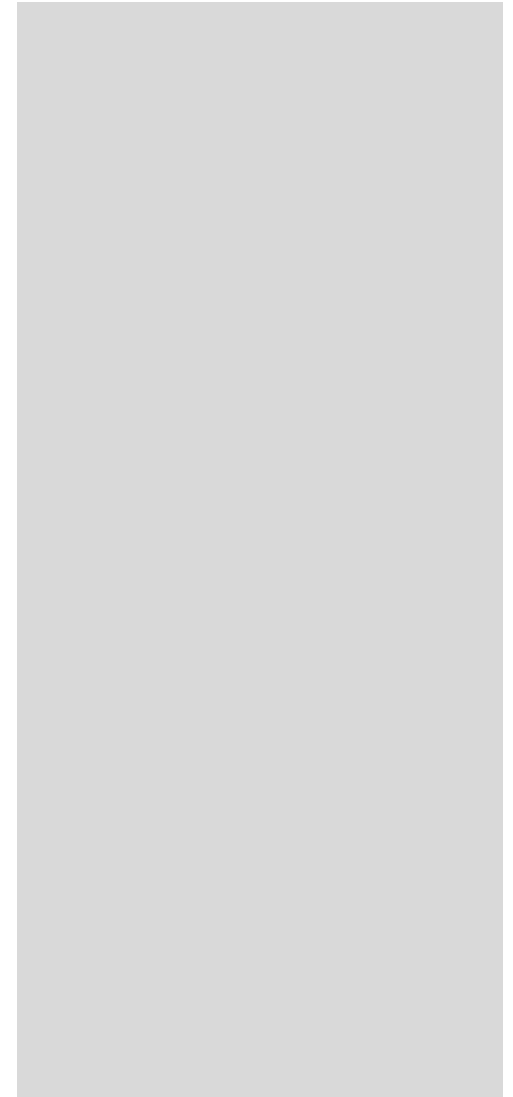
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| Wind and water erosion             | 0     | --        | 100   |

# Priority Resource Concern Effect on Ranking Score

| Practices     | Resource Concerns Addressed                                   | Ranking Score with Template RC's | Ranking Scores with Lincoln County PRC's | Score Increase |
|---------------|---|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 314           | Plant Productivity and Health                                 | 23.265                           | 34.265                                   | 11             |
| 516, 533, 614 | Inadequate Livestock water quantity, quality and Distribution | 26.841                           | 38.399                                   | 12.558         |
| 430           | Inefficient Irrigation Water Use                              | 30.774                           | 37.989                                   | 7.215          |

# Deadline to Provide Input – 9/1/25

- State Office Deadlines: Please get your feedback to your Local Field Office by September 1st so we can have your Priority Resource Concerns updated for your LWG fund-pool.



# Deadlines for Applications

- **CSP Application Deadline – May 23, 2025**
- **EQIP Application Deadline – June 13, 2025**

4 fund-pools will have a FY25 Batch 2 –

Minden LWG, Fallon LWG, National Water Quality, and WaterSmart-TCID

- **FY26 Applications** – Feel free to submit now. Please inform your field office you are aware there are no more funding opportunities this FY but want to submit now.

Staff may not start working on your project right away but the application deadline has been met.

# For more information

- Talk to your local office
- NRCS Nevada Website
  - Use the QR Code or visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/nevada>
- Email [SM.NRCS.NV.INFO@usda.gov](mailto:SM.NRCS.NV.INFO@usda.gov)



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