

Acequia Restoration and Rehabilitation Program

Section 1113

(Water Resources Development Act of 1986)

At a Glance:

- ➤ Acequia water and irrigation system related infrastructure projects.
- ➤ Project cost-shared 75/25 with non-Federal partner or at 90/10 for qualifying economically disadvantaged communities.
- Projects are generally medium to large in scope.
- Design and construction support.

The Authority. Section 1113 of the Water Resources Development Act 1986, as amended, provides authority for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to enter into cost sharing agreements with non-Federal sponsors to protect and restore Acequia Systems throughout the state of New Mexico. Under the Section 1113 authority, assistance may be in the form of design and construction for irrigation water related infrastructure system projects.

Project costs are shared on a 75% Federal, 25% non-Federal basis unless in the case of a measure benefitting an economically disadvantaged community (as defined by the Secretary under section 160 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (33 U.S.C. 2201 note)), whereas the Federal share of the cost of carrying out such measures shall be 90% and 10% non-Federal. The non-Federal sponsor shall receive credit for land, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations toward the non-Federal share of project costs not to exceed 25% of the total project costs.

The Process. A non-Federal sponsor that has the legal and financial capability to enter into an agreement will provide the Corps of Engineers a request for assistance under the program.

The non-Federal sponsor must have the legal and financial capability to fulfill the following project partnership requirements:

- Contribute the non-Federal share of the project costs
- Establish and maintain procedures necessary to insure the long-term operation of the project
- Hold and save the Government free from all damages arising from design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement of the project
- Assume 100% of the operation and maintenance costs for the project when completed

How to Request Assistance. If you have a need for design and construction for Acequia related assistance that may fit within the Section 1113 authority, please contact the Albuquerque District at the phone number below. Our Acequia Program Manager will be happy to meet with you to determine whether the proposed project fits within the program's authority. Only upon receipt of a letter of request/intent from a non-Federal sponsor can the Corps of Engineers initiate a project.

For more information please contact:

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SAMPLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - A

[[SPONSOR LETTERHEAD]]

[DATE]

[DISTRICT COMMANDER NAME]

District Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District ATTN: Civil Works Planning and Project Management Division 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE Albuquerque, NM 87109

Dear [DISTRICT COMMANDER]:

The [SPONSOR NAME] is requesting assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for project support in accordance with Section 1113 of WRDA 1986 to address the [NEED OF REHABILITATION OR RESTORATION FOR SUBJECT ACEQUIA] in [GENERAL AREA DESCRIPTION].

[GENERAL PROBLEM DESCRIPTION IN ONE TO THREE PARAGRAPHS]

The [SPONSOR NAME] intends to serve as the sponsor for the project and understands that once a project partnership agreement (PPA) is completed the non-Federal sponsor would be required to pay 25% of the cost for the project. The non-Federal sponsor shall also receive credit for land, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations (LERRDs) toward the non-Federal share of project costs not to exceed 25% of the total project costs. Once the project is constructed, the non-Federal sponsor will be responsible for 100% of the operation and maintenance costs of the project.

The [SPONSOR NAME] is able, willing, and financially prepared to participate in executing a cost-sharing agreement for a project benefitting our community.

Please contact [SPONSOR'S POINT OF CONTACT] for further information.

SIGNATURE BLOCK Director, City Manager, Mayor, etc., as appropriate



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SAMPLE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE – B ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

[[SPONSOR LETTERHEAD]]

[DATE]

[DISTRICT COMMANDER NAME]

District Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District ATTN: Civil Works Planning and Project Management Division 4101 Jefferson Plaza NE Albuquerque, NM 87109

Dear [DISTRICT COMMANDER]:

The [SPONSOR NAME] is requesting assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for project support in accordance with Section 1113 of WRDA 1986 to address the [NEED OF REHABILITATION OR RESTORATION FOR SUBJECT ACEQUIA] in [GENERAL AREA DESCRIPTION], an economically disadvantaged community as defined by Section 160 of WRDA 2020.

[GENERAL PROBLEM DESCRIPTION IN ONE TO THREE PARAGRAPHS]

The [SPONSOR NAME] intends to serve as the sponsor for the project and understands that once a project partnership agreement (PPA) is completed the non-Federal sponsor would be required to pay 10% of the cost for the project. The non-Federal sponsor shall also receive credit for land, easements, rights-of-way, and relocations (LERRDs) toward the non-Federal share of project costs not to exceed 25% of the total project costs. Once the project is constructed, the non-Federal sponsor will be responsible for 100% of the operation and maintenance costs of the project.

The [SPONSOR NAME] is able, willing, and financially prepared to participate in executing a costsharing agreement for a project benefitting our community.

Please contact [SPONSOR'S POINT OF CONTACT] for further information.

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