



Pre-application webinar for **INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS**

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Welcome and Housekeeping

We invite you to introduce yourself in the **Chat**, noting:

- where you are located in **New Mexico**
- whether you manage land for **crops, grazing, or another purpose**

During the presentation, please stay on **Mute**, keep your **Video** off, and type questions in the **Chat**

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These slides and a captioned recording will be posted soon on our Individual Applicants web page



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Today's Agenda

- Who and what projects** are eligible
- When and where** projects can happen
- How to apply** following our step-by-step process online
- Questions & Answers**

WHO is eligible to apply for NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants?

We welcome applications from two (2) applicant types



1. ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

- New Mexico’s “**local governmental** [entities] with proven **land management capacity to support healthy soil**”, like:
 - Pueblos, tribes, and nations
 - Acequias
 - Land grants
 - Soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs)
 - NMSU Cooperative Extension Service
 - Other **governmental parties meeting the definition above of an Eligible Entity**
- **Application period:** January 15-March 19, 2025
- Awards of up to **\$100,000.00** (including mileage + 15% administrative fee, both of which NMDA pays to the Eligible Entity itself)

2. INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS

- New Mexico’s **non-governmental** parties that are **directly engaged in farming, ranching, or another form of land management:**
 - Individuals
 - Businesses
 - Nonprofits
- **Application period:** January 15-March 19, 2025
- **Awards of up to \$24,999.99** (including mileage + 15% administrative fee, both of which NMDA pays your Project Sponsor)

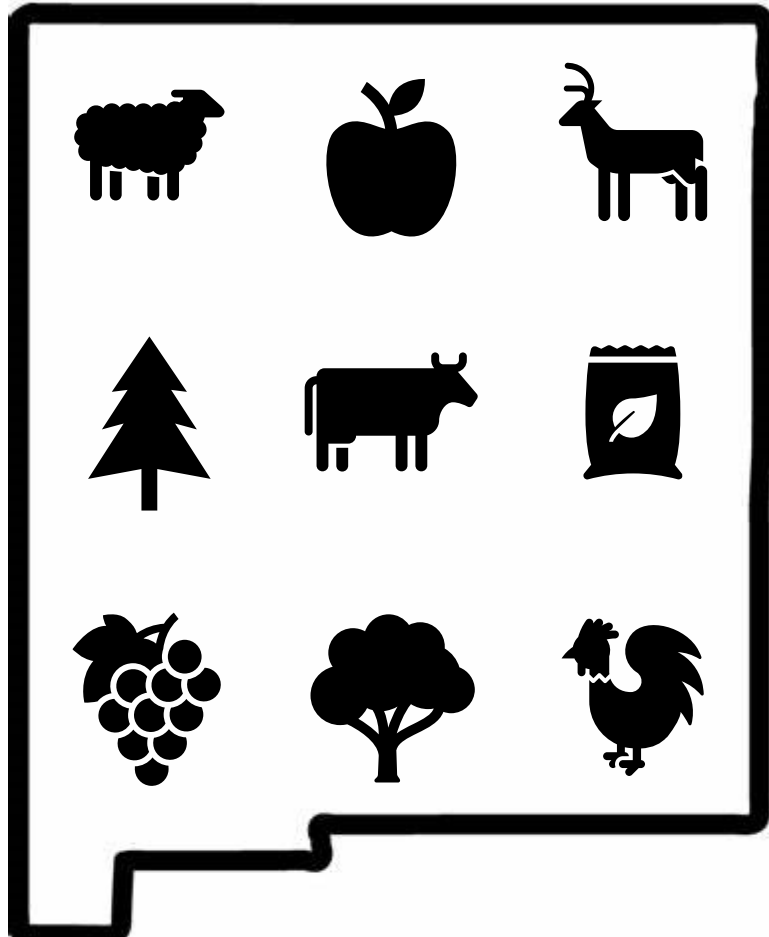
THIS WEBINAR is for Individual Applicants.

See the **Eligible Entity website** for the recording of that webinar soon.



WHERE can
Healthy Soil Program-funded projects
happen?

Healthy Soil Program projects can happen...



- **Anywhere in New Mexico**
- **On any type of operation:** cropland, rangeland, irrigated pasture, forest land, orchards, vineyards, gardens...
- **Where there's an *existing* relationship to the land:** you own it, you lease it, or you manage it on another's behalf
 - **You must have landowner permission** to implement a soil health project on land you don't own
- **On any amount of land:** Projects can be measured in acres or square feet

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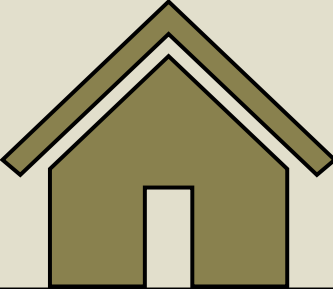
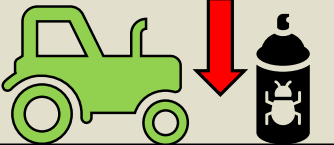
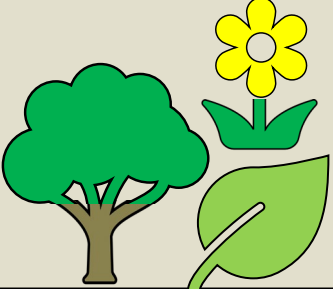
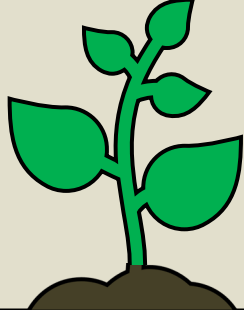
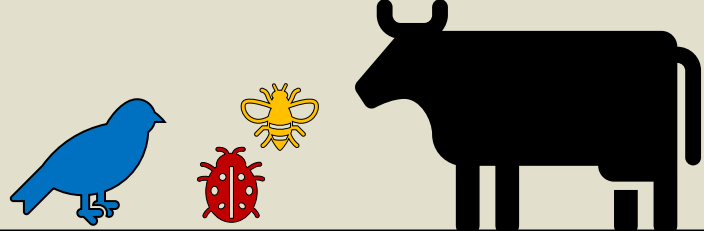
WHEN NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants happen

Projects can last **up to ~15 months**,
starting mid-July 2025 and ending September 2026

July 2025		August	September	October	November
December	January 2026	February	March	April	
May	June	July	August	September 2026	

WHAT projects are eligible for NMDA's Healthy Soil Program?

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program grants fund **on-the-ground projects** involving **1+ of the 5 soil health principles:**

	<p>1. Keep soil covered.</p> 	<p>2. Minimize disturbance on cropland and minimize external inputs.</p> 	<p>3. Maximize biodiversity.</p> 	<p>4. Maintain a living root.</p> 	<p>5. Integrate animals into land management, including grazing animals, birds, beneficial insects or keystone species, such as earthworms.</p> 
<p>→ EXAMPLES of practices arising from the 5 soil health principles</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting a cover crop Leaving crop residues in the field to decompose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimizing tillage on cropland Minimizing farm inputs (applying the 4R strategy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing different plants Increasing the diversity of a crop rotation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Growing long-season crops Planting a cover crop following a short-season crop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grazing crop residues Following a bale grazing plan Planting pollinator habitat

Sample projects funded on cropland

**ESTABLISHING
POLLINATOR
HABITAT**

Photo courtesy NRCS



**PLANTING
A DIVERSE MIX OF
COVER CROPS**



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Sample projects funded on rangeland



SUBSOILING to bust compaction, increase water infiltration

*To see where subsoiling has happened in the photo above, look for the areas parallel to **this red line.***

Photo courtesy Rangeland Solutions, LLC, Curry County, NM

INTENSIVE ROTATIONAL GRAZING to lengthen rest/recovery periods

Photo courtesy CS Ranch Colfax County, NM



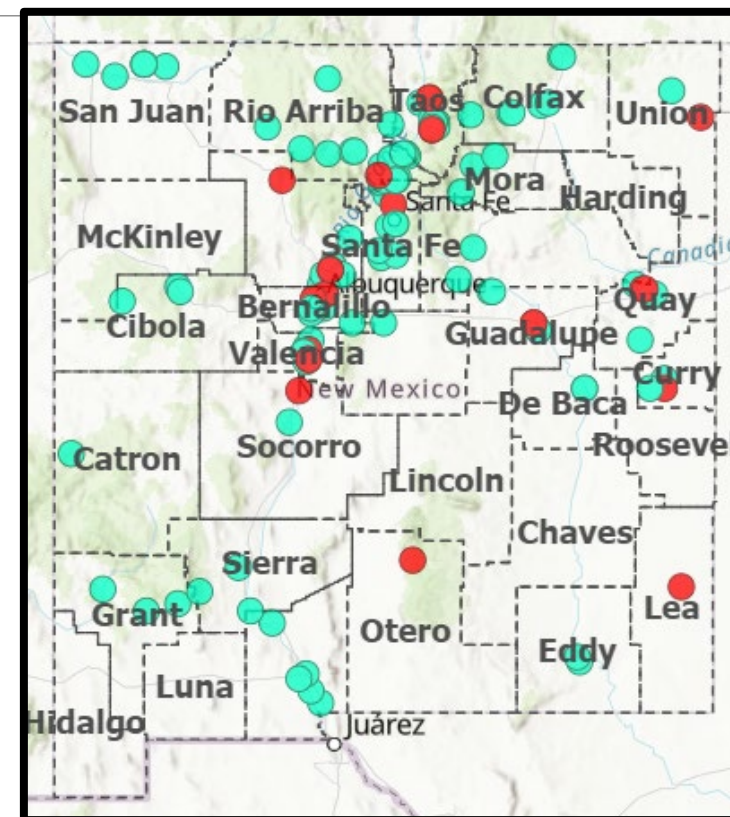
BALE GRAZING to restore cover on bare ground

Photos courtesy M-Scar Farm & Ranch, Colfax County, NM



Projects funded by the Healthy Soil Program, Fiscal Years 2020-2024 (FY20-24)

- = project led by an **Eligible Entity**
 (“local **governmental** entity with proven land management capacity to support healthy soil”)
- = project led by an **Individual Applicant**
 (**non-governmental** party directly engaged in farming, ranching, or another form of land management)



HOW do I apply for a grant from NMDA's Healthy Soil Program?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/hsp/requirements-for-individual-applicants.html>. The page title is 'Requirements for Individual Applicants'. The NMDA logo is in the top left, and navigation links for 'ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS', 'FORMS & APPLICATIONS', 'LICENSING & REGISTRATION', 'INSPECTIONS', 'STATUTES & RULES', and 'DIVISIONS' are in the top right. The main heading is 'FY26 Requirements for Individual Applicants'. Below this, there is introductory text and a list of steps for applying. A green callout bubble on the left contains text about following steps 1-6. A red circle highlights steps 1 through 6 in the list.

Everything you'll need to apply as an individual, business, or nonprofit is on the INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT webpage – just follow Steps 1-6.

FY26 Requirements for Individual Applicants

Individual Applicants are individuals, businesses, and nonprofits directly engaged in farming, ranching, and/or other forms of land management in New Mexico. To apply for a Healthy Soil Program grant, an Individual Applicant must follow the steps below by the deadlines noted.

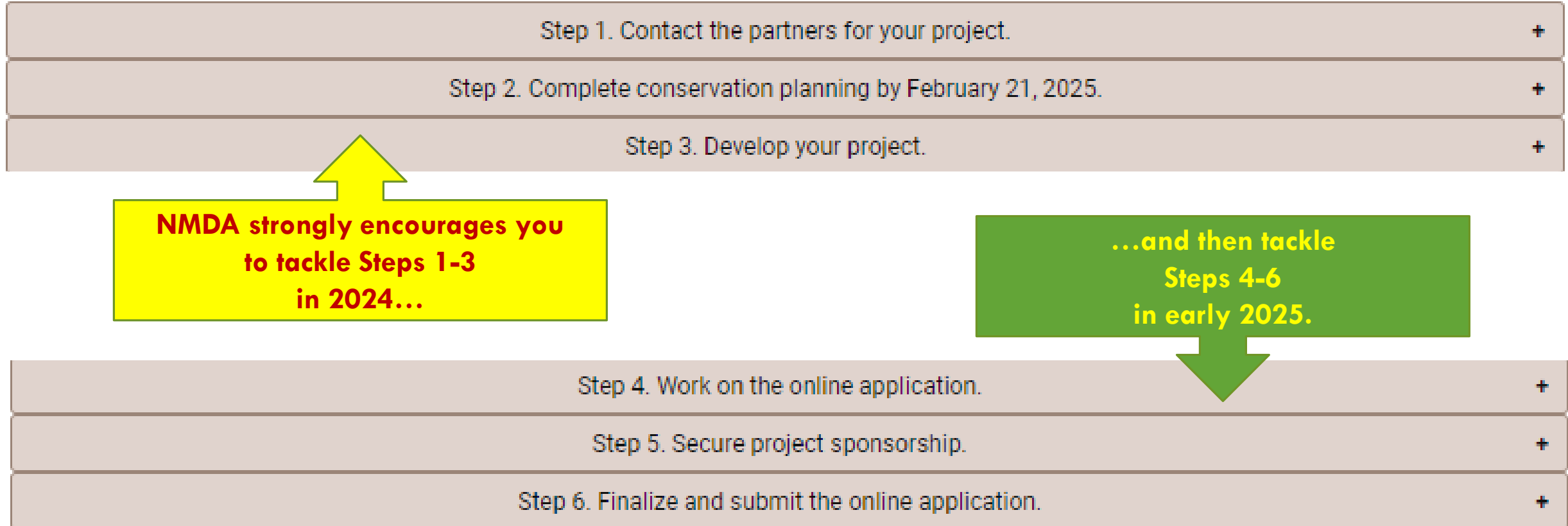
Pay close attention to the documents with an arrow (→) next to them, as those are documents that you must submit as part of your Healthy Soil Program grant application by the application deadline March 19, 2025 at 12 p.m. (noon) Mountain Time. **Late, incomplete, and paper applications will not be accepted.**

Learn more by reading the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Individual Applicants (document coming soon) and by joining us for a webinar: **November 7, 2024** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time: [Pre-application webinar for Individual Applicants](#). You must register in order to attend.

For application tips and Healthy Soil Program updates – as well as soil health news and events – subscribe to our weekly newsletter using the form at the bottom of the [Healthy Soil Program web page](#).

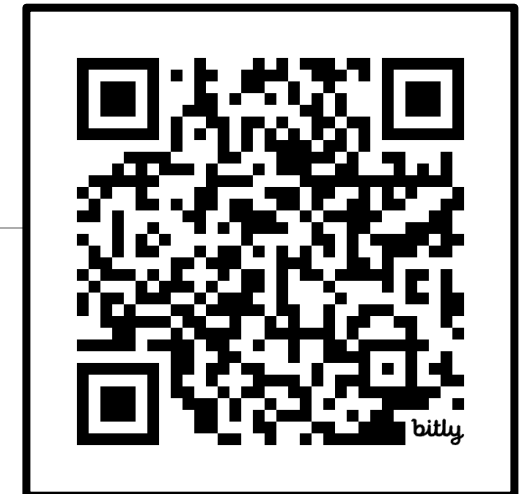
Application Document Checklist	-
Step 1. Contact the partners for your project.	+
Step 2. Complete conservation planning by February 21, 2025.	+
Step 3. Develop your project.	-
Step 4. Work on the online application.	-
Step 5. Secure project sponsorship.	-
Step 6. Finalize and submit the online application.	-

How to approach the step-by-step application process for **INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS**



The steps and materials on the **Healthy Soil Program** webpage for **INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS**

Scan this QR code to go to the webpage for **INDIVIDUAL APPLICANTS**



Questions?



**Visit our website to learn more
and to subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter**
featuring application tips and deadline reminders,
as well as soil health events, news, etc.

[https://nmdeptag.nmsu.edu/
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