



# Noticias de las Acequias

## Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund - March 14, 2023 Deadline



Dear Acequia Leaders,

Now is the time to get started on your applications for the Acequia and Community Ditch Infrastructure Fund (ACDIF)!

**Applications must be submitted in person or via mail by March 14th, 2023 at 3:00 pm** for consideration for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. You can apply for funding for either the engineering design phase or for the construction phase of your project.

- **For engineering designs**, you MUST submit the **engineering proposal** from the professional engineer who will be working on the project. The ACDIF covers 100% of the cost of design up to \$50,000.
- **For construction funding**, you MUST submit a **complete engineering design**. The ACDIF guidelines require a 10% cost share from the acequia. Many acequias can also apply for federal funds to match the ACDIF funds.

Even if you applied for Capital Outlay, you may ALSO want to apply for ACDIF funding.

### Key Documents & Resources

- Click to open our [Program Overview](#) and [ACDIF Checklist](#) to help you get started.
- [Click here for full application documents.](#)
- [Watch the recording of our 'How To Apply for ACDIF Funding' workshop here.](#)

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- Click here for a partial list of [Engineers](#) and a list of [Contractors](#) who work with acequias (please also be welcome to send us any recommendations to add to our list).

### Other Recommendations

**Highlights of general readiness to apply include:**

- Acequia Governance is well established: Bylaws updated, elected commissioners in place, compliance with requirements of the State Auditor, etc.
- Support for your project and clarity on the purpose of your project

**Tips for Design projects:**

- Ensure you do a site visit with the engineer/firm.
- Consider the impacts of drought, floods, and climate change on your infrastructure.
- The engineering proposal and engineering design should match the goals of your acequia.

**The three most intensive aspects are the application are:**

- Getting an Engineering Services Proposal (that follows ISC instructions).
- Gathering easements (agreements from any landowner impacted) and permits or written agreement from BLM or Forest Service where applicable (required for construction - you have an additional 30 days after the deadline to complete).
- A 'Willingness to Proceed' resolution, signed by all three acequia commissioners.

**NMAA is here to assist you with completion and review of your applications.**

Assistance will be on a first come, first served basis and we may partner with other organizations to assist us in meeting the demand to assist acequias statewide. Please let our team know ASAP if you will be seeking NMAA's support.

**Please reach out to our team with questions, feedback, or other comments.**

**Thanks for all for your dedication to your acequias,**

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