



## APPLICATION FOR HEALTHY SOIL PROGRAM COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

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Revised (7/8/25)  
**FY 2025-2026**

Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Agent (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip)  
(Primary) (Secondary)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location (Taos County Neighborhood): \_\_\_\_\_

Property is (✓): ☐ - Owned *(Must attach a copy of a recent property tax bill for the project location)*  
☐ - Leased *(Must attach a copy of lease & recent property tax bill for the project location)*  
☐ - Agent *(Must attach a copy of written/dated landowner approval & a recent property tax bill for the project location)*

Have You Participated in Taos SWCD Programs Before (✓)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Please List Project Type(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Total acres owned: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Acres You Are Applying for Cover Crop Assistance (Max 4): \_\_\_\_\_

Is the land irrigated (✓)? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
How do you plan to plant the seed (✓)? ☐ Self ☐ Contractor  
Are you able to integrate livestock (✓)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

• **If yes and you are interested in TSWCD-funded winter bale grazing, please submit a separate bale grazing application.**

Are you able to plant the monsoon seed by August 15th, 2025 (✓)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you able to plant the fall seed by October 31st, 2025 (✓)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

The landowner is required to pay a seeding cost share to Taos SWCD to pick up seed. The planting payment of \$130 per acre will be made if the landowner provides documentation that the cover crop seed has been planted prior to the seasonal deadlines. Be sure to read all of the attached program rules prior to submitting this application.

*I recognize that the above information is true and correct and I am requesting Taos SWCD assistance. This project is needed to protect soil & water resources on the identified property and technical/cost-share assistance is needed to complete the project. I hereby certify that I have read and I understand Taos SWCD's FY25-26 Healthy Soils Cover Crop Program Guidelines.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Taos Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**FY 2025/26 Healthy Soils Cover Crop Program Guidelines**

- The healthy soils cover crop program is conceived to be a **multi-year program** with an end goal of establishing a multi-species perennial and drought tolerant groundcover.
- For consideration, applicants to this program must submit a signed FY 2025/26 Taos SWCD Healthy Soils Cover Crop Program application.
- Approved applicants will be assigned “Cooperator status.” Prior to seed distribution, cooperators will be required to meet Taos SWCD staff in their field(s) for a rapid soil health assessment and in-field orientation to the Taos SWCD healthy soils program.
- Once approval for seeding is granted, a **\$25/acre cost-share payment will be required from the Cooperator** to participate in the Program. This cost share helps purchase additional seed not covered by the grant.
- Upon receipt of the deposit, Taos SWCD will provide the Cooperator with high-quality cover crop (mixing annual and perennial seed) at an NRCS-recommended rate per approved acre. Seed is selected for suitability to Taos County’s climate, planting season, and whether the site has access to supplemental irrigation.
- Once the Cooperator has provided documentation (photo/video) of seed being planted prior to the monsoon deadline of 8/15/25 or the fall deadline of 10/31/25, Taos SWCD will reimburse the cooperator at a rate of \$130/acre for planting. Seed must be drilled or broadcast and covered with soil with a tractor-based implement to be eligible for reimbursement. Cooperators with sufficient livestock density are eligible to broadcast seed and use animal hoof action to incorporate seed into the soil. **Cooperators broadcasting seed without ensuring sufficient seed to soil contact will not be eligible for planting payments.**
- Individual projects will vary in size and will not exceed four acres per Cooperator. The Taos SWCD FY 2025/26 Healthy Soils Cover Crop Program is limited to an overall total of 280 acres within Taos County. Cooperators with acreages below 1 acre will be reimbursed at the discretion of Taos SWCD.

**PROGRAM FINANCIAL IMPLICATION TABLE:**

<u>Acres</u>	<u>Participation Fee</u>	<u>Planting Payment</u>
1.00	\$25	\$130
2.00	\$50	\$260
3.00	\$75	\$390
4.00	\$100	\$520

**IMPORTANT:** If a Cooperator fails to provide acceptable documentation that the seed was planted prior to the respective deadline, Taos SWCD will not reimburse for planting.