



## ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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### Arizona's Climate Smart Practice Program Application

Applicant (Decision Maker):	
Application Date:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Location where assistance is requested (physical address and crossroads)	
Type of assistance requested:	

1. Do you have a customer record with the Farm Service Agency (FSA)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Have you participated in any climate-smart programs before?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Are you already or have you previously implemented climate-smart practices on your lands? If Yes, please select from the ones listed below, if applicable

([Click here to review NRCS CSAF Practices](#)):

- ☐ Conservation Cover
- ☐ Conservation Crop Rotation
- ☐ Residue and Tillage – No-Till
- ☐ Cover Crop Acres
- ☐ Residue and Tillage – Reduced Till
- ☐ Mulching
- ☐ Nutrient Management
- ☐ Energy, Combustion, and Electricity Efficiency

#### 4. Applicant Information

Select the business structure and enter the legal name and tax identification number for all applicants who will be participants on the contract or agreement including the decision maker.

[illegible]

- a) If applicant is a legal entity or joint operation, do you have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the entity or joint operation?

☐ Yes      ☐ No      ☐ N/A

- b) Complete the table below for all applicants who meet the requirements for one or more of the historically underserved categories. Refer to the instructions to learn more about the requirements. If none, leave blank.

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**5. Land Information. The following questions apply to the land being offered for enrollment through this application.**

a) Land Type (check all that apply)

- ☐ Private
- ☐ Public Land:
  - ☐ Federal Government: ☐ BLM ☐ USFS
  - ☐ State Government
  - ☐ Local Government
- ☐ Tribal Land
  - ☐ Allotted
  - ☐ Tribal Trust Land
  - ☐ Tribal Non-Trust Land
  - ☐ Other

b) Control of Land Documentation (check all that apply)

- ☐ Deed or other evidence of land ownership
- ☐ Written lease agreement
- ☐ Other agreement or legal conveyance (describe):

c) Is the land currently enrolled in other USDA Conservation Programs?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, Which Programs?

d) Organic Certification:

- ☐ Certified Organic by the National Organic Program (NOP)
- ☐ Transitioning to become Certified Organic by the NOP
- ☐ Exempt from Organic Certification as defined by the NOP
- ☐ Not applicable

e) What is (are) the primary crop type(s)?

f) What is (are) the primary livestock type(s)?

The applicant agrees not to start any financially assisted conservation practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified technical service provider before an obligating document is executed by AACD. The applicant understands that if they start a conservation practice or activity prior to AACD executing an obligation the applicant will be ineligible to receive payment for the conservation practice or activity. The applicant may request a waiver to begin a conservation practice or activity early by submitting their written request to AACD. Applicants must provide AACD with written authorization from the landowner to install structural or vegetative practices on leased land included in this application.

The applicant may obtain a copy of the applicable conservation plan and specifications, which defines the full terms and conditions of program participation from AACD.

<b>Applicant Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

#### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

Within the context of conservation and resource management, the principles of equity and environmental justice ensure that every person - regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, U.S. Armed Forces veteran status, or other protected characteristics – receive consistent, uninhibited, and equal opportunity and access to programs, funding, and other benefits derived from land stewardship efforts. The Arizona Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) strongly believes that all Arizonans share the responsibility to protect and conserve natural resources for the benefit of future generations. The AACD holds that traditionally underserved groups provide new, valuable perspectives to statewide conservation efforts, and the AACD is committed to proactively engaging with these underserved groups to ensure that these perspectives are added, and not ignored, in the prevailing discourse. Through targeted outreach programs, DEI-focused Board succession procedures, and an increased emphasis on engaging with producers and contractors from historically underserved groups, the AACD is committed to increasing diversity throughout the entire conservation process pipeline, from funding application and planning to implementation.