



AIF Incentive Program Policy

Navajo Nation Department of Agriculture

Overview:

The AIF Fund Expenditure Plan established by Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CO-57-16 is structured to provide direct services and benefits to Navajo ranchers, farmers and entities, to assist in improving agricultural infrastructure and better manage productive farms and ranches. AIF projects address soil and water conservation and preservation, restoring water resources, reseeding, controlling soil, water and wind erosion, rotational grazing management.

Livestock Management Incentive:

The Livestock Management Incentive supports and promotes quality production of livestock and competitive marketing by offering financial incentives to livestock producers who are in compliance with grazing regulations on the Navajo Nation. Compliance is grazing within the permitted units according to the Navajo Nation Grazing Permit.

To qualify to receive funds, applicants must submit and complete the following at navajoaif.com

1. Provide full name and mailing address
2. Submit official ID, social security card, Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)
 - a. Temporary Identification cards are not accepted.
3. Provide consent for electronic signature for application and W9.
4. Submit a copy of the grazing permit, which must be in the applicant's name.
 - a. Transfers and probates in progress may be accepted if official documents are provided, such as District Grazing Committee recommendation to transfer grazing permit, recommendation to probate or Navajo Nation Court documents.
 - b. Tribal Ranch Leasee must submit a copy of their lease agreement and annual livestock inventory.
 - c. Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL) applicants must be on the approved RDC list of cancelled and heirship grazing permits.
5. Submit the previous year's annual livestock inventory. The inventory MUST BE within the permitted livestock and sheep units.
6. Livestock sale yard receipts may be submitted to confirm culling of livestock to permitted numbers.
7. Livestock producers who are currently enrolled in Range, Forage and Pasture insurance coverage are not eligible to apply for the Livestock Management Incentive Program.

Livestock Management Incentive amounts:

1-49 sheep units: \$1,500

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50-100 sheep units: \$2,500

101 + sheep units: \$3,500

Farm & Garden Incentive:

The Farm & Garden Incentive program provides **active** farmers and gardeners a financial incentive to produce crops, increase food production, increase agro-economics and agricultural participation on the Navajo Nation. The funds are used to improve and maintain planting areas, including water systems, fencing of farm & garden plots.

To qualify, applicants must submit and complete the following online at navajoaif.com

1. Provide full name and mailing address.
2. Submit official ID, social security card, CIB.
3. Provide consent for electronic signature for application and W9.
4. Submit a copy of the Agriculture Land Use Permit (ALUP), which must be in applicant's name.
 - a. Transfers and probates in progress may be accepted if official documents are provided, such as: District Grazing Committee or Farm Board recommendation to transfer permit, recommendation to probate or Navajo Nation Court documents.
5. Applicants may qualify as gardeners, with proof of current food or crop production.
6. All applicants must submit the previous year's annual crop inventory.
7. All applicants must submit two electronic photos of their agriculture project planting and harvest season.

Farm & Garden Incentive amounts:

ALUP applicants: \$1,000

Gardeners: \$500

Upon review and approval, the application and required forms are then forwarded to the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller for payment.

Due to limited staff, a high demand for services and availability of funds, there may be a prolonged waiting period.

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