

**Statement to Confirm Matching Funds
 Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Agricultural Land Easement (ACEP-ALE)
 For ACEP-ALE Grasslands of Special Environmental Significance Enrollments**

The following information is required prior to the dispersal of the Federal share for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE on Grasslands of Special Environmental Significance (ACEP-ALE-GSS). The purpose of this form is to identify and confirm matching fund sources.

ACEP-ALE-GSS Parcel Name _____

NEST Agreement #: _____ NEST Parcel #: _____

State _____ County, Parish, or Borough _____

A. Appraised fair market value of the agricultural land easement on grasslands of special environmental significance	
B. Grantor (Landowner) donation (the portion of A that is given to the eligible entity by the Grantor as a charitable donation or qualified conservation contribution (as defined by section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)). Landowner shall not donate any part of C , D , or E back to the eligible entity.	
C. Agricultural land easement purchase price	
D. Eligible entity cash contribution paid to the Grantor from the eligible entity's cash resources* (D must be at least 33.33% of E unless an eligible entity cash contribution waiver is approved by NRCS. Eligible entity must attach cash contribution waiver approval.)	
E. Federal share paid to the Grantor (Landowner) through eligible entity for an ACEP-ALE on grasslands of special environmental significance** (E must not exceed 75% of A)	
*Administrative and planning costs are not counted as part of the entity cash contribution or as part of the purchase price. ** ACEP funds provided to the eligible entity must not be used for administrative costs such as appraisal, survey, title insurance, legal fees, easement monitoring, or other related transaction costs or planning costs, such as baseline documentation or agricultural land easement plan development.	

Administrative Costs Paid By: (enter amount for each item)	Eligible Entity	Landowner
Appraisal (by certified appraiser to USPAP/UASFLA standards)	\$	\$
Survey	\$	\$
Closing Costs (legal fees)	\$	\$
Title Insurance	\$	\$
Easement Monitoring (Landowner Cost limited to lesser of 2% or \$20,000 of A)	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

Certifications: ACEP-ALE-GSS Statement to Confirm Matching Funds

GRANTOR (Landowner)

I certify that the information on this supporting form for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE on grasslands of special environmental significance is true, correct, and complete. I have been informed that the dollar amount listed above is the appraised fair market value of the agricultural land, and that I have agreed to grant an agricultural land easement on my property for \$_____ (enter purchase price). I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility for the ACEP.

Grantor (Landowner) Name(s) (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Grantor (Landowner) Name(s) (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

GRANTEE (Eligible Entity)

I certify that the information on this form for the acquisition of an ACEP-ALE on grasslands of special environmental significance is true, correct, and complete. I further certify that the eligible entity's cash contribution of the matching funds listed above have not come from additional donations, payments, loans, or fees made by or charged to the above-mentioned Grantor, immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the Grantor, either through formal or informal agreements. I understand that false certification has serious consequences and will result in ineligibility of the entity for the ACEP.

Eligible Entity Name (please print): _____

Authorized Official (please print): _____

Signature by Authorized Official: _____ Date: _____

NRCS

I certify that this is an ACEP-ALE enrollment on grasslands of special environmental significance. I further certify that I have met in person with the Grantor and confirmed all of the information listed above true, correct, and complete. The Grantor has certified that the eligible entity's cash contribution of the matching funds listed will not come from additional donations, payments, loans, or fees made by or charged to the above-mentioned Grantor, immediate family members, or organizations controlled or funded by the Grantor, either through formal or informal agreements. The Grantor understands that the purchase price is the amount he or she should receive at closing for the purchase of the agricultural land easement. The Grantor further understands that the ACEP-ALE does not require a landowner donation or contributions to stewardship or acquisition funds.

NRCS Representative (please print):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Signature by NRCS Representative: _____ Date: _____