New Mexico Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund

Healthy Soil Program
Soil and Water Conservation District Program
Noxious Weeds Program

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NM Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund
“Conservation Legacy Permanent Fund”

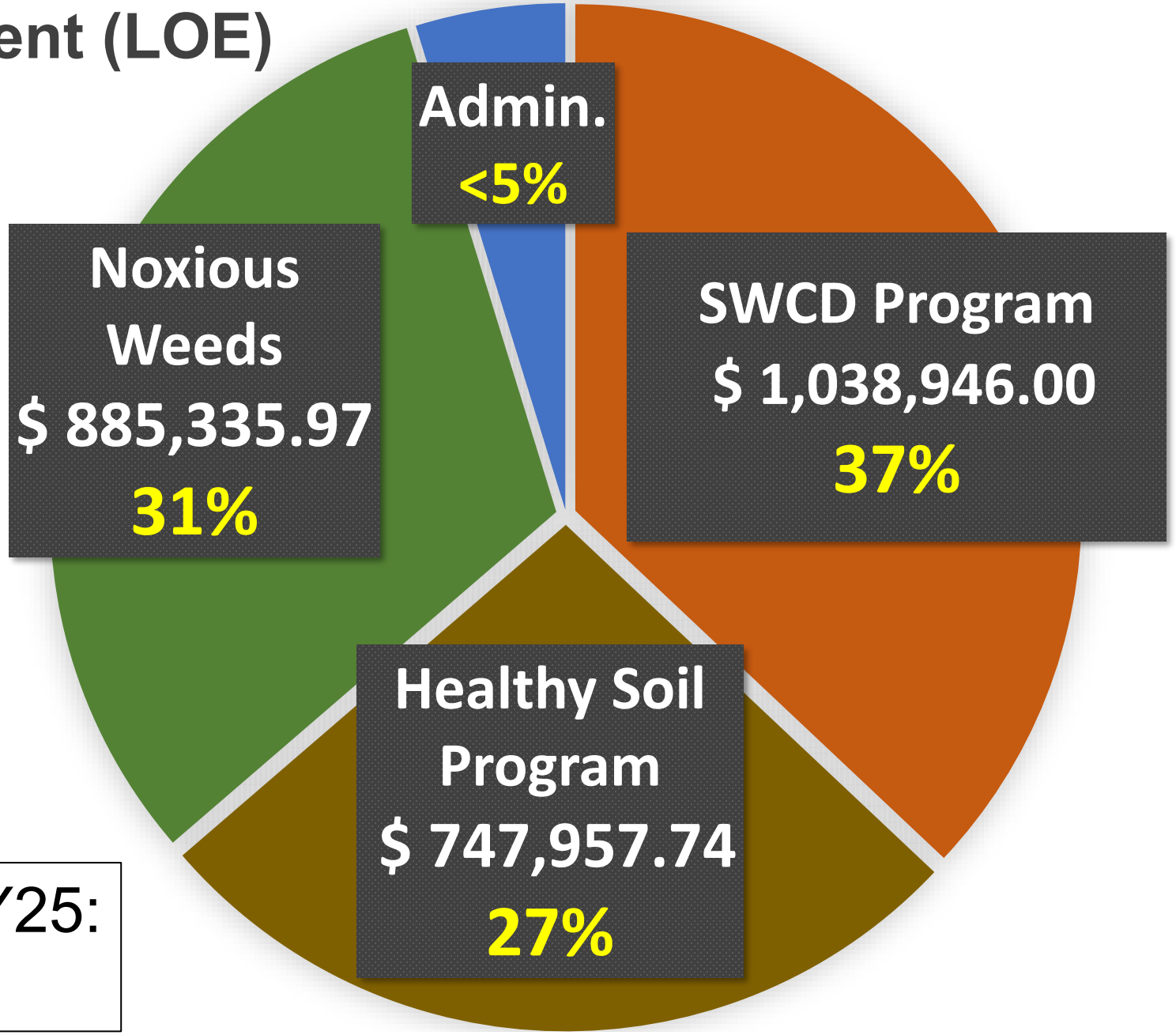
NM State Agency Participation FY 2025

- **NM Department of Agriculture**
- **NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department**
- **NM Environmental Department**
- **NM Economic Development Department**
- **NM Game & Fish Department**

NMDA Land of Enchantment (LOE) Legacy Fund Programs Allocations FY25

NMDA receives 22.5% of annual LOE Legacy Fund disbursement and allocates funding between three programs:

- Healthy Soil Program
- SWCD Program
- Noxious Weeds Program



NMDA Disbursement in FY25:
$ 2,812,500.00

NMDA's Healthy Soil Program

The purpose of the Healthy Soil Program is "to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology and water retention to improve the health, yield and profitability of the soils of the state."

In Fiscal Year 2025, NMDA's Healthy Soil Program:

- **88 (Eligible Entities & Individual Applicants)** applied for grants.
  - Totaling **$1,814,529** in funding requested

- **53 on-the-ground projects** awarded grants.
  - Totaling **$1,416,087** in funding

  - This includes $354K in recurring state monies, plus $490K in match funding from NRCS





Legacy Funding for Soil and Water Conservation District Program

Legislative Monies to Pilot Eligible Entity projects Only

There are 47 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in New Mexico.

- SWCDs & Watershed Districts submitted **57 projects** totaling **$3,520,000** in funding requests
- NMDA awarded funding to **31 projects** totaling **$1,038,946**
  - **Categories of projects selected for funding:**
    - Capacity Building Projects
    - Conservation Planning Projects
    - Landscape-Scale Restoration Projects
    - Community Outreach & Education Projects

Legacy Funding for Noxious Weeds Program

Eligible Entity projects Only

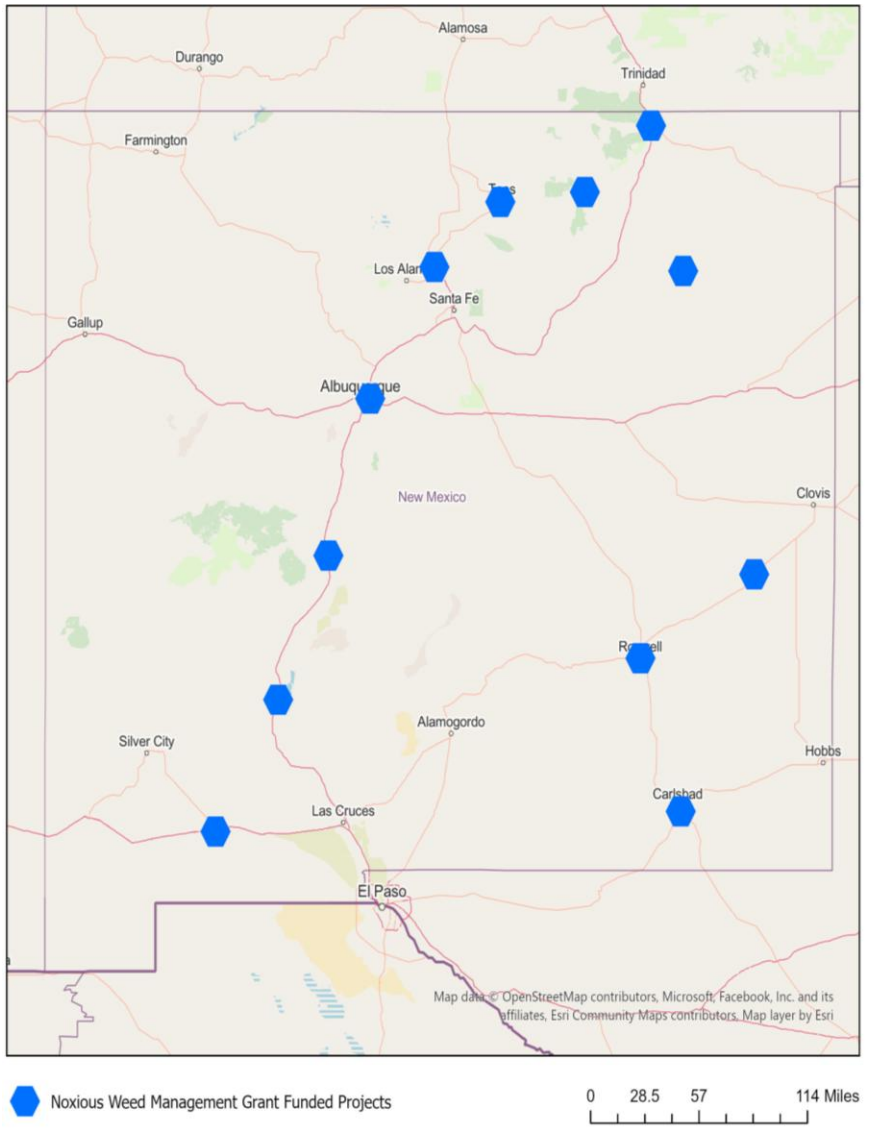
NMDA coordinates integrated noxious weed management programs in New Mexico

In FY25, NMDA's Noxious Weed Management Grant

- **15 project grant applications** received**.**
  - Totaling **$829,089** in funding requested

- **12 project grant applications** awarded
  - Totaling of **$685,336**

- **$200K awarded contracts to map noxious weeds in the state.**



The Healthy Soil Program, Soil and Water Conservation District Program, and Noxious Weed Program all reside in ***NMDA's Agricultural Programs & Resources (APR) Division.***

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