

Grant Application for Farmers

Contact Information & Signature Page

**Please read the instructions and eligibility guidelines prior to completing this application. **

Applicant name(s)			
Farm name			
Site address			
Mailing address			
City, State		Zip	
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Cell Phone			
Email address			
Website			

SIGNATURES

Please sign and date below

Signature

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Submit your completed application:

Email: sscully@dconc.gov

Mail or hand-deliver: Durham County Soil & Water 201 E. Main St., Fl 5, Durham, NC 27701

BUDGET SHEET

Please complete the excel form provided and return with application.

QUESTIONS

Please complete the following questions

How long have you been operating?	_____ years
Percentage of income generated from your farm operation:	%
Please list the primary sources of your farm income (crops, etc.). Will this project increase sales? _____ _____	
Do you or your farming operation carry liability insurance?	___ Yes ___ No
Will this project create an opportunity for a new generation of farmers in your family to be employed on the farm?	___ Yes ___ No
Will this project create additional jobs?	___ Yes ___ No How many?
What is your total current farm size?	_____ acres Rent _____ Owned _____
What is your current acreage in production?	_____ acres
Do you qualify as a M/WBE according to the Durham County Ordinance?	Yes No
How much money are you requesting for your project?	\$ _____ (Total Grant Cont.)
What is the total estimated cost for your project (including match)?	\$ _____ (Total Project Cost)

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet

- Describe in detail your plan for completing your project. Tell us the specific tasks to be completed. Give dates by which you will complete them. (250 words maximum)
- What is your relevant experience? What skills and education do you have that will be useful to the successful completion of your project? (250 words maximum)
- How will the project fit into your operation? (250 words maximum).
- Why do you believe that this project can be successful? (250 words maximum)
- In what areas do you believe you will need assistance to successfully complete your project? Who have you identified to assist you in those areas? Are those individuals aware of your project and have they agreed to help you? (250 words maximum)

Farmer Grant Program 2023 Evaluation Worksheet – Part I

This section is used for AED Committee Review only

	<u>Pts.</u>
▪ Improvements for food safety compliance	____15
▪ Infrastructure improvements	____15
▪ M/WBE (Durham County Ordinance)	____15
▪ New & Beginning Farmer	____15
▪ Farmer purchasing specialized equipment	____15
▪ Project Match: applicant match to the grant >50%	____10
▪ Farmland is participating or applying for the VAD program	____5
▪ Farm has a conservation plan	____5
▪ The farm is following watershed rules	____5

Farmer Grant Program 2022 Evaluation Worksheet –Part II

- Feasibility: _____ (20 points) – Applicant has a good plan in place for completion of the project.
- Experience: _____ (20 points) – Applicant demonstrates skills to successfully complete the project.
- Project Fit: _____ (20 points) – Project has good fit with existing farm infrastructure.
- Project Viability: _____ (20 points) – Likelihood that the project will enable successful agricultural production.
- Project Support: _____ (20 points) – Potential of applicant to garner support to assist with project.