

# Grant Application for Farmers and Nonprofits

## Contact Information & Signature Page

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

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| Farm/Business name                        |  |               |  |
| *Grant Applicant                          |  | Email address |  |
| Contact Name<br>(if different than above) |  | Email address |  |
| Site address                              |  |               |  |
| Mailing address                           |  |               |  |
| City, State                               |  | Zip           |  |
| Cell or Home Phone                        |  | Work Phone    |  |
| Website                                   |  |               |  |

### **SIGNATURES**

Please sign and date below

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Date*

*\*Person signing as Grant Applicant for business must have appropriate documents including proof to sign for the business as on W-9.*

**Submit your completed application by: August 25, 2023 at 11:59 pm**

**Email: [sscully@dconc.gov](mailto:sscully@dconc.gov)**

**Mail or hand-deliver:** Durham County Soil & Water 201 E. Main St., FI 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:   | %   |
| Will this project increase sales? Yes ____ No ____ N/A _____<br>Please list the primary sources of your farm income (crops, etc.).<br>_____<br>_____ |   |
| 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 and/or enable retainment of employees?  | ____ Yes ____ No<br>How many jobs will project create/retain? _____ |
| What is your total current farm size?  | _____ acres<br>____ 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***  
***(Answer ALL questions with 250 words maximum for each bullet)***

- Looking at the program purpose (to develop agricultural economic development), describe how your project meets this purpose.
- How will this project fit into and enhance your operation? What opportunities will it provide your operation?
- 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.
- What is your relevant experience and/or skills necessary to complete the project? In what areas do you believe you will need assistance to successfully complete your project? Who have you identified to assist you? Are these individuals aware of the project?
- Why do you believe that this project can be successful?

## Farmer Grant Program Evaluation Worksheet – Part I

*Please check all that apply to each application.*

|   | <u>Pts.</u> |
|---|-------------|
| ▪ Improvements for food safety compliance                   | ____15      |
| ▪ Infrastructure improvements                               | ____15      |
| ▪ M/WBE (Durham County Ordinance)                           | ____15      |
| ▪ New & Beginning Farmer                                    | ____15      |
| ▪ Farmers purchasing specialized equipment                  | ____15      |
| ▪ Project Match: applicant match to the grant >25%          | ____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 & Nonprofit Grant Program Evaluation Worksheet –Part II

- Purpose: (20 points) – Project is in line with the program goals.
- Feasibility: (20 points) – Applicant has a good plan in place and 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.

*Updated 6/6/23*