

Grant Application for Farmers and Nonprofits

Contact Information & Signature Page

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

Farm/Business name			
*Grant Applicant		Email address	
Contact Name (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

Signature

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**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

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:	%
Will this project increase sales? Yes ____ No ____ N/A _____ Please list the primary sources of your farm income (crops, etc.). _____ _____	
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 How many jobs will project create/retain? _____
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
(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.

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