

Helpful AED Grant Application Tips for FARMERS and NONPROFITS:

- Complete answers to questions as if you are presenting to someone with limited knowledge of your farming operation.
- Try not to include any personal identifying information in your essay question answers (example: don't include the name of the business or your name)
- Describe the project that you are requesting funding for. What solution will it offer to your operation/economic advancement will it provide?
- Be clear and accurate in your responses
- Point out to reviewer the differences in your operation that make it stand out from the rest
- Target a specific project with your proposal, keeping in line with what your time will allow you to complete in a reasonable time (once contract is complete and you are able to start work, you will have approximately a year and a half)
- Read all questions carefully and be sure to answer the questions without being repetitive
- Verify estimated costs of proposed budget with contractors and/or building supply or equipment company prior to completing budget
- Ask someone to review and help with any necessary edits of your proposal
- When working to complete the online application, click on **SAVE** if you haven't finished completing your application and need to complete it later
- Once your application is verified for completeness and accuracy be sure to click on **SUBMIT**
 - * Once you click on **SUBMIT** you will not be able to make any additional changes to your application.
- To verify submission, you may email sscully@dconc.gov