

High Desert Food & Farm Alliance's 2024 On-Farm Efficiency Grant Application
Please complete the online application here for the 2024 On-Farm Efficiency Grant.
All questions must be completed for your application to be reviewed.

You will be completing this budget spreadsheet as part of your application. You may access this sheet later in the form as well. Your application will be reviewed by an anonymous external panel of reviewers. You may view the scoring rubric here.

For eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and more, head to the On-Farm Efficiency Grant webpage.

This application will be open through January 15th, 2024. If you have questions or need any help, please contact Andrea: andrea@hdffa.org

* 1. Name

* 2. Farm or Ranch Name

* 3. Email Address

* 4. Phone Number

* 5. Street Address

* 6. City

* 7. Zip Code

* 8. Will your farm be operational in Central Oregon (defined as Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) in 2024? (This is a requirement for the grant)

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 9. Does your farm/ranch grow and/or raise and sell products primarily in Central Oregon?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 10. Are you mindful of conserving land and water, maintaining healthy soils, and being responsible and transparent in their use of chemicals, fertilizers, manure, and other farm inputs?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 11. Is your farm/ranch a current (2023-24) High Desert Food & Farm Alliance partner? (This is not a requirement but HDFFA partners will receive priority points). Learn about [HDFFA Partnership here](#).

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 12. Has your farm or ranch ever received funds through other programs from HDFFA before, excluding Grow & Give and/or wholesale contracts? Select all that apply:

- ☐ 2018 Season Extender Grant
☐ 2019 Season Extender Grant
☐ 2020 Season Extender Grant
☐ 2020 Hailstorm Relief
☐ 2021 Farm and Ranch Resiliency Award
☐ 2022 On-Farm Efficiency Grant
☐ 2023 On-Farm Efficiency Grant
☐ Unsure (Check only if you are unsure of what you have received in the past and we will check on your behalf)

* 13. How many years of farming/ranching experience do you have?

* 14. Are any of the owners of the farm or ranch Black, Indigenous, or People of Color?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 15. Are any of the owners of the farm or ranch U.S. Veterans?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

* 16. Are any of the owners of the farm or ranch Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and/or Two-Spirit?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 17. Are any of the owners of the farm or ranch living with a disability (A disability can be physical, learning, cognitive, sensory, mental, or chronic health or other disability that is a barrier to everyday living)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Project Questions

In the questions below, please describe your project and its relationship to the overall goals of HDEFA's On-Farm Efficiency Grant project which is to increase the ability of Central Oregon farmers and ranchers to overcome shocks and strains on their farms/ranches through investments in on-farm infrastructure and educational opportunities. Completion of this application is required to be considered for On-Farm Efficiency Grant funding.

Your application will be scored based on the scoring rubric [here](#).

* 18. In 400-500 words, explain the project in which you are requesting funds for. Include in the description how this project will improve efficiency for your farm/ranch, if the project will have any environmental benefit (such as reduced water consumption or improved soil health), if the project will extend your season and/or productivity rate of food, and how you intend to pay for ongoing maintenance costs (if applicable). You may attach another page as needed.

It is important to be as detailed as possible for reviewers to accurately be able to assess your application. You know the ins and outs of your business, but our reviewers will not have any insight unless you provide it to them. Any mentions of the name of your business or owners will be redacted and anonymized.

* 19. In 100-200 words, describe in detail the timeline and steps you will take to meet your project goal.

* 20. What is the amount you are requesting in grant funds, your matching amount, and the total cost of your project? This should include funds from the grant and matching funds. Applicants may receive a maximum of \$3,000 from grant funds and must match 50% or more of the awarded grant funds, which equals a match of at least \$1,500. Applicants may apply with projects with a higher overall total cost as long as they are able to show how costs will be covered, but the maximum award amount is still \$3,000.

Grant funds requested:

Matching funds
provided:

Total project cost:

* 21. Follow [THIS LINK](#) to attach your budget spreadsheet using the template spreadsheet found [here](#) (**please use the tab labeled Template and not Example**). The budget should show a clear estimate of all of the project costs with vendor name included. All costs over \$500 must include a written quote attached.

Did you attach your budget and supporting documentation?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

* 22. What category would you classify your project under? (If you believe your project applies to two categories, pick the one that fits best. Your project category will not have any influence on your application review.)

- ☐ Permanent fixture (e.g. fencing, pond liner, high tunnel)
- ☐ Equipment purchase (e.g. tractor purchase, heat lamps for livestock, processing equipment)
- ☐ Professional development/technical assistance (e.g. on-farm consultant, soil and/or water testing, business course)

* 23. Are you utilizing matching funds from any other grant and/or loan, public or private? If so, select all that apply. (You may not use any other USDA grants as matching funds for this project. USDA loans are allowed to be used for matching funds, but funds awarded by HDEFA cannot be used as repayment to the USDA.)

- ☐ Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board Small Grant
- ☐ USDA Farm Service Agency Microloan
- ☐ USDA Farm Service Agency Farm Storage Facility Loan Program
- ☐ Energy Trust of Oregon Irrigation Cash Incentives
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

* 24. If awarded funding, are you willing to take an agriculture-related course between December 2023 and July 2024 as a requirement for this grant?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

* 25. If awarded funding, are you willing to submit a final report including a description of the project results, receipts of all purchases, a final budget, and proof of taking an agriculture-related course?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

* 26. If awarded funding, are you willing to provide pre- and post-project pictures of your project and your farm or ranch?

☐ Yes

☐ No

* 27. If awarded funding, are you willing to attend a pre-grant and post-grant webinar to learn about reporting requirements and to share your project results? (This is a requirement for all grant awardees.)

☐ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for your application!

In the event of the need for follow-up, clarification, or additional application elements, HDFFA's Agricultural Support Manager will contact you on the reviewer's behalf. In order to ensure timely communication with our reviewers, any inquiry will need to be responded to within one business day.