

High Desert Food & Farm Alliance's 2026 On-Farm Efficiency Grant Application

Thank you for applying for HDEFA's 2026 On-Farm Efficiency Grant! HDEFA is invested in increasing the ability of Central Oregon farmers and ranchers to build and maintain operations that are resilient, viable, and sustainable by providing financial support for on-farm infrastructure, supplies, and professional development. All questions must be answered for your application to be considered.

You will also be completing a budget spreadsheet as part of your application.

Your application will be reviewed anonymously by an external panel of reviewers and you will receive an average score. 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 November 14, 2025. If you have questions or need any help, please contact Christine: christine@hdeffa.org.

* Indicates required question

1. Name *

2. Farm or Ranch Name *

3. Email Address *

4. Phone Number *

5. Street Address, City, ZIP

6. Will your farm be operational in Central Oregon (defined as Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs) in 2026? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

8. Is your farm/ranch a current (2025) High Desert Food & Farm Alliance partner? *
(This is not a requirement but HDEFA partners will receive priority points). Learn about [HDEFA Partnership here](#).

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

9. * 11. Have you received an HDFFA On-Farm Efficiency Grant in the past 3 years? *

Mark only one oval.

- ☐ Yes, 2025
- ☐ Yes, 2024
- ☐ Yes, 2023
- ☐ No
- ☐ I'm not sure, can you check for me?

10. Do you (or any of the farm/ranch owners) identify with any of the following? *

(Check all that apply)

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Beginning Farmer/Rancher (10 years or less of farm/ranch experience, as defined by USDA)
- ☐ Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color (BIPOC)
- ☐ US Veteran
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ LGBTQIA2S+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and/or Two-Spirit)
- ☐ Person living with a disability (this may include physical, learning, cognitive, sensory, mental health, chronic health, or other conditions that create barriers in everyday life)
- ☐ None of the above

Project Questions

In the questions below, please describe your project and how it supports the goals of HDFFA's On-Farm Efficiency Grant: helping Central Oregon farmers and ranchers better manage challenges and strengthen the resilience of their farms.

It is important to be as detailed as possible for reviewers to accurately 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.

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

11. In 400-500 words, explain the project 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, support climate resiliency, and/or productivity rate of food
- Potential long-term impact and how you intend to pay for ongoing maintenance costs (if applicable).

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

13. 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.

Format answer as

Grant Funds Requested:

Matching Funds Provided:

Total Project Cost:

14. Follow [THIS LINK](#) to attach your budget spreadsheet using the template spreadsheet found [here](#) (**please use the second tab labeled Template and not Example**). The budget should show a clear estimate of all of the project costs with vendor name included. *

Did you attach your budget and supporting documentation?

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. If awarded funding, are you willing to submit a final report by July 31, 2026 including a description of the project results, receipts of all purchases and a final budget? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

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

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Thank you for your application!

In the event of the need for follow-up, clarification, or additional application elements, HDFFA staff 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.

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