

Farmland Restoration Program Grant Frequently Asked Questions

When is the next application deadline?

UPDATE: Applications will be accepted **until midnight on January 15, 2021.**

Who is eligible for the Farmland Restoration Program (FLRP)

Owners and tenants/lessees/permittees, with owner(s) approval, of Connecticut farmland are eligible for the program.

What is maximum amount an applicant could be awarded?

Up to \$20,000.00.

Is there an applicant match required?

Yes. A 50% match for the total project must be provided by the applicant. The match can be cash, in-kind services, or a combination of the two.

If I apply by the deadline does it mean that I will be funded?

No. Applications are evaluated by DoAg and a site visit conducted by our outside contractor(s) prior to any project approval.

How is the grant money paid to someone who's been awarded?

The grant will be provided **after** the project is successfully completed, a final financial report (and forms) outlining all expenses associated with the project have been received and approved, and a final project report has been received and approved.

Can I purchase equipment with the grant?

No, general purpose equipment - tractors, excavators, trucks, chainsaws, drills, etc. - are not considered allowable purchases. However, leasing or renting general purpose equipment for use solely on the approved project are considered allowable expenses.

Can I apply for grant funds for a project that I have already started or completed?

No, you must apply to the program and be approved prior to initiating work on your project.

How long do I have to complete the project?

You will have one year to complete the project from the time the contract is fully executed.

How do I apply for this grant?

1. Review the grant application guidelines above and information on our website.
2. Fill out the application and Project Cost Summary and Itemization sheet per the guidelines.
3. Submit the completed forms and project plan via email by the deadline.

Can I use whatever format I desire to apply for the grant?

No. You must use the provided format for the application.

Can I submit my application by mailing it to the Department of Agriculture?

No, applications are only accepted via email (Agr.Grants@ct.gov). Links to download large files from a Google drive or other FTP site are allowable.

Can someone from the Department of Agriculture help me complete the application?

Yes, you may contact Lance Shannon (lance.shannon@ct.gov) with any questions on the FLRP application.

Can I start the project as soon as I know that I've been awarded?

No, you may not start the project until the grantee, Commissioner of Agriculture, and the Office of the Attorney General (if applicable) have signed the contract.

If I've already received this grant in the past can I apply again?

Yes. Applicants may file up to 1 FLRP application per calendar year.