

# Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions

## Program Team Contact:

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## Questions:

### **How long will this grant application take me?**

It depends, but we guess if you have a project in mind it will take at least two hours to gather your grant materials, write the project description, and submit the grant application online.

### **What information do I need to gather before I apply for this grant?**

Farm information including acreage in production, address, tax ID number, line 2 from your 2022 Schedule F, and other general info about your operation. Your project budget and project description should be completed before starting the online application. You will not be asked to submit your Schedule F in the application, but it will be requested if you are awarded funding.

### **If 2023 was my first year farming, can I still apply?**

Yes, contact our team with any questions.

### **What is a Schedule F?**

From the IRS - "Use Schedule F (Form 1040) to report farm income and expenses."

If you don't have a Schedule F or you have other concerns, please reach out to our team and we can work with you on your individual case.

**I am worried there aren't enough funds to support all the small farmers and ranchers looking to make their operations more climate resilient. How much should I ask for?**

Ask for what you need for your project(s), the evaluation rubric is used to help the Grant Review Committee prioritize requests. We do anticipate getting more applications than there is funding available, so some projects may not be awarded or some may only get partial funding.

**What if my farm has unusual circumstances?**

Please reach out to our grant administrator to talk it through.

**Is this grant taxable income?**

The amount given will be reported as income to the Internal Revenue Service via IRS form 1099. Grantees are encouraged to consult a tax advisor about the tax implications of this grant award.

**What if I have a project I would like to apply for that is not on your list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies/Activities?**

That is no problem. All we ask is that you describe the project's disaster resilience impact on your farm.

**Can I apply for multiple projects in one grant?**

Yes, you can apply for multiple projects under one application as long as the amount requested doesn't exceed \$9,999 for small grants and \$50,000 for large grants. As an example, you could request funding for a manure spreader and irrigation improvements in the same grant.

**Where does the funding come from?**

This funding is from the State of Oregon general fund dollars.

**Can I apply in both 2024 and 2025?**

If you apply in 2024 and receive an award you cannot apply in 2025. If you apply and don't receive an award in 2024 you can apply again in 2025.

**Can I apply for both small and large grants?**

You can only apply for a small or large grant. You cannot apply for both in one year.

**Who decides which farms get funded?**

OCFSN has a team of Grant Review Committee members who review grants against our review rubric. Each application will be reviewed by several reviewers.

**When is my application due?**

Applications are due March 1st at 5pm.

**Will the application be available in different languages?**

The application will be available in Spanish. If you need support in another language, please contact the program team.

**Is the grant restricted or unrestricted funding?**

The grant is restricted funding for the on-farm resilience projects you request funding for in your application. Funds cannot be used for general operating expenses. See the list of allowable and not allowable expenses in the grant guidelines document. Awardees will be required to provide a short report and documentation of project expenses and on-farm resilience impact.