

Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program Guidelines and Request for Proposals

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Program Overview:

During the 2023 Oregon Legislative Session, \$2.65 million was allocated to the Oregon Community Food Systems Network (OCFSN) for the Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program. This essential and nationally unique funding will support Oregon's small and underserved producers to be more resilient to climate impacts such as heat, smoke, and drought.

This funding was initially included in the expansive 2023 Bipartisan Drought Relief and Water Security Package (BiDRAWS) and was advocated for by a broad cross-section of OCFSN members. Late in the session, the funding was moved to the Budget Reconciliation Bill ([Senate Bill 5506](#)) and passed at the end of session.

This Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program builds on the successful OCFSN 2022 Farmer and Rancher Disaster Relief Program.

This document outlines the Grant Program Guidelines and Request for Proposals. With guidance from farmers, a diverse group of community members, farmer supporting organizations and OSU extension experts, this program will quickly and fairly distribute these funds to small farmers & ranchers across Oregon to build more on-farm resilience starting in the 2024 farming season.

As you are thinking about applying for funding, be sure to consider that the project(s) that you are proposing is/are:

- appropriately sized for your farm and for your project goals;
- a project/projects that you have the capacity to implement;
- achievable within the grant period (11 months, April 30, 2024 - March 30, 2025);
- achievable and reasonable with the amount of funding you are requesting.

Program Team Contact:

For any application questions or requests for support contact the OCFSN Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Team at grants@ocfsn.org.

For any grant program administration questions, contact Andrew Collins-Anderson at andrew@ocfsn.org.

Grant Program Goals:

- To create an accessible grant program that provides resources to improve disaster resilience on a diverse array of small farms and ranches in Oregon.
- To create a grant program that prioritizes small and historically underserved farmers and ranchers in Oregon:
 - All small farmers and ranchers in Oregon are eligible to apply.
 - Through the grant application review rubric, we will prioritize Black, Indigenous and all People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, trans and gender-nonconforming individuals, and single caregivers.
- To prioritize farmers in Oregon Counties most impacted by drought.
- To prioritize and invest in direct outreach to historically underserved farmers and their communities, conducted by trusted community members.

- To provide direct support to grant applicants to navigate their challenges with the application process. We will have office hours and webinars to inform producers on the grant program. Grant materials will be translated into Spanish.
- To do robust reporting and testimonial gathering to show the impact of this funding on producers and the Oregon food system.

Funding Details:

This grant program has small and large funding categories. Having two grant pools helps us meet two granting priorities: 1) get resilience dollars to as many producers as possible and 2) include larger grants that will have a greater resilience impact on individual operations.

Applicants cannot apply for both small and large grants in one funding cycle. You must apply for one or the other. **If you received a grant in 2024 you cannot apply in 2025, but if you were not awarded in 2024 you can reapply in 2025.** Applicants may be awarded partial funding for their disaster resilience project depending on funds availability and Grant Review Committee project assessment.

- There is no requirement for matching funds for this grant.
- Grant recipients will receive up-front payment.
- Grant funds must directly support the grant purpose to improve small farm disaster resilience.
- Funding from this grant program may be able to be used for match (also known as cost-share) for federal conservation or other funding. Producers are encouraged to contact local NRCS for FSA offices to see how these funds could be used as a match for federal grants.
 - [This map](https://nrcs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a7e88f3183584df985133dfaf1a30368) shows current funding opportunities for Oregon farmers and ranchers to obtain financial assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).
<https://nrcs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=a7e88f3183584df985133dfaf1a30368>

Funding Categories:

Small Grants: \$1,000-\$9,999 (Approximately 75 awards in 2024)

These grants are for smaller resilience projects. This grant category may also be a good fit for or a stand-alone component/phase of a larger resilience project. These are lower barrier to access grants with a shorter application. Below, in the section on [Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies](#), we outline potential on-farm resilience activities to clarify and highlight the types of projects eligible for funding.

Large Grants : \$10,000-\$50,000 (Approximately 30 Awards in 2024)

Large grants are for more involved/expensive/complex projects that have a significant resilience impact for the small farm or ranch. This grant is the best fit for larger equipment/infrastructure

projects that may include planning, shared infrastructure, or coordinating components. These larger grants have a longer application form.

Program Timeline:

There will be two rounds of funding-- one in 2024 and one in 2025. Our goal is to have all funds distributed to producers before April 30th in 2024 and April 30th in 2025. These application and reporting timelines are the same for the small and large grants.

- **2024 Program Timeline:**
 - **December 18, 2023** - Grant opportunity announced publicly with details on OCFSN website
 - **January 1, 2024** - Grant application period opens
 - **March 1, 2024** - Grant application period closes
 - **April 1, 2024** - Awards announced, applicants complete acceptance form
 - **April 30, 2024** - All funds for 2024 grants delivered
 - **November 1, 2024** - Interim project report completed by grant awardees
 - **March 30, 2025** - Projects completed, final expenditures completed, and all reporting submitted from awardees (*reporting may be completed any time before this deadline, earlier reports will help communicating program success to Oregon Legislature*)

- **2025 Program Timeline (*may be revised based on lessons learned from 2024*)**
 - **December 18, 2024** - Grant opportunity announced publicly with details on OCFSN website
 - **January 1, 2025** - Grant application period opens
 - **March 1, 2025** - Grant application period closes
 - **April 1, 2025** - Awards announced, applicants complete acceptance form
 - **April 30, 2025** - All funds for 2025 grants delivered
 - **November 1, 2025** - Interim project report completed by grant awardees
 - **March 30, 2026** - Projects completed, final expenditures completed, and all reporting submitted from awardees (*reporting may be completed any time before this deadline, earlier reports will help communicate program success to Oregon Legislature.*)

Budget and Allowable Expenses:

In the application budget, applicants will need to provide a best estimate of the costs of items to be purchased and/or activities planned. All grant costs must directly support the grant purpose to improve on-farm disaster resilience.

Budget details:

Both small and large grant applications require a simple budget. Use [this budget template](#) and follow all instructions on the template. Budgets will be uploaded as part of the application.

Allowable expenses include but are not limited to:

- Purchase of materials including: plants, seeds, fencing, irrigation, shade cloth, or other materials to improve on-farm disaster resilience.
- Purchase of equipment that is specifically intended for a purpose which would improve on-farm disaster resilience. If applying for equipment purchasing, it will be required for the applicant to describe on-farm disaster resilience benefits of that equipment.
- Paying for professional services including: contractors, planners, facilitators, scientists or other professionals for services to support on-farm or regional disaster resilience.
- Paying for labor/time of farm owner/operator or employees to implement on-farm disaster resilience activities.

Expenses that are NOT allowable include but are not limited to:

- On-going operating costs that do not directly support completion of the proposed project.
- Equipment costs used more broadly than for the proposed project or that do not directly support the proposed project or on-farm disaster resilience.
- Fees or issuance costs associated with the issuance of loans or debt.
- Land or real estate acquisition.
- Costs incurred and/or payments made prior to the GRANT AGREEMENT start date.
- Costs incurred and/or payments made after March 30, 2025 for the first year of the grant program and outlined in the GRANT AGREEMENT.
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any other federal, state, or local government funding.
- Expenses that have been or will be reimbursed by insurance.
- Illegal activity under federal or state law or regulation.

Impact and Reporting:

If awarded, applicants will be required to report on how the funding was used and how it made their farm or ranch more disaster resilient. Specific information about your farm or ranch or whether you were awarded funding will not be made public. The optional testimonial will be made public with your consent. General reporting on the demographics, resilience strategies implemented, and number of operations supported through this program will be made public through a final report, and is essential to show success of this program to the State and other stakeholders.

Reporting requirements will include:

- Upload no more than 6 post-project photos or provide other documentation of project completion such as short video or receipts.
- Write a short paragraph on project outcomes/challenges. Make sure to reference the application project description.
- Optional: a public testimonial of impact of funding on farm's disaster resilience.

Eligibility, Preference Criteria, and Scoring Rubrics:

Small Grants (\$1,000-\$9,999) Eligibility, Preference and Scoring:

Eligibility:

- Producer must operate a farm located within the state of Oregon, derive a portion of their income from the farm business, and are involved in the day-to-day operations of the farm.
- Grant applicants must operate a Small Farm. For this grant, Small Farms are defined by the sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products they raised being no more than \$350,000 as shown on line 2 on your 2022 schedule F filed in 2023.
 - If the sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products you raised exceeded \$350,000 in 2022 due to special circumstances, you may still be eligible. Please reach out to our support team to discuss and get help with your application.
 - If you have not completed a schedule F for 2022, you may still be eligible: please reach out to our support team to discuss and get help with your application.

Preference will be given to:

- Farmers and ranchers from populations historically experiencing the greatest systemic inequities and who are most likely to not benefit from traditional safety nets. For this reason, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, trans and gender-nonconforming individuals, and single caregivers will be given preference.
- Farms that prioritize food and/or seed production and distribution over other types of activities such as education/demonstration-only farms.
- Farms that produce and deliver culturally significant food (food that is keeping with an individual and/or community's cultural beliefs, practices and customs) for Oregon's BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities.
- Applicants that identify as part of an Environmental Justice community.
 - For this grant we use the Oregon State Statute definition - Environmental Justice communities include communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, communities experiencing health inequities, tribal communities, rural communities, remote communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.
- Military Veteran farmer and ranchers.
- Farms that are located in a county that received a drought declaration in either 2022 or 2023. (Oregon Drought declaration maps are available here - https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/WR/drought_dashboard/Default.aspx)

Resilience strategy review:

- Farm chooses project included in our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies **and**
- farm describes how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement **or**

- If the farm is proposing something not on our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies, they describe in detail and are able to justify how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement.

Budget review:

- The project budget is clear, accurate, and financially sound.

Small Grants (\$1,000-\$9,999) Scoring Rubric:

This Scoring Rubric will be used by the grant evaluation committee to score and rank applications:

#	Criteria	Points
1	Producer must have a farm located within the state of Oregon, derive a portion of their income from the farm business, and are involved in the day-to-day operations of the farm.	Required
2	Grant applicants must operate a Small Farm with sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products they raised being no more than \$350,000 as shown on line 2 on your 2022 schedule F filed in 2023.	Required
3	Applicant is Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, trans and gender-nonconforming individuals, and single caregivers.	4 for yes 0 for no
4	Farm prioritizes food and/or seed production and distribution over other activities.	2 for yes 0 for no
5	Farm produces culturally significant food for Oregon’s BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities.	2 for yes 0 for no
6	Applicant identifies as part of an Environmental Justice community.	2 for yes 0 for no
7	Applicant is a military veteran farmer and rancher.	2 for yes 0 for no
8	Farm is located in a county that received a drought declaration in either 2022 or 2023.	3 for yes 0 for no
9	Farm chooses project included in our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies <i>and</i> farm describes how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement <i>or</i> If the farm is proposing something not on our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies, they describe in detail and	10 for yes 5 for partial 0 for no

#	Criteria	Points
	are able to justify how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement.	
10	The project budget is clear, accurate, and financially sound.	4 for yes 2 for partial 0 for no
	Possible number of points	29

Large Grants (\$10,000-\$50,000) Eligibility, Preference and Scoring:

Eligibility:

- Producer must have a farm located within the state of Oregon, derive a portion of their income from the farm business, and are involved in the day-to-day operations of the farm.
- Grant applicants must operate a Small Farm. For this grant, Small Farms are defined by the sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products they raised being no more than \$350,000 as shown on line 2 on your 2022 schedule F filed in 2023.
 - If the sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products you raised exceeded \$350,000 in 2022 due to special circumstances, you may still be eligible. Please reach out to our support team to discuss and get help with your application.
 - If you have not completed a schedule F for 2022, you may still be eligible: please reach out to our support team to discuss and get help with your application.

Preference will be given to:

- Farmers and ranchers from populations historically experiencing the greatest systemic inequities and who are most likely to fall through the cracks of traditional safety nets. For this reason, Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, trans and gender-nonconforming individuals, and single caregivers will be given preference.
- Farms that prioritize food and/or seed production and distribution over other types of activities such as education/demonstration-only farms.
- Farms that produce and deliver culturally significant food (food that is keeping with an individual and/or communities cultural beliefs, practices and customs) for Oregon’s BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities.
- Applicants that identify as an Environmental Justice community.
 - For this grant we use the Oregon State Statute definition - Environmental Justice communities include communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, communities experiencing health inequities, tribal communities, rural communities, remote communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely

harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.

- Military Veteran farmer and ranchers.
- Farms that are located in a county that received a drought declaration in either 2022 or 2023. (Oregon Drought declaration maps are available here - https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/WR/drought_dashboard/Default.aspx)

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- farm describes how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement **or**
- If the farm is proposing something not on our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies, they describe in detail and are able to justify how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement.

Achievability and budget review:

- There is a clear and achievable timeline for this project.
- The applicant has demonstrated preparedness/readiness to successfully implement their project.
- The project is sized appropriately for the farming operation or there is a plan in place for how the farm will utilize any excess capacity.
- The project budget is clear, accurate, and financially sound.

Larger Grants (\$10,000-\$50,000) Scoring Rubric:

This Scoring Rubric will be used by the grant evaluation committee to score and rank applications:

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6	Applicant identifies as part of an Environmental Justice community.	2 for yes 0 for no
7	Applicant is a military veteran farmer and rancher.	2 for yes 0 for no
8	Farm is located in a county that received a drought declaration in either 2022 or 2023.	3 for yes 0 for no
9	<p>Farm chooses project included in our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies <i>and</i></p> <p>farm describes how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement <i>or</i></p> <p>If the farm is proposing something not on our list of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies, they describe in detail and are able to justify how their project will result in an on-farm disaster resilience improvement.</p>	10 for yes 5 for partial 0 for no
10	<p>Project Achievability and Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a clear and achievable timeline for this project. (Up to 2 points) • The applicant has demonstrated preparedness/readiness to successfully implement their project. (Up to 2 points) • The project is sized appropriately for the farming operation or there is a plan in place for how the farm will utilize any excess capacity. (Up to 4 points) • The project budget is clear, accurate, and financially sound. (Up to 4 points) 	Up to 12 points
	Possible number of points	37

Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies/Activities:

Funding from these grants is for on-farm disaster resilience projects and plans. Below is a list of potential allowable activities and related expenses. This list was developed by reviewing the [Beating the Heat: A Statewide Assessment of Drought and Heat Mitigation Practices \(and Needs\) with Oregon Farmers and Ranchers](#) (2023 OSU study), and with input from our Farmer, Rancher and Expert Advisory Committee. This list is not exhaustive and applicants may propose other activities/expenses to increase their resilience to climate related disasters.

Irrigation and Water Efficiency:

- Irrigation improvements to reduce water use (purchasing, installing and maintaining high and medium potential application efficiency (HPAE) systems such as drip, microspray, LEPA, or LESA)
- Improving on-farm water storage (purchasing tanks, digging and/or lining ponds)
- Irrigation ditch revitalization
- Well management and improvement (deepening, updating pumps)
- Solar powered pumps
- Other water efficiency projects (piping, mulching, system automation and remote monitoring, or other irrigation modernization)

Shading and Cooling:

- Shade cloth to protect plants from heat
- Shading structures for plants (greenhouses, high-tunnels, ect)
- Livestock shading
- Opaque plastics and row covers
- On-farm tree planting or other companion planting to increase shade and cooling
- Shade structures for workers
- Fans for livestock
- Refrigerating cool-weather crop starts
- Chemistries and inputs such as anti-desiccants and particle films to protect susceptible fruit from sunburn and heat damage

Soil Health Management:

- Reduced or no tillage (labor or equipment purchases)
- Composting, mulching, or addition of other organic amendments (compost, compost systems, spreaders; biochar, chippers or biochar reactors; aggregating organic debris to distribute to farmers; mulchers or equipment to spread mulch)
- Cover cropping (seed, see equipment purchasing, non chemical termination)
- Rotational grazing (fencing, shade structures, water troughs)

Ecosystem Management:

- Transition or expand silvopasture operation
- Riparian restoration
- Tree planting
- Digging bulges, swales, other on-contour earthworks
- Enhancing ecosystem biodiversity (plant diversity, insect diversity, beaver)

Other Crop Management:

- Planting of drought/heat/climate resilient seeds/varieties. A list is available through [Oregon-based Dry Farming Institute](#)
- Transition to or implementation of dry farming practices

- Adapting planting and harvest times, transitioning to new varieties, and transitioning to new crops, diversification of overall production to avoid late season heat impacts
- Increase season extension infrastructure
- Intercropping
- Frost protection for earlier planting to avoid late season heat
- Purchasing feed for periods when animals are not able to be pastured due to climate impacts

Purchase, Rental, or Refurbishment of Equipment:

This is for equipment that is specifically intended for a purpose which would improve on-farm disaster resilience.

We encourage applicants to review rental programs before applying for funding to purchase no-till seed drills. Here is a [list of soil health equipment available from Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Oregon](#). If applicants are applying for funding to purchase equipment, they must describe disaster resilience benefits of that equipment.

- Implements/equipment to improve soil health or support other resilience activities/strategies (no-till seed drill, flail mower, roller crimpers, manure spreader, and others)
- Livestock trailers for animal evacuation
- Equipment rentals or developing accessible rental program to implement any of the resilience activities/strategies in this section
- Shared equipment or other innovative ideas to reduce equipment costs to implement other resilience activities/strategies
- Emergency milking equipment for evacuated dairy herds

Planning:

- Creating an on-farm disaster plan (heat/smoke policies, evacuation plan)
- Paying a facilitator to guide disaster planning meetings with neighboring farms
- Planning for food or seed distribution during disasters
- Convening farmers and experts in a region to address locally-specific drought and heat-related problems and solutions

Monitoring or Research:

- On-farm trials to promote climate resilience (dry farming, drought, assessing the presence of pollinators in orchards, implementing silvopasture methods, use of tensiometers, cover cropping, and variety trials and heat resistant varieties)
- On-farm soil moisture monitoring (monitoring sensors and equipment)
- Installing and maintaining on-farm weather stations
- Improved information/data on expected water quantity and delivery from irrigation districts
- Evapotranspiration and increased watering for cooling trials

- No-water based fire mitigation strategies
- Data interpretation related to climate resilience
- Technical aspects of irrigation systems, particularly related to installation and maintenance
- Farmer-to-farmer information sharing related to climate resilience

Other potential activities:

- Climate grief (mental health access)
- Other conservation practices to promote climate resilience
- Indigenous practices to promote climate resilience
- Energy use reduction and monitoring (reduced costs for pumping, variable frequency drives)
- Purchasing water

Application Form:

Application Directions:

- This form will be used for all components of your grant application, including project budget upload.
- Please use the provided budget template for your project budget.
- We have provided our review rubric so applicants know how their application will be scored/reviewed. We recommend applicants review the rubric so their applications can be as strong as possible.
- Do your best to describe your project’s on-farm disaster resilience improvement. This detail will help reviewers understand the impact of your project.
- We recommend applicants answer the below questions in a separate document (questions provided are identical to those on the form) and then copy them into the form in order to minimize complications or technical difficulties with the online form.

Application Questions:

Contact Information

Please provide us with your contact information

First Name

Last Name

Farm or Ranch Name

Email

Phone number

Street Address/PO Box

City

Zip Code

Farm Demographics

Your responses to the following questions will not be used to evaluate your application. We will use this information to report on the characteristics of the applicant pool as well as the characteristics of the farms and ranches that receive funding.

Farm Size – Number of Cultivated Acres:

Region:

- Central Oregon
- Columbia Plateau
- Mid Columbia
- North Coast
- Northeast Oregon
- Portland Metro
- South Coast
- Southeast Oregon
- Southern Oregon
- Willamette Valley

Years in Operation:

- 2 Years or Less
- 3-6 Years
- 7-10 Years
- 11-years or More

Preferences

This grant program is focused on small and historically underserved farmers and ranchers in Oregon and will prioritize Black, Indigenous and all People of Color (BIPOC), immigrants and refugees, trans and gender-nonconforming individuals, single caregivers, and other members of Environmental Justice communities.

Are you Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), an immigrant and/or refugee, trans and/or gender-nonconforming and/or a single caregiver? Yes/No

Does your farm prioritize food and/or seed production and distribution over other types of activities such as education? Yes/No

Does your farm produce and deliver culturally significant food (food that is keeping with an individual and/or communities cultural beliefs, practices and customs) for Oregon's BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities? Yes/No

Do you identify as being part of an Environmental Justice community? Yes/No

For this grant we use the Oregon State Statute definition - Environmental Justice communities include communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, communities experiencing health inequities, tribal communities, rural communities, remote communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.

Are you a Military Veteran farmer or rancher? Yes/No

Is your farm located in a county that received a drought declaration in either 2022 or 2023? See Oregon Drought declaration maps (https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/WR/drought_dashboard/Default.aspx) Yes/No

Select Grant Category

Select the grant you are applying for.

Small/Large

Small Grants

Eligibility

Is your farm located in the state of Oregon? Yes/No

Do you derive a portion of your income from your farm business? Yes/No

Were the sales of livestock, produce, grains, and other products that you raised in 2022 equal to or less than \$350,000? Yes/No *These are the sales you reported on line 2 of your 2022 Schedule F (filed in 20223). If you are selected to receive a Disaster Resilience Grant , we will ask you to verify your sales by submitting a copy of your 2022 Schedule F.*

Are you involved in the day-to-day operation of your farm? Yes/No

Project

Which resilience strategies/activities from the [List of Potential Allowable On-Farm Resilience Strategies/Activities](#) are you applying for funding to implement? Please use the wording in our list and include all strategies/activities you are applying for separated by a comma. If not on our list, write OTHER. (100 words)

If you wrote OTHER, please describe your resilience strategies/activities here in detail. (300 words)

Project Justification

How will this project help your farm be more disaster resilient? If you are requesting funding for equipment please be detailed on how the equipment improves on-farm disaster resilience. (300 words)

Project Budget - please use [this template](#) to complete your budget

What is the total amount you're requesting for this project? \$ amount

What are your total projected material costs for this project? \$ amount

What are your total projected equipment costs for this project? \$ amount

What is the total projected cost of professional services for this project? \$ amount

What are your total projected labor costs for this project? \$ amount

If you anticipate having any other costs for this project:

a.) Please enter the total amount of any additional anticipated costs for this project. \$ amount

b.) Please describe these additional anticipated costs.

Upload Project Budget (using the provided template)

Other Project Information – Not Related To Eligibility

If you are applying for funding for multiple projects, please rate your projects in order of importance. *If we are unable to fund your full request we would like to know which projects are your priority for a partial award.* (300 words)

Where did you hear about this grant program? (100 words)

Do you plan to use these funds for federal or other funding match or cost share? Yes/No

If yes, which program or funding source? (100 words)

Would you like to provide a public testimonial on how this funding would impact the disaster resilience of your farm or ranch? Yes/No

If yes, add your testimonial here. (300 words)

Do you have any feedback for us on this application process? (200 words)

Large Grants - Large grant applicants answer all above questions and the additional three below.

1. All projects must be fully implemented and reported on by March 30, 2025. With this in mind, please share your timeline for completing your project and any key milestones.
 2. Please describe steps you have taken to prepare for your project. For example, describe any research you have done and/or resources you have identified that will contribute to the success of your project.
 3. Describe how this project fits the scale of your operation. If you are planning to install infrastructure or purchase equipment that is over-sized for your operation, please describe your plan for utilization.
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Acceptance Form Questions and Uploads

- Upload W9 and confirm mailing address
- Upload their 2022 schedule F (filed in 2023) to document line 2 income from goods produced is less than \$350,000
- Testimonial - what does being awarded this money mean for your farm's disaster resilience?
- Upload pre-project photos if any

Reporting Form Questions and Uploads

- Upload no more than 6 post-project photos or provide other documentation of project completion such as video or receipts.
- Write a short paragraph on project outcomes/challenges. Make sure to reference the application project description.
- Optional: a public testimonial of impact of funding on farm's disaster resilience.

Budget Template:

2024 OCFSN Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program Budget Template		
Instructions: Include all expenses for your project(s). Provide a short description of each expense, and explain if expenses are for different projects. Double check that the sum of all the expenses is correct		
Expense Category	Amount	Short Description of Cost
Materials		
Materials total	\$0.00	
Equipment (vehicles, tools or devices)		
Equipment total	\$0.00	
Professional Services		
Professional Services total	\$0.00	
Labor		
Labor total	\$0.00	
Other Costs		
Other total	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	

Budget Example:

2024 OCFSN Farmer & Rancher Disaster Resilience Grant Program Budget Template		
Instructions: Include all expenses for your project(s). Provide a short description of each expense, and explain if expenses are for different projects. Double check that the sum of all the expenses is correct		
Expense Category	Amount	Short Description of Cost
Materials		
Shade cloth	\$500.00	To cover greenhouses
Emitters	\$1,000.00	To improve drip irrigation
Materials total	\$1,500.00	
Equipment (vehicles, tools or devices)		
Compost spreader	\$2,000.00	To improve soil organic matter
Equipment total	\$2,000.00	
Professional Services		
Evacuation plan	\$2,000.00	Hire professional to create a farm evacuation plan
Professional Services total	\$2,000.00	
Labor		
Farm employee	\$300.00	To install irrigation. 15 hours at \$20/hr
Labor total	\$300.00	
Other Costs		
Other total	\$0.00	
Total	\$5,800.00	