



Northwest Connecticut Land Conservancy

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BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCY ON NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT FARMLAND CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name:

Organization (if applicable):

Address:

Town/City:

State:

Contact information:

Phone:

Email:

Mailing:

Other contact method:

Farm Information

Farm Name:

Website:

Owner/Operator Name:

Street Address:

Town/City:

State:

Mailing address (if different than street address):

Contact information (circle preferred contact method):

Phone:

Email:

Other contact method:

- Has the applicant received an award from a climate-smart agriculture and forestry (CSAF) grant program offered by the New CT Farmer Alliance, Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC), or UConn Extension?
 - Yes
 - No
- If yes, does the project include any of the same expenses applied for in this application? NCLC will not consider applications for projects funded through the above grant programs.
 - Yes
 - No
- Has the applicant applied to a grant program offered by the New CT Farmer Alliance, Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D), Connecticut Land Conservation Council (CLCC), or UConn Extension?
 - Yes
 - No
- If yes, will the project applied for include any of the same expenses described in this application?
 - Yes
 - No
- Has the applicant received grant funding in the past?
 - Yes
 - No
- If yes, which programs has the applicant received funding from? (Indicate all that apply)
 - State
 - Federal
 - Other:
- Has the applicant previously worked with the [Natural Resources Conservation Service](#) (NRCS) to develop a farm conservation plan for the property subject to this application?
 - Yes
 - No
- Has the farm received a climate-smart agricultural assessment through NCLC's assessment program?
 - Yes
 - No
- Is this farm leased? All applicants must submit a **landlord consent agreement** – see below.
 - Yes
 - No
- Is this farm protected by a conservation easement? If yes, applicants must provide a **copy of the conservation easement**.
 - Yes
 - No

- Does the farm owner or operator have a farm management plan? If yes, applicants should provide a **copy of the farm management plan**.
 - Yes
 - No
- Priority will be given to [historically underserved producers](#). Is the farm owner or operator a historically underserved producer? (Circle all that apply)
 - Limited resource farmer or rancher
 - Beginning farmer or rancher
 - Socially disadvantaged farmer or rancher
 - Veteran farmer or rancher
 - I am not a historically underserved producer
- What is the farm owner or operator's gender?
 - Male
 - Female
 - Other
- Does the farm owner or operator identify as an LGBTQ+ farmer?
 - Yes
 - No
 - Prefer not to answer
- Does the farm owner or operator speak English as a second language?
 - Yes
 - No
- What is the farm's net income (revenue minus expenses)?
 - Less than \$50,000
 - Between \$50,000 and \$100,000
 - Greater than \$100,000
- How many full-time equivalents currently work on the farm?
- What is the farm size (total acres)? How many acres are currently in production?
- What does the farm produce? What are the farm's top three products or services?
- What practices, certifications, or philosophies describe this farm?

Project Proposal

Project Description

Provide a written project narrative that includes the following information:

- Describe your project plan in a few sentences. Explain all necessary project details, the project purpose, a timeline of activities, and anticipated completion dates.
- Which climate-smart mitigation categories does this project fall under? (See grant Guidance.) If this project does not fall under these categories, explain how this project helps mitigate climate change or benefit the environment in some other way.
- How many acres will this project affect?
- Is this project new, or a continuation of an existing project?
- What permits does this project require? How will you obtain them?

Attach project plans, maps, sketches, pictures, and other visual materials of the farming operation and project area.

Environmental Impacts

Describe how you will assess your project before and after project implementation. Refer to the grant Guidance for examples of specific metrics. Include the following information, when applicable:

- Lab testing, including methodology of collection, type of test, and facility that will process the test
- Contractor/consultants involved in data collection
- All records and documentation submitted to NCLC before and after project implementation

Budget

Using the Budget Worksheet provided, complete a detailed project budget describing how you will allocate the grant funds, including all equipment, materials, contractors/consultants, and other resources necessary.

Provide any other information explaining why you should be awarded a climate-smart agriculture implementation grant.

For instance, describe your capacity to take on the requirements of this program, your existing commitments to climate-smart agriculture, your long-term goals related to climate-smart agricultural practices.

Documentation

Strong applications will include extensive required and supplemental documentation that provides a thorough description of the farm and farming operation and demonstrates the project clearly.

Please attach all required documentation:

- Landlord consent agreement
- Maps, sketches, pictures, and other visual materials
- Contractor quotes

Please attach all other supplemental documentation, as applicable:

- Conservation easement

- Farm management plan
- NRCS conservation plan
- Any other materials necessary to demonstrate planned project

By submitting the climate-smart agricultural implementation grant application, I _____ understand and accept the contractual requirements, payment terms, timeline, and evaluation criteria of the implementation grant program as outlined in the program Guidance.

Signature:



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BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCY ON NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT FARMLAND LANDLORD CONSENT AGREEMENT

This landlord consent agreement is for NCLC's Climate-Smart Agricultural Implementation Grant. Questions may be directed to Shelley Rose, Agricultural Program Manager, at shelley@ctland.org or call 860-927-1927.

For farmers who rent

Farm Applicant Name:

Address:

Town/City:

State:

For farmers who own

Landowner/Company Name:

Address:

Town/City:

State:

Phone:

Email:

Other preferred contact method:

I _____ attest that I am the owner of this property and consent to implementing the climate-smart agricultural activities as described in the application.

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date: