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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
- What year was the farm business established?
- Describe the farm operation (e.g., beef cattle, dairy, poultry, fruit, vegetable, or other):
- What are the farm's top three products or services?
- What is the scale of the operation? List the number of animals of each livestock species, acres in hay and pasture, acres in cropland, and/or other.
- What is the total size of the farm property?
- Does the farm operator own or lease other land for this operation?
- How many full-time equivalents currently work on the farm?
- 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.
- Does your project involve practices from the NRCS's Climate-Smart Agriculture and Forestry Mitigation Activities List? List the applicable practice code.
- Explain the environmental benefits of your project.
- 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](mailto: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: