

Application for grassland resilience assistance

1. Operator name

2. Farm name

3. Business UBI

4. Email

5. Phone

6. Farm Address

7. County

8. Parcel Number

9. Farm website

10. Type of agricultural business

Vegetables

Tree fruits, tree nuts and berries

Dairy products

Chickens, ducks, other poultry (including eggs)

Meat production

Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod

Herbs (including medicinal products)

Hay or other forage

Timber and non-timber forest products

Christmas trees

Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, dry peas

Honey

Agricultural cooperative

Agricultural nonprofit

Other

11. Please provide a brief description of your business.

12. What's motivating you to adopt pastureland resiliency practices to incorporate soil health, planned grazing, and/or agroforestry? (Please check all that apply)

Diversifying farm production

Increasing farm production

Growing crops for personal use

Enhancing habitat for fish, pollinators, birds, and other wildlife

Enhancing soil health and stability

- Enhance grazing system/benefits to livestock
- Aesthetic enhancement
- Agritourism opportunities
- Carbon sequestration
- Enhancing climate resilience
- Other

14. What practices are you interested in implementing with this funding? (please check all that apply)

a. Soil Health

- i. Soil testing
- ii. pH adjustment
- iii. Macronutrient additions
- iv. Micronutrient additions
- v. Biological soil enhancements
- vi. Other

b. Rotational Grazing

- i. Paddock design
- ii. Permanent fence installation
- iii. Water trough placement
- iv. Electrical fence installation
- v. Other

c. Agroforestry

- i. Silvopasture
- ii. Native riparian buffer
- iii. Working riparian buffer
- iv. Indigenous forest garden
- v. Hedgerow for habitat
- vi. Livestock shelter belt
- vii. Windbreak, dust and drift interception
- viii. Other

15. For each selected practice, describe what you are proposing. If you have interest but need technical advice, tell us what problems you are hoping to solve. As much as possible, include goals and objectives, acreage/size, and existing site conditions. For agroforestry projects include desired tree and shrub species, expected products, livestock integration (if applicable), and anticipated inputs (ex: site preparation, fencing, soil amendments, etc.) Please tell us the anticipated infrastructure needs for the proposed projects.

16. Please identify your on-farm capacity for the field work required by the project. For each category below, please describe the available equipment, labor, and experience with the tasks.

a. Soil health

Tractor

Spin spreader

Manure spreader

Ability to unload bulk fertilizer

Ability to load fertilizer into spreader

Other

b. Fencing

On-site utility vehicle (truck, side-by-side, ATV)

Auger

Fencing tools, experience, crew

Other

c. Agroforestry

Planting tools, experience, crew

Irrigation

Ability to load and haul mulch: Front loader, trailer, etc.

Ability to manage weeds around plantings

Other

17. Please tell us what maintenance you anticipate for the proposed project and how you plan to accomplish that maintenance. What maintenance will you need assistance within the short term?

18. What kind of support are you seeking to implement this project(s)? Select all that apply.

- Brainstorming/visioning
- Technical assistance and design
- Financial assistance to cover material costs (amendments, plants)
- Financial assistance to cover infrastructure costs (fencing, irrigation)
- Labor for site preparation and planting
- Labor for maintenance and monitoring
- Other (please describe)

19. What is the best way to reach you?

Phone

Email

Either

20. Do you self-identify as a member of an historically underserved community?

Yes

No

21. Optional: Please share anything you would like to regarding your answer to question 20

RANKING AND ELIGIBILITY

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked according to 4 broad categories described as eligibility, feasibility, equity and anticipated environmental impacts. Some specific criteria include:

- The relevance of the proposal to building the resilience of agricultural grasslands
- Demonstrated understanding and willingness to conduct maintenance for the proposed project
- Likelihood of success
- Financial and social need of the farmer
- Integration of projects with other programs
- Specific ecological benefits anticipated