

ADDENDUM TO THE
AGRICULTURE FARM EXPANSION GRANT RFP
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

WEBINAR QUESTIONS:

1. Can monthly payments for large purchases such as equipment or infrastructure be considered as a match?

Yes, a portion of the monthly payments may qualify as a cash match if:

1. *The project proposed requires the equipment or infrastructure use and*
2. *The proposer can adequately detail how the project will increase the use of the equipment or infrastructure by a specific percentage and*
3. *The amount allocated to matching funds accurately matches the increased use of the equipment or infrastructure.*

For example, a portion of the monthly payments on a tractor can qualify as a cash match if the proposer estimates the increase in equipment usage for an additional amount of time. The applicant must communicate the estimated increased tractor use, i.e., "The tractor currently operates 10 hours/week. With this proposed project, the tractor will work an additional 2.5 hours per week, bringing the total weekly usage to 12.5 hours/week."

The monthly payment for the tractor is \$2000. Therefore, the additional work hours on the tractor will qualify 20.8% of the tractor's monthly payments to be used as a match. In other words, \$416 of the monthly payment can be considered a cash match.

EMAILED QUESTIONS:

1. We have a nonprofit entity that would be submitting the grant for our farm. Is this the best way to do it?

The only way to apply is through an eligible nonprofit. Please refer to the RFP for a detailed description of what constitutes an eligible nonprofit.

For a for-profit farm, the best route may be going through your nonprofit or another eligible nonprofit of your choosing. The value-added piece should also be submitted by nonprofit. For-profit businesses are not eligible to apply on their own, they must apply with a nonprofit acting as the lead applicant and fiscal sponsor.

2. If there is more than 1 application, say for farm expansion and another for product expansion, would it be better to separate or put it all together?

If there are two separate projects, say one to expand the farm, and another to expand production, it is strongly recommended that the applicant submit two separate applications. There is no limit to the number of applications a nonprofit may submit.