

**Application for Best Management Practices (BMP)
Program & Engineering Services**

Applications are due by April 1 for same year consideration.

Submission of this application does not guarantee award of a grant or reimbursement. Financial assistance cannot be provided for work that is already completed unless it is associated with an executed USDA NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) contract.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____ Physical/E911 Address: _____
Name of Farm: _____
Relationship of Applicant to Farm: _____ Phone Number: _____
County: _____ Email Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____ Best Time to Contact You: _____

FARM INFORMATION

Select your farm size as defined by the Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs):

- ☐ Non-RAP Operation ☐ Small Farm (SFO) ☐ Certified Small Farm (CSFO) ☐ Permitted Medium Farm (MFO) ☐ Permitted Large Farm (LFO)

What is your primary enterprise? (e.g. dairy cows, sheep, vegetables, etc....): _____

Before a potential water quality project can be considered for a grant award, applicants must have a VAAFM approved project scope & design which meets USDA-NRCS or equivalent standards.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Describe the water quality concern you are applying for assistance with:

Is the water quality concern related to enforcement action from VAAFM or any other state agency?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please summarize any ideas or plans you have for addressing this concern (if you are uncertain and seeking assistance with creating a plan, please write "N/A"):

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Please list all types of funding assistance you are pursuing or have secured for this project (NRCS EQIP, VHCBC Water Quality Grant, etc....):	
If you're already working with any VAAFM staff or engineers on this project, please list their name(s):	
Please list the name(s) of any non-VAAFM staff providing planning assistance on this project, if applicable (e.g. staff from NRCS, your local conservation district, etc....):	

COST-SHARE POLICY CERTIFICATION

The BMP program reimburses grantees up to 90% of eligible costs after installation of the granted water quality practice(s) is complete. For State BMP projects, the total payment rate cannot exceed \$100,000. For NRCS EQIP-Assist projects, the total payment cannot exceed \$200,000 nor can it exceed the sum of the federal contribution on State BMP eligible practices.

Is the farming operation able to invest at least 10% of the actual cost of the project?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

By signing below, I understand that this application does not guarantee award of a grant or reimbursement.

Applicant Signature

Date

**Submit completed applications to
AGR.WQBMP@vermont.gov or**

**VAAFM BMP Program, 116 State Street, Montpelier,
VT 05620-2901**

***We will get in touch with you within 10 business days
of your application's receipt.***

For questions about applying, contact one of our
Program Coordinators:

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Emma.Redel@vermont.gov

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Apply Online and learn more: agriculture.vermont.gov/BMP