

Farm Agronomic Practices (FAP) Educational and Instructional Activities Grant Application

The goal of the FAP Grant Program is to encourage the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges. The purpose of FAP Program educational and instructional activity grants are to inform the farmers and citizens of Vermont of:

- the impact on Vermont waters of agricultural waste discharges;
- federal and state agricultural water quality regulations and requirements;
- best practices to reduce agricultural impacts to water quality.

Applications for an educational and instructional activity grant must be fully completed and signed at least **20 days prior** to the date of educational or instructional activity. Grant awards are application-specific and are limited to a maximum of \$1,000 (payment is based on invoice(s) excluding food/beverages). Payment is contingent upon submission and review of claim for payment materials as listed in Attachment B of the FAP grant agreement. Activity's that include providing educational opportunity to agricultural operators or service providers may be required to survey participants after the event to evaluate learning, and share results with the Agency. Survey templates will be provided by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets (VAAFM) prior to the activity.

Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name _____ (As shown on your income tax return form)
- Farmer
 Agricultural Service Provider
 Non-Profit Organization
 Other
2. Business Name _____ (If different from above)
3. Phone Number _____
4. Mailing Address _____
5. Email _____ (If email address is provided, follow-up will occur via email)

Educational or Instructional Activity Information

6. Educational or Instructional Activity _____
7. Activity Location _____
8. Activity Date _____
9. Activity Type **Providing Educational Event** **Attending Educational Event**

ACTIVITIES CANNOT OCCUR PRIOR TO PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE. PLEASE FULLY COMPLETE THE NEXT PAGE.

This grant application must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, hereby referred to as the Agency, for eligibility. If selected, you will be notified by the Agency. You must submit a notice of practice completion and a claim for payment to the Agency within 60 days of activity completion in order to receive grant funds.

If your organization or business is currently receiving funding through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program (AG-CWIP), funding may be denied unless justification of additional funding need is approved by VAAFM.

To be eligible for funding the participant must be in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture regarding regulatory requirements and resulting penalties. Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Educational and Instructional Activities Description

10. Activity Overview: Please describe the activity you are seeking grant funds to support.

11. Items for Reimbursement: Please list the costs you are seeking grant funds to support. The Agency cannot provide grant funding for any food or beverage purchases.

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED	\$

12. Learning Topics: Please list the topics to be addressed in the educational or instructional activity.

13. Water Quality Improvement: Please indicate how grant funding for this activity will inform the farmers and citizens of Vermont of the impact on Vermont waters of agricultural waste discharges, federal and state agricultural water quality regulations and requirements and/or best practices to reduce agricultural impacts to water quality.

14. INCLUDE SUPPORTING MATERIALS: Please attach any learning materials, presentations, or otherwise relevant documents for support of this application. If the applicant is providing an educational opportunity and wishes to use their own post event survey rather than the template to be provided by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, please include this with your application.