

With an NCDA&CS approved County Farmland Protection Plan (G.S. 106-744(e)), must match a minimum of 15% of ADFP Trust Fund monies received. (G.S. 106-744(c2)) These monies must be from sources other than the ADFP Trust Fund.

Without an NCDA&CS approved County Farmland Protection Plan (G.S. 106-744(e)), must match a minimum of 30% of ADFP Trust Fund monies received. (G.S. 106-744(c2)) These monies must be from sources other than the ADFP Trust Fund.

A Tier One Enterprise County (as defined in G.S. 143B-437.08)

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is not required to acquire matching funds. (G.S. 106-744(c2))

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Note: List of tiers is available on the application website.

Number of Proposals Allowed

- Each eligible entity may submit an unlimited number of proposals per funding cycle. Including other grant applications in the Cycle XV request for proposals, the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund will fund up to four (4) applications per category per grant cycle per applicant.

Incomplete Applications

- All information requested in both the USDA NRCS and N.C. ADFP Trust Fund applications is required. Incomplete applications may be considered ineligible for funding.

Evaluation of Applications

- Both USDA NRCS and the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund will evaluate each complete application. For the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund, the evaluation includes a review of the application and all the documents submitted with it. On-site visits and interviews will be conducted for all eligible applications.

Selecting Recipients

- For the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund, the Commissioner of Agriculture in consultation with the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund Advisory Committee selects the applicants who will receive a N.C. ADFP Trust Fund grant.

Application Materials

- The N.C. ADFP Trust Fund application is to be completed online. Application form link, materials, and additional information are available at www.ncadfp.org.
- For USDA NRCS, eligible entities must submit the respective applications listed below to the NRCS North Carolina State Office.

Easement Programs, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, 4407 Bland Rd., Suite 117, Raleigh, NC 27609, ATTN: Terry Foreman and Brian Loadholt

E-mail: ra.nrcs.ncral.easementmonitoring@usda.gov

- **Funding Period**
 - All RCPP funds must be contracted and encumbered by 2024, or until all available funds are exhausted.
 - Contracts will run on a two-year period.

- **Questions about Filling Out the Application**
 - If you have questions about filling out the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund application, please contact the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund office by email at coleman.simpson@ncagr.gov or by phone at 919-707-3074.
 - If you have questions about filling out the USDA NRCS application, please contact the USDA NRCS State office by email at Brian.Loadholt@nc.usda.gov or by phone at 919-873-2160.

- **Application Deadline**
 - **For the N.C. ADFP Trust Fund, applications must be submitted online no later than 5:00 PM on December 17, 2021.**
 - **Please review the USDA NRCS website for the latest application deadline information:**
<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/nc/programs/easements/acep/?cid=nrcseprd339013>