



N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services
N.C. ADFP Trust Fund
Agricultural Plan Application Instructions



These instructions will help you complete the ADFP Trust Fund Agricultural Plan Application.

In an effort to streamline the application process and standardize allowable costs, each Agricultural Plan type has a maximum grant request.

Each grant request must include the required item and any combination of grant options. The applicant may request any funding amount up to the maximum for each option.

Please note: each Agricultural Plan application must be for one county. If seeking funds for more than one county, please submit separate applications for each individual county.

Voluntary Agricultural Districts Grant (up to \$7,500)

Requirements:

- Creation or update ordinance to comply with N.C.G.S. 106-737-743 (up to \$500)

Other Grant Options:

- Creation or update ordinance to add Enhanced VAD that complies with N.C.G.S. 106-743.1-5 (up to \$500)
- VAD signs for new enrollees in the program (up to \$5,000)
- Replacement VAD signs for existing members (up to \$5,000)
- VAD member and prospective VAD member education and outreach event (up to \$750)
- Creation or update to VAD website (up to \$1,000)
- Creation or update to VAD GIS layer that must be shared with NC OneMap (up to \$5,000)
- Direct mail outreach to eligible VAD parcels to encourage enrollment (up to \$500)
- Creation and distribution of VAD brochures and publicity items (up to \$500)
- Conference or workshop for farmers, agricultural entities, county commissioners, county government, and other stakeholders to explain and promote the VAD program (up to \$1,000)



Farmland Protection Plan Grant (up to \$15,000)

Requirements:

- Creation of a plan that complies with N.C.G.S. 106-737-744(e) (up to \$12,000)
OR
- Update a plan older than 10 years old that complies with N.C.G.S. 106-737-744(e) (up to \$12,000)

Other Grant Options:

- Focus groups, listening sessions, or other related events with farmers, agricultural entities, county commissioners, county government, and other stakeholders that will contribute to the plan (up to \$750)
- Creation or update to Farmland Protection Plan website (up to \$1,000)
- Direct mail outreach to farmers, agricultural entities, and other stakeholders for surveys or input for the plan (up to \$500)
- Creation and distribution of Farmland Protection Plan printed items and publicity items (up to \$2,000)
- Conference or workshop for farmers, agricultural entities, county commissioners, county government, and other stakeholders to explain and promote the Farmland Protection Plan (up to \$1,000)

Cost of Community Services Study Grant (up to \$15,000)

Requirements:

- Creation of a study that determines the fiscal contribution of existing local land uses and evaluates working and open lands on equal ground with residential, commercial, and industrial land uses (up to \$12,000)
OR
- Update a study older than 10 years old that determines the fiscal contribution of existing local land uses and evaluates working and open lands on equal ground with residential, commercial, and industrial land uses (up to \$12,000)

Other Grant Options:

- Focus groups, listening sessions, or other related events with farmers, agricultural entities, county commissioners, county government, and other stakeholders that will contribute to the study (up to \$750)
- Creation or update to Cost of Community Services Study website (up to \$1,000)
- Direct mail outreach to farmers, agricultural entities, and other stakeholders for surveys or input for the study (up to \$500)
- Creation and distribution of Cost of Community Services Study printed items and publicity items (up to \$2,000)
- Conference or workshop for farmers, agricultural entities, county commissioners, county government, and other stakeholders to explain and promote the Cost of Community Services Study (up to \$1,000)