

**2019 ALTERNATIVE MANURE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

1. Q. Can a dairy or livestock operator start a project prior to October 1, 2019?
A. A dairy or livestock operator may begin work to indicate greater project readiness, but any costs incurred prior to October 1, 2019 or after September 30, 2021 will not be reimbursed by CDFA.
2. Q. How do the composting requirements for AMMP differ from CDFA's Healthy Soils Program (HSP) and is there overlap?
A. The AMMP provides funding support for producing compost from dairy and livestock manure. The HSP provides funding to farmers to apply compost to farmland and rangelands for improvements to soil health. The mechanism of greenhouse gas reduction achieved from either program is different and the scope of funded activities does not overlap: while AMMP can reduce methane emissions from dairy and livestock manure by replacing wet manure management systems (e.g. anaerobic lagoon) with a dry system (i.e. composting), HSP reduces greenhouse gas emissions through sequestration of soil carbon through application of compost to cropland and rangeland.
3. Q. If a prior AMMP recipient has additional facilities they are considering for AMMP projects, do the facilities need to have a separate Tax ID and/or Social Security Number or can they be the same?
A. Operations awarded previous AMMP funding are not eligible for 2019 AMMP funding, unless a new application represents a new site. Awards are limited to one per dairy or livestock operation site.
4. Q. Do all required permits need to be completed prior to applying for an AMMP grant?
A. No. CDFA allows recipients up to 6 months from the execution of the grant agreement to have all necessary permits in place. However, applicants who have obtained or are in the process of obtaining permits related to their project will contribute to greater project readiness and may be more competitive during review.
5. Q. Are fees for permits an allowable cost?
A. Permit fees are allowable only if they are incurred during the project duration (October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021).
6. Q. Are engineering drawings required as part of the application and are these costs allowable?
A. Engineering drawings are not required but are strongly encouraged and may result in a more competitive project during technical review. Costs incurred prior to October 1, 2019 will not be reimbursed by CDFA.
7. Q. Can a composting facility that will be composting material from several dairy or livestock farms apply for an AMMP grant?
A. No. Eligible applicants are dairy or livestock operators only. Individual dairy and livestock operators can submit separate applications for a centralized composting facility.
8. Q. Can a prior AMMP applicant use information from their FFAST account when applying through the new portal?
A. No. The new portal is separate from FFAST and applicants must create a new account and profile to create a new application.

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9. Q. Can an applicant be reimbursed for use of personal time if they are doing any labor work on the project?
- A. Applicants cannot be reimbursed for their own labor on work related to their proposal. However, time spent by the applicant to implement the project can be documented as cost share.
10. Q. Can a contractor be changed after the grant is awarded?
- A. Yes. An applicant can choose to go with a different contractor from what was originally proposed in the application as long as the total overall cost of the project does not exceed the grant funds requested.
11. Q. The 15% cap on labor costs for a project posed challenges for prior AMMP applicants. Has this issue been addressed?
- A. Yes. Page 10 of the Request for Grant Applications indicates that the cap on labor costs have been increased to 25%.
12. Q. Do awarded projects need be operational beyond the five-year term? If a dairy or livestock operation goes out of business after the project is implemented, does CDFA have recourse over the funds dispersed?
- A. CDFA expects that awarded projects will be operational for at least five years and in most cases, projects will be operational for much longer. If a dairy or livestock operation goes out of business, CDFA does not have recourse against the dairy or livestock operation once the funds have been expended.