2022 AMMP Questionnaire Preview

Disclaimer: This document is intended to provide applicants with an idea of what to expect in the application. Actual questions within the electronic application platform may be different.

Applicant Information

Are you submitting this application on someone else's behalf?

Applicant (Name)

Applicant Email Address

Applicant Telephone (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Has the dairy/livestock operation or applicant organization previously received an award for grant funding through the Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)?

If yes, provide the AMMP Agreement Number(s) and corresponding project site location where the project(s) were implemented.

Did you receive assistance on this application from a CDFA-funded Technical Assistance Provider (TAP) for the AMMP?

If yes, please indicate the name of the individual.

Project Information

Project Title

Please include name of the Dairy or Livestock Operation as part of your Project Title

Project Description

Please do not include any personally identifying information (e.g. address) or specifics about herd size in the project description; portions of the description may be used in applicant or awardee lists that will be publicly available online.

Project Location Address

Latitude

Longitude

County

Is the project location address the same as the mailing address?

If the project location is different from the mailing address, please provide the mailing address below:

Please <u>Click Here</u> to identify and list your State Assembly and Senate Members below:

Assembly Member

Assembly District

Senator

Senate District

Additional Information

Does the applicant belong to a socially disadvantaged group as defined below?

The Farmer Equity Act of 2017 identifies the following as socially disadvantaged groups: African Americans; Native Indians; Alaskan Natives; Hispanics; Asian American; and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Has the applicant served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?

Please select your gender

Section I: Project Plan and Long-Term Viability

Using the completed Project Narrative Template and Work Plan Template, provide the following information.

Please follow instructions on file type and formatting for attachments (refer to Request for Grant Applications Appendix A: Attachments). Please name files using the following convention: ApplicantID_Attachment Name or Number_Name of Operation (ex. 11122233_ProjectNarrative_ExampleDairy)

Select the Primary Manure Management Practice Type

Will the project have a secondary manure management practice type?

Enter the "Start Date" for the project

Enter the "End Date" for the project

Attachment 1: Project Narrative Template (required; as Microsoft Word file)

Include history and background of the operation, herd information, eligible project type to be used in proposal, whether site is owned or leased, sustainability of project, long-term operations and maintenance plans. Include cluster information if applicable.

Attachment 1 should be uploaded as a DOC or DOCX file

Attachment 1.1: Site plan, project design documents, schematic diagrams, etc. (if applicable; as PDF file)

Attachment 1.2: Letter of Agreement from landowner (if applicable; as PDF file)

Attachment 2: Work Plan Template (required; as Microsoft Word file)

Attachment 2 should be uploaded as a DOC or DOCX file

Section II: Project Budget and Financials

Using the completed Budget Worksheet Template, provide the following information.

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Budget

Grant Amount Requested

Matching Funds Provided

Total Project Budget

Within the following categories, identify the Primary Project Activity or Expense contributing to the total share of the project budget associated with the Primary Activity or Expense.

The total share of the project budget associated with the primary, secondary, and tertiary project activities or expenses may be less than 100%.

What percent of the Project Budget is associated the Primary Project Activity or Expense selected above?

Within the following categories, identify the Secondary Project Activity or Expense contributing to the total share of the project budget associated with the Secondary Activity or Expense.

The total share of the project budget associated with the primary, secondary, and tertiary project activities or expenses may be less than 100%.

What percent of the Project Budget is associated the Secondary Project Activity or Expense selected above?

Within the following categories, identify the Tertiary Project Activity or Expense contributing to the total share of the project budget associated with the Tertiary Activity or Expense.

The total share of the project budget associated with the primary, secondary, and tertiary project activities or expenses may be less than 100%.

What percent of the Project Budget is associated the Tertiary Project Activity or Expense selected above?

Attachment 3: Budget Worksheet Template (required; as Microsoft Excel file)

Attachment 3 should be uploaded as a XLS or XLSX file

Attachment 3.1: Bids or quotes to support budget costs (if applicable; as PDF file)

Financials

Please attach one or more of the following documents to demonstrate the organization's financial strength (for partnerships, information from all partners is required).

- Most recent independent CPA Auditor's Report, Reviews or Compilations of financial statements
- Most recent tax returns and accompanying schedules
- Project financing letter from a financial institution
- Profit/Loss statements, bank accounts, or balance sheets
- For corporations current operating agreements, articles of incorporation

Attachment 4: Financials (required; as PDF file)

Section III: Estimated GHG Emissions Reduction and Environmental Benefits

Using the completed Benefits Calculator Tool, provide the following information.

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Herd Size Information

Select Livestock Categories that are part of the Project Boundary (only livestock for which manure management will be affected by the AMMP project are included within the Project Boundary)

GHG Reduction Data

Total project emission reductions over 5 years (MTCO₂e)

Total GHG reduction per dollar AMMP grant money requested (MTCO₂e/\$)

GHG reduction per unit of energy-corrected milk (ECM) produced by the dairy operation (GHG/EMC)

GHG reduction per animal (GHG/animal)

Environmental Co-Benefits

Criteria and toxic air pollutant emissions reductions (lbs over 5 years)

Local (direct) reactive organic gases (ROG)

Remote (indirect) ROG

Local (direct) nitrogen oxides (NOx)

Remote (indirect) NOx

Local (direct) particulate matter (PM) less than 2.5 microns in diameter

Remote (indirect) PM 2.5

Local (direct) Diesel PM

Remote (indirect) Diesel PM

Soil health co-benefits

Compost production (dry tons)

Compost application area (acres to be treated with compost soil amendments)

Fossil fuel reductions (over 5 years)

Diesel gallons

Additional Environmental Benefits

Describe how the project will include additional protection to air and water quality beyond requirements in the project's regional air/water quality permits. Provide a description of the environmental benefits anticipated from your project supported by appropriate evaluations and citations from published literature to support your claims. Examples include, but are not limited to water conservation measures, development of value-added products such as fertilizers and soil amendments that provide more stable forms of nitrogen/minimize nitrate leaching to groundwater, changes to operation's Nutrient Management Plan and/or Waste Diversion Plan that enhance water quality protection and pump electrification. If the project has a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) prepared in collaboration with USDA-NRCS staff, resources conservation goals discussed in the CNMP may be included in this section.

Attachment 5: AMMP Benefits Calculator Tool (required, as Microsoft Excel file)

Attachment 5 should be uploaded a XLS or XLSX file

Attachment 5.1: Explanation of GHG Calculations (if applicable; as PDF file)

Section IV: Project Readiness

Using any permits or supporting documentation obtained, provide the following information.

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Is the project compliant with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?

If yes, upload a copy of the Notice of Determination (NOD) or correspondence from the lead agency confirming CEQA is not required for the project in Attachment 6: Permitting Documents.

If no, please explain where the project is in the CEQA process and steps project will take to achieve compliance.

Is a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) required for this project?

If yes, provide a copy if already obtained, or explain where the project is in the process of obtaining one and/or steps that will be taken to obtain the permit.

If no, provide an explanation.

In which Air Quality Management District (AQMD) or Air Pollution Control District (APCD) is the project located?

Is an Authority to Construct (ATC) required for this project?

If yes, upload a copy of the permit or permit application in Attachment 6: Permitting Documents, or indicate steps that will be taken to obtain.

If no, provide an explanation and supporting documentation as applicable (e.g. mechanical separator for manure already included in existing Permit to Operate, or correspondence from the appropriate agency confirming no air permit is required).

Is the dairy or livestock operation covered under a General Order?

If yes, indicate which General Order.

If no, indicate if the dairy has Report of Waste Discharge for Individual Waste Discharge Requirements and discuss the steps that will be taken to obtain coverage.

Is a permit from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) required for the project?

If permits are required, have they been entered into the California Integrated Water Quality System Project (CIWQS)? Also indicate which RWQCB the project is located.

Has the RWQCB issued a letter approving the project or issued a "Notice of Applicability to Applicant (permit)"?

If yes, upload a copy of the permit to Attachment 6: Permitting Documents.

If no, discuss anticipated approval or why this is not required for the project.

Will the project change the location, volume or characteristics of the manure material being discharged to the operation's pond or its application to cropland?

If yes, please provide an explanation of the change.

Is a permit from a Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for solid waste and composting required?

If yes, upload a copy of the permit to Attachment 6: Permitting Documents.

Has a Solid Waste Facilities Permit (SWFP) been issued or an Enforcement Agency (EA) Notification been filed with the EA for the project?

If yes, provide the Solid Waste Information System (SWIS) Number(s), date of SWFP(s) issue and date the EA Notification(s) was filed. If there are multiple sites for the project, include information for all sites.

If no, provide the date of SWFP Application filing or EA filing OR explain in detail why no SWFP or EA Notification is required; include correspondence from the solid waste enforcement agency confirming it is not required, if applicable.

Are additional local, state or federal permits required (e.g. building permit; electrical permit)?

If yes, list and discuss all required permits. Upload a copy of the permit or permit application in Attachment 6: Permitting Documents, and/or discuss the plans to secure permits (if applicable).

If no, provide an explanation and supporting documentation, such as correspondence with appropriate agencies (if applicable).

For projects proposing to implement advanced solid-liquid separation assisted by flocculants and/or bead filters, answer the following questions:

Has the flocculant undergone a public process, such as CEQA or a State agency approval for use in manure treatment for solids that will be land applied?

If yes, provide documentation or approved permits (if applicable).

If permits are required but not obtained, describe steps that will be taken to obtain permits.

If no, describe why a review or State agency approval is not required, providing supporting documents (e.g. Notice of Exemption or communication from appropriate environmental agency noting review/permit is not needed).

Attachment 6: Permitting Documents (if applicable; as PDF file)

Section V: Benefits to Priority Populations

To evaluate whether a project meets criteria for providing direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to priority populations, please select a "yes" or "no" response for the questions below. These steps and questions reflect the <u>Waste Diversion and Utilization Priority Population Benefit</u> <u>Criteria Table</u> – for more information, please refer to the <u>CCI Quantification, Benefits, and Reporting Materials</u>.

Provide documentation to justify an affirmative answer to the questions and criteria below as Attachment 7: Supporting Documentation for Benefits to Priority Populations, if applicable.

Step 1 – Identify the Priority Population(s). Evaluate the project against each of the following criteria. Use the map provided on the California Air Resources Board website to determine the project location. Select "yes" for all questions that apply.

Is the project located within the boundaries of a disadvantaged community census tract?

Is the project located within the boundaries of a low-income community census tract?

Is the project located outside of a disadvantaged community, but within ½-mile of a disadvantaged community and within a low-income community census tract?

Is the project located within the boundaries of a low-income household?

If a project does not meet at least one of the qualifying criteria in Step 1, no further evaluation is needed. If the project meets at least one Step 1 criterion, continue the evaluation in Step 2.

Step 2 – Address a Need. Identify an important community or household need and evaluate whether the project provides a benefit that meaningfully addresses that need. To identify a need that the project will address, applicants can use a variety of approaches listed below. Select a "yes" or "no" response for each approach employed. The <u>CARB Community Engagement</u> <u>Questionnaire</u> may be used to help gauge the level of engagement achieved in some of the approaches, and can be completed and uploaded, if applicable, as Attachment 7.1: CARB Community Engagement Questionnaire.

(Recommended approach) Host community meetings, workshops, outreach efforts, or public meetings as part of the planning process to engage local residents and community groups for input on community or household needs, and document how the received input was considered in the design and/or selection of projects to address those needs.

(Recommended approach) Receive documentation of support from local community-based organizations and/or residents (e.g., letters, emails) identifying a need that the project addresses and demonstrating that the project has broad community support.

(Alternative approach) Where direct engagement is infeasible, look at the individual factors in the latest version of CalEnviroScreen that are most impacting an identified disadvantaged or low-income community (i.e., factors that score above the 75th percentile), and confirm that the project will reduce the impacts of at one of those factors.

(Alternative approach) Where direct engagement is infeasible, refer to the list of common needs for priority populations in <u>CARB's 2018 Funding Guidelines</u> Table 5 and confirm that the project addresses at least one listed need.

Describe identified community or household need(s). Applicants are also encouraged to explore key factors contributing to less healthy community conditions from the <u>California Healthy Places</u> Index, for additional factors the project may address help address.

If the project addresses a community or household need as described in Step 2, proceed to Step 3. If the project does not address a community or household need, no further evaluation is needed.

Step 3 – Provide a Benefit. Evaluate the project against each of the following criteria to determine if it provides direct, meaningful, and assured benefits to priority populations. The benefit provided must directly address a community or household need identified in Step 2. The project must meet at least one of the following benefit criteria focused on providing environmental improvements, economic benefits, or educational opportunities to priority populations.

The majority (>50%) of waste utilized, recovered or processed by the project is diverted from landfills located in disadvantaged or low-income communities.

Project reduces odor causing pollutants (such as hydrogen sulfide (H2S) or ammonia (NH3)) or on-site criteria air pollutant or toxic air contaminant emissions in a disadvantaged or low-income community without increasing any other criteria air pollutant or toxic air contaminant emissions.*

Project provides food to residents or helps those residents reduce food waste in disadvantaged or low-income communities, or low-income households;

Textile rescue and reuse project provides textiles in good used condition or better (including but not limited to clothing, linens, and towels) to residents of disadvantaged or low-income communities, or low-income households.

Project results in new, expanded, or improved open spaces, parks, greenbelts, community gardens, community composting sites, or recreational areas that are publicly accessible to residents of disadvantaged or low-income communities, or low-income households.

Project provides compost or rescued and reused materials or products to residents of disadvantaged or low-income communities, or low-income households.

Please describe how the project will provide the benefit identified in Step 3, and if additional needs identified in Step 2 will be addressed by the project.

Attachment 7: Supporting Documentation for Benefits to Priority Populations (if applicable, as PDF file)

Attachment 7.1: CARB Community Engagement Questionnaire (if applicable, as PDF file)

Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is committed to equitable access for all Californians and investing in the long-term prosperity of our food farming systems, starting with our farmers. To better ensure the inclusion of California's socially disadvantaged farmers in this and other Climate Smart Agriculture grant programs, CDFA requests that applicants self-identify as part of the application process. A "socially disadvantaged group" means a group whose members have been subjected to racial, ethnic, or gender prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. The Farmer Equity Act of 2017 identifies the following as socially disadvantaged groups: African Americans; Native Indians; Alaskan Natives; Hispanics; Asian American; and Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Does the applicant belong to a socially disadvantaged group as defined above?

Section VI: Additional Information

If you have any additional information to support your application, please provide a brief explanation (e.g. what materials are included, what sections of the application are supported), and upload them as a single PDF file below:

Attachment 8: Additional Information (if applicable, as PDF file)