

## 2023 Alternative Manure Management Program Questions and Answers (Q&A)

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1. If someone is applying for a 2023 AMMP AND Dairy Plus project: on the initial "Project Information" page in the Amplifund application, for Application Name, should this be the project name for both AMMP and Dairy Plus, or for the AMMP-only portion? Same question for the Award Requested field. Is the Primary Contact the dairy owner or the person applying on its behalf?

Project Information

Application Information

Application Name\*

How much are you requesting from the funder?

Award Requested\*

Total Award Budget

Primary Contact Information

Name\*  This field is required.

*Screenshot of Project Information page for reference.*

The "Project Information" page is a required part of any Amplifund application, but is somewhat supplemental and redundant to the 2023 AMMP and/or Dairy Plus Program Application (found under the "Application Forms" page).

- For Application Name, we suggest the applicant or submitter use something simple but identifying, including the dairy or livestock operation's name (or could even be just the operation name). Applicants will have a chance to enter project titles for AMMP and/or Dairy Plus components independently within the Program Application.
- For the Award Requested, this field is capped by the \$750,000 ceiling associated with the 2023 AMMP Grant Opportunity built in the online platform, so users should enter their AMMP-only grant fund request here. Applicants will be able to enter the amount requested for AMMP and/or Dairy Plus projects independently within the Program Application.
- For the Primary Contact Information, this can be either (dairy owner or person applying on behalf of the dairy), depending on an applicant's set up and preference with the individual(s) assisting them. The Primary Contact will

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receive an automated email about application submission. However, you will be able to define the Applicant and their contact information, and the individual submitting an application on someone else's behalf (if any), within the Program Application. The names and contact information entered in the Program Application will be the main ones used for communication about the application following submission.

2. Would being Basque qualify a farmer or rancher as a Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher (SDFR)?

For CDFA, the definition for SDFR is: "Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher" means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. "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. These groups include all of the following: (1) African Americans (2) Native Indians (3) Alaskan Natives (4) Hispanics (5) Asian Americans (6) Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, as defined by the [Farmer Equity Act of 2017](#). It would be up to the applicant to self-identify if belonging to one of the groups listed, and respond to the application question regarding SDFR (if they choose). We do not have any information or guidance past the definition as presented at this time.

3. Can I quantify the GHG emission reduction of my project using a modified calculator?

Applicants are required to use the latest "Quantification Methodology for the California Department of Food and Agriculture Alternative Manure Management Program" and associated "Benefits Calculator Tool for the Alternative Manure Management Program" (hereafter referred to as Quantification Methodology and Benefits Calculator Tool, respectively) developed by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) ([RGA](#), page 12). While we recognize the Benefits Calculator Tool has some limitations, applicant/user modifications are not supported. You may choose to explore potential modifications, and can show/discuss those in Attachment 5.1 or include explanations about how the calculator may not apply closely to a project's particular manure management system, but representation of the project as best you are able using the latest version of the calculator finalized by CARB should be submitted (please note it is locked/protected and should remain so to help preserve the integrity of the data and formulas). If you have questions about using the calculator or its fields in a certain scenario, CARB staff may be able to help provide some clarification via [GGRFProgram@arb.ca.gov](mailto:GGRFProgram@arb.ca.gov).

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4. Are dairies that already employ scrape collection systems eligible to apply (for example, a dairy with a scrape system that would like to put in a compost bedded pack barn, or a screw press separator)?

Yes, as long as the scrape system was not implemented using AMMP funds in the past, operations that already utilize scrape for some, or all, of their manure management may be eligible to apply. The proposed project would still be subject to other program requirements, including that to be eligible, current baseline manure management practices must include the anaerobic decomposition of volatile solids stored in a lagoon or other predominantly liquid anaerobic environment, and that the AMMP Benefits Calculator Tool can quantify the new practice(s) to be implemented as resulting in reduced GHG emissions.