

**2024 Dairy Digester Research and Development Program**  
**Questions and Answers (Q&A)**  
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1. Can a dairy farm or dairy organization submit the DDRDP grant application independently? And whether CDFA (reviewers) will review and evaluate the independently submitted application for funding or not.

Yes, the dairy farm or California dairy organization or operations can apply independently for the DDRDP incentive program if they choose not to have dairy developers or any third parties apply on their behalf.

All the submitted applications will go through two levels of review process to determine whether the submitted application should receive funding.

The first is an administrative and financial review to determine whether grant application requirements are met and to ensure the financial soundness and credibility of the dairy operation.

The second includes a comprehensive and technical review of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction and an evaluation of the merits of the grant applicants based on the Scoring Criteria. Two separate groups, the DDRDP Technical Advisory Committee (DDRDP TAC) which consists of state and federal agency individuals with expertise in manure management, methane reduction measures, environmental impacts and permitting in California, and contracted technical subject matter experts from academic research institutions, cover assigned portions of the application and scoring criteria to complete the second level review.