



Cool Farms/Healthy Park Micro-Grant Application

Adirondack Farm Land – Small Business Climate Smart Initiative

Our region’s farms and small businesses help support the communities, hamlets, and open space that are an integral element of the unique character, history, ecological integrity, and future of the Adirondack Park. Farms and small businesses are poised to help confront the pressures of climate change that threaten our region and our future.

Farm/Small Business Micro-Grants: The Cool Farms/Healthy Park micro-grants of between \$500 and \$1,500 will be awarded for energy conservation, carbon emissions reduction, habitat planting, and clean and environmentally healthy sustainable farming/small business efforts. Projects should enhance the economic, human, and/or environmental sustainability and climate resiliency of the Adirondack Park. Applications will be accepted from farms in the Adirondack Park and small businesses in the Willsboro area. The focus of small businesses grants each year will correlate with the location of the Council’s annual member meeting.

Professional Development Grants: This year farms that have been in operation for at least five years have the opportunity to apply for a professional development (PD) grant. Proposed PD activities must target adoption of climate change mitigation and adaptation practices in agriculture and demonstrate the potential for a quantifiable improvement in the business’ gross margin. The funds cannot be used to cover owner’s time. Minimum expenditures of \$600 and maximum \$1000. PD experiences could include, but are not limited to: one-on-one consultations, conferences or trainings, courses, expenses related to planning (i.e. siting or installation planning for renewables), and education materials.

Applications are due by Monday, April 1, 2019. Please note farms may only apply for one type of award.

Date Submitted: _____

Applicant: _____

Type of Applicant:

- Farm
- Small Business

For Farms, please indicate which grant you are applying for (please mark one):

- Farm/Small Business Micro-Grant
- Professional Development Grant

Name, website address and brief description of Farm/Small Business:

Address of Farm/Small Business:



Point of Contact:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Please describe your project or professional development proposal below.

Describe the need for this project/professional development: How will it enhance the economic, human, and/or environmental sustainability and climate resiliency of your farm/small business? (If you are applying for PD funds, you must also quantify how the PD will improve your gross margin.)

When will the project begin? _____

Who should the check be made payable to if the grant is awarded? (List name of person or farm/business and mailing address)

Requested grant amount: _____

Estimated total project cost: _____

Reporting Requirement:

Farm/Small Business Micro-Grants: Recipients will be required to provide a 150-word summary by March 15, 2020. The summary should describe how the micro-grant money was used and, if practical, provide photos of the project.

Professional Development Grants: Recipients of the Professional Development Grant will be required to submit receipts demonstrating how the funds were used and either one 500-word blog post with pictures or a 1-minute video detailing what was learned during the professional development experience. Due by March 15, 2020.