STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

CAFO Improvement Fund

Grant Application FAQ

Who can apply for funding?

Only CAFO permit holders are eligible for funding. Companies that do business with or support CAFOs are not eligible for funding

How do I apply for grant funding?

Applications must be submitted online through DEQ's **Amplifund** platform. No other form of application will be accepted.

What qualifies as matching funding?

Match contributions can be in any combination of cash (hard); services needed to implement the project (in-kind); and supplies, materials, or equipment (soft). For example, if the proposed project involves dirt work and excavation and the producer has the time and means to do that piece of work it would be considered an in-kind contribution. Applicants will need to estimate costs for in-kind services and that can be done using tools provided by the US Department of Labor at *https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/naics3_311000.htm.*

If I have more than one CAFO permitted facility, can I apply for projects on all my facilities? Will the $400,000 cap be applied to the CAFO permit or permit owner?

Each eligible CAFO facility can apply as a stand-alone application. However, the cap applies to a owner/partnership. For example, if a partnership owns three separate facilities they may submit three separate applications, but the total dollars awarded to the three facilities combined may not exceed $400,000.

What if I'm a partner in more than one CAFO permitted facility?

The committee will consider applications for any one owner/partnership structure up to the $400,000 cap.

Accommodation services: The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality will provide reasonable language access services and/or disability services for documents at no charge. To request an accommodation under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or Americans with Disabilities Act, contact DEQ's Title VI Coordinator at (208) 373-0271 or accessibility@deq.idaho.gov. Para obtener información en español, visite https://www.deq.idaho.gov/about-us/accessibility/

Example, Application A -Dairy Farmer 1/John Doe partnership structure would be considered separate from Application B-Dairy Farmer 1/Jane Doe partnership structure and both would be eligible for funding up to the $400,000 cap.

What projects qualify for the CAFO Improvement Fund?

Projects may include any improvement to on-farm manure management with the goal of protecting/improving air, water, or soil quality or reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the CAFO management area. Examples are below.

- Mechanical separators
- Gravity separators
- Vermi-filtration separators
- Concrete reception pits
- Sand settling lanes
- Buildings for separation equipment
- Pumps and pipelines for further distribution
- New lagoon construction
- Settling cells
- Lagoon lining
- Liquid manure injectors
- Compost turners
- Flow meters
- Site grading to aid runoff flow to approved containment

Do shade structures qualify for the CAFO Improvement Fund?

No

Can equipment be purchased with CAFO Improvement Grant funds?

Any manure equipment that will be used on the CAFO management area may be purchased with funds. For example, a compost turner could be purchased because it will primarily be used on the facility footprint, however a spreader truck would be excluded because its primary use could be anywhere on or off the facility footprint.

Are engineered designs required for the project?

Engineered designs are not required for projects but would be valuable to the committee to fully understand the project scope.

Is the CAFO Improvement grant funding taxable income?

Ask your CPA.

When will the CAFO Improvement funds be awarded?

Notification of awarded projects will be sent after the Oct 15th selection deadline. Funds will be made available after contracts have been executed between the applicant and IDEQ. Funds will be distributed by reimbursement of receipts following completion of each task.

What type of follow-up or monitoring is required following project implementation?

Monitoring will depend on the proposed project and its intended objective. If there is a way to measure before and after of the project by means of sampling, documentation, or record keeping, please include it in the application.

- Example 1, if the project is intended to reduce solids in lagoons, collecting manure/lagoon water samples before and after project implementation would demonstrate the reduction of solids in effluent.
- Example 2, if the project consists of constructing a new lagoon for additional storage, working with a Nutrient Management Planner to calculate the increase in storage capacity would demonstrate the improvement.

Additionally, applicants will be asked to participate in one or more efforts to inform the public of the project for educational purposes. Applicants can choose one of the suggested options or come up with their own. However, it will be required to include educational outreach as a component of the application. Suggested options are below.

- Feature in the Idaho Dairy Focus or Line Rider newsletter.
- Field day to highlight project success through University of Idaho Extension, Idaho Dairymen's Association's, or Idaho Cattle Association.
- Present project success at community events or industry meetings.

Can I apply for funding even though I have already started the project?

Yes, however the applicant will only be reimbursed for expenses accrued after contracts have been executed between the applicant and IDEQ. In-kind contributions prior to the award will be considered.

I was awarded CAFO Improvement Funds last year. Can I apply for the 2024 funding cycle?

Previous awardees are encouraged to apply; however, priority will be given to new owner/partnership applications and owner/partnership applications that were not awarded in the previous funding cycle.

If I applied last year and did not receive funding, do I need to re-apply to be considered for the 2024 funding cycle?

You must re-apply for the 2024 funding cycle for your project to be considered.