

New Jersey Department of Agriculture

NJDA

Animal Waste Management/Non-Point Source Pollution Control Grants

Additional Information for Grant Application

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture adopted regulations in March 2009 that require all livestock farm owners to responsibly manage the manure generated on their operations – including those with horses, dairy cows, cattle, swine, goats, sheep, poultry and all other domesticated species defined as livestock. All New Jersey farmers with livestock were required to be in compliance with the regulations by **March 16, 2012**.

The Animal Waste Management regulations require all farms with any livestock to comply with the following **General Requirements** of the rule:

- Agricultural animal operations shall not allow animals in confined areas to have uncontrolled access to waters of the state.
- Manure storage areas shall be located at least 100 linear feet from waters of the state.
- Land application of animal waste shall be performed in accordance with the principles of the NJDA Best Management Practices (BMP) Manual – “On Farm Strategies to Protect Water Quality”.
- Dead animals and related animal waste resulting from a reportable contagious disease or an act of bio-terrorism shall not be disposed of without first contacting the State Veterinarian.
- Any person entering a farm to conduct official business related to these rules shall follow bio-security protocols.

In addition to the General Requirements listed above, all livestock operations with 8 to 299 “Animal Units” (one Animal Unit = 1,000 pounds) were required to implement an Animal Waste Management Plan (AWMP) by March 16, 2012. This Plan must be in accordance with the NJDA BMP Manual - “On Farm Strategies to Protect Water Quality”. Exact requirements vary with size and density of operation. The manual is available on the NJDA website at:

<http://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/anr/pdf/BMPManual.pdf>

In an effort to advance the continued implementation of the regulation, grant funds are being made available to legal entities that have the legal capacity to contract. Individual producers are not eligible to apply. Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide a cash or in-kind match for their projects, which should be regional in scope and focused on education/outreach efforts to livestock operators or supportive of the direct implementation of the NJDA regulations. “Direct implementation” would include the development and implementation of AWMPs, a list of operations requesting technical assistance to develop a Plan or a project that would assist a region with coming into compliance with the regulations.

Grants for such program activities are funded by monies received by the Department of Agriculture from 319 funds. Circular 07-05-OMB requires all grant recipients to provide documentation in support of the activities for which a grant is obtained. The more clearly delineated categories of information provided in the application would assist in tracking the documentation that the Circular requires of grant recipients throughout the administration of the grant. The grant funds will be audited and interim reports both in spending and performance will be required either monthly or quarterly.

Purpose & Scope – include information as to the specific objectives to be accomplished, how the objective will be accomplished, the estimated cost of the project (including a requested budget) and estimated completion date. Completion of the project must occur on or before September 2017.

Project Timeframe – the estimated length of time to begin and complete the project.

Deliverables – the measurable outcomes of the project. For example, the number of operations targeted, the number of Animal Waste Plans developed, the number of operations that will benefit from your project.

Implementation Reports – project reports that provide an update on the status of the project regarding accomplishments and the time interval of when they will be provided to the NJDA.

Requested Budget – the estimated costs of implementing the entire project broken down into the different components of the project.

Project Administrative Contacts – the person(s) responsible for the implementation of the project and their contact information.