



Agriculture and Markets

Round 18 Farmland Protection Implementation Grants (FPIG)

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

Categorical Details

Applicant Webinar – Round 18 FPIG RFA – Categorical Details

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(~60 minutes)

Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands

(~5 minutes)

Exercise of an Option (Round 15 FPIG-RFA)

(~10 minutes)

Category-specific Financial Worksheet Line Items

(~5 minutes)

Category-specific Match Requirements & Stipulations

(~5 minutes)

Category-specific Project Deliverables

(~5 minutes)

Category-specific Policy Guidance

(~30 minutes)

Category-specific Program Specific Questions

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Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands

An eligible project must satisfy all project eligibility criteria:

1. category-specific current Farm Operation requirement(s);

[View Regional Farm Size Data from 2017 Census of Agriculture](#)

Appendix A-1: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Agroforestry](#)

Appendix A-2: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Climate Resiliency](#)

Appendix A-3: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Equine](#)

Appendix A-4: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Food Security](#)

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Appendix A-5: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Horticultural Specialties](#)

Appendix A-6: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Source Water Protection](#)

Appendix A-7: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Viable Agricultural Land-Other](#)

Appendix A-8: Project Eligibility Criteria Checklist – [Vineyard](#)

[View New York Wine Regions map](#)

[View American Viticultural Areas of New York online](#)

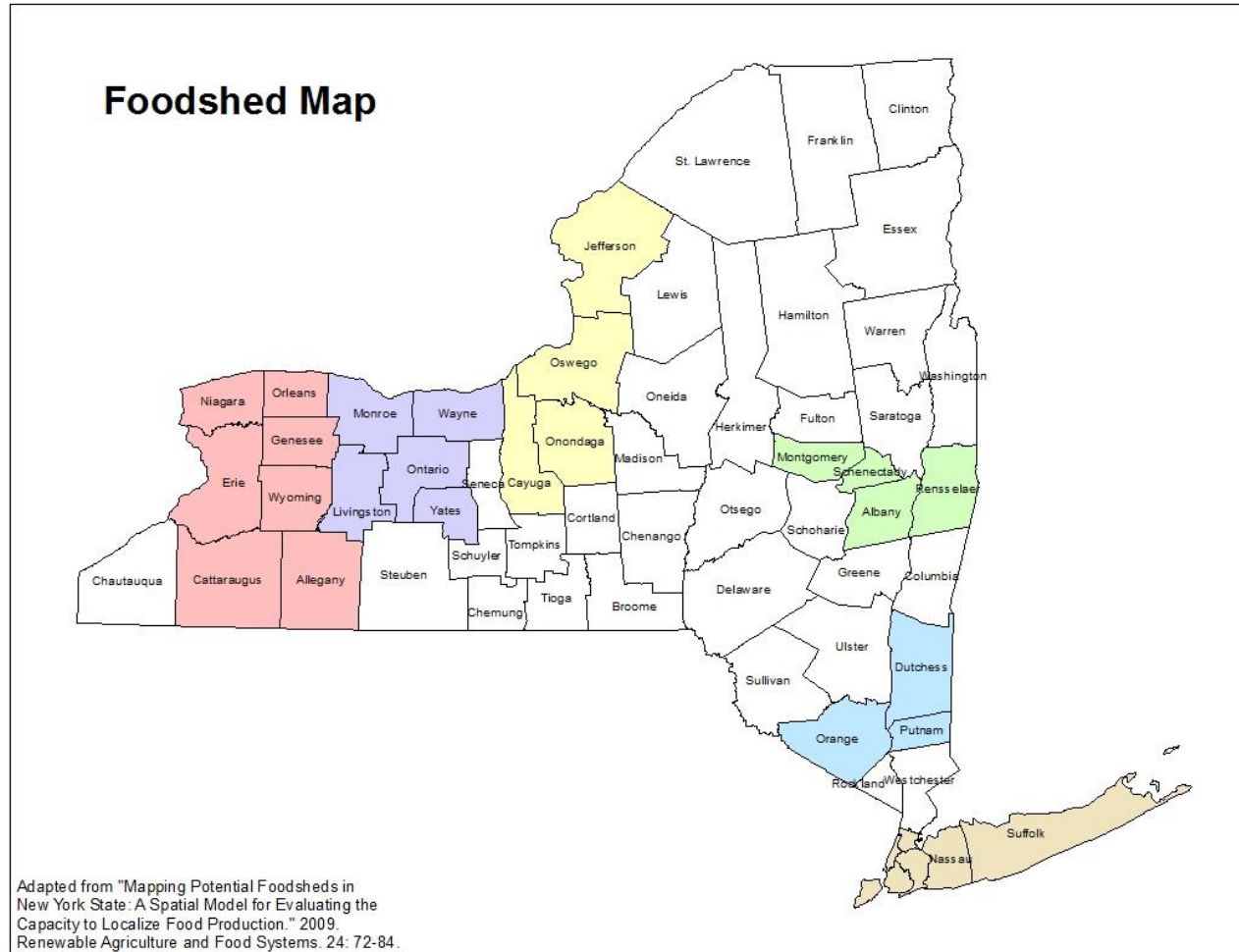
PLEASE NOTE:

While “dairy” is not a designated project eligibility category, **any dairy farm is eligible** for this grant opportunity **provided the subject property and Farm Operation satisfy any one of the following:**

- Food Security project eligibility,
- Viable Agricultural Land-Other project eligibility,
- Climate Resiliency project eligibility, or
- Source Water Protection project eligibility.

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Appendix B: Foodshed Map



[View SAMPLE Town Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan](#)
[View SAMPLE Foodshed Conservation Plan](#)

Categories of Viable Agricultural Lands *(continued)*

4. operation-and-region specific minimum percentage (%) for **extent of Productive Soils**,

ONLY FOR Food Security OR Horticultural Specialties OR Vineyard category Conservation Easement Projects, you must submit information (acres and % of proposed easement area) regarding “Unique and irreplaceable agricultural land” as defined in Section 301 of AML Article 25-AA:

6. "Unique and irreplaceable agricultural land" means land which is uniquely suited for the production of high value crops, including, but not limited to fruits, vegetables and horticultural specialties.

For assistance, please consult with your local office of the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service or with the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

Exercise of an Option (Round 15 FPIG-RFA)

Alternatively, ONLY IF the proposed project is arising from the exercise of an option to purchase a perpetual agricultural conservation easement on viable agricultural land associated with an award the applicant entity received from Round 15 FPIG-RFA (Option Agreement Projects), **THEN EACH** of the following project eligibility criteria are not applicable as the proposed project automatically qualifies for these specific criteria:

2. operation-and-region-specific minimum acreage (i.e., size of Conservation Easement Project),
3. operation-and-region-specific minimum percentage (%) for extent of Active Agricultural Production,
4. operation-and-region specific minimum percentage (%) for extent of Productive Soils,

Category-specific Financial Worksheet Line Items

- Incentive Payment
- Soil Health Assessment

[View Financial Worksheet](#)

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Category-specific Match Requirements & Stipulations

Match Contribution Requirements and Associated Stipulations for Conservation Easement Projects					
Maximum State Award	Maximum State Contribution	Other "Caps" on State Contribution	Minimum Local Match		Other State Requirements
			%	Cash	
\$2,000,000	87.5% of total project costs	(a) 40% of value of development rights, or \$250,000, whichever is less, toward Preemptive Purchase Right, AND (b) \$10,000 per easement toward easement stewardship	12.5% of total project costs <i>(solely from landowner)</i>	None specified	Use of Department conservation easement
\$2,000,000	Up to 75.0% of total project costs	(a) 40% of value of development rights, or \$250,000, whichever is less, toward Preemptive Purchase Right, AND (b) \$10,000 per easement toward easement stewardship	25.0% of total project costs	5.0% of total project costs or \$5,000, whichever is less, which shall not be borne entirely by landowner <i>(waived if development rights value fully donated);</i> EXCEPT IF Preemptive Purchase Right (PPR), then local cash match must increase to fully cover the balance of the cost of the PPR (none of which shall be borne by the landowner(s))	Use of Department-required conservation easement provisions provided remainder of conservation easement – (a) “shall not unreasonably restrict or regulate Farm Operations in contravention of the purposes of Article 25-AA of the AML,” AND (b) contains no reference to §247 of New York State General Municipal Law, AND (c) must be consistent with the “Purpose” and “Implementation” provisions as required by the Department
\$500,000	25.0% of purchase price plus all transaction costs <i>[Not available for Food Security, Climate Resiliency, or Source Water Protection categories.]</i>	(a) 40% of value of development rights, or \$250,000, whichever is less, toward Preemptive Purchase Right, AND (b) \$10,000 per easement toward easement stewardship	balance of all project costs	Federal farmland protection grant award	Purpose of conservation easement will (minimally) ensure that the land remains available for agricultural use

Category-specific Project Deliverables

Final Report

- (5) **Soil health assessment** (**required for** any **Climate Resiliency** category project or any **Food Security** category project, or for any other category project for which State funds were requested for this specific project cost); and

Category-specific Policy Guidance

- [“Definition of ‘Qualified Farmer’ for a Preemptive Purchase Right.”](#)

ONLY FOR Food Security category projects, the Department will consider (and only with its prior approval) some modification to the definition of “Qualified Farmer” provided that any revision:

- (a) is limited to the “gross sales of any one or more Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products of at least \$10,000 in the most recent taxable year” provision therein, and *For example, this definition may be modified to intentionally limit the Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products to be those exclusively used as food for human consumption.*
- (b) does not result in an unreasonable restriction on the land to be protected or on the Farm Operation associated with said land.

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions

- b2 You must respond to this question IF – Climate Resiliency AND any portion of land to be protected is/was the subject of Climate Resilient Farming (CRF) award from NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee = upload documentation that the CRF proposal received a score of at least 60% of adaptation/resiliency criterion possible points. (Contact Jennifer Clifford (Jennifer.Clifford@agriculture.ny.gov) for assistance.); OR Source Water Protection AND any portion of the land to be protected abuts or is embedded within other land of this same Farm Operation that is/was the subject of Source Water Buffer Program award from NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee = upload documentation of that award. (Contact Bethany Bzduch (Bethany.Bzduch@agriculture.ny.gov) for assistance.)

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- b3 Category supporting documentation associated with other online resources: You must respond to this question IF – Food Security = upload documentation that more than 50% of the Farm Operation acreage is located within a recognized “foodshed” areas as depicted on a map as referenced in Appendix A-4 (“Project Eligibility Criteria – Food Security”) of this Request For Applications; OR Vineyard = upload documentation that the Farm Operation(s) (in whole or part) associated with the land to be protected is located within one or more American Viticultural Areas of New York (<https://www.ttb.gov/wine/ava-map-explorer>).

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- c Is this proposed Conservation Easement Project arising from the exercise of an option to purchase a perpetual agricultural conservation easement on viable agricultural land associated with an award the applicant entity received from Round 15 FPIG Request For Applications (Option Agreement Projects)? *

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View Appendix B: Foodshed Map (refer to page 5)

View NY Wine Regions map and American Viticultural Areas of NY online (refer to page 4)

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions (continued)

Extent of Farm Operation associated with Conservation Easement Project category (% of Farm Operation): What extent of Farm Operation total acres are devoted to this category? Given your response to Program Specific Question #b, sum the # of acres in active production of only those Crops, Livestock and Livestock Products required by this category (see Grants Gateway Application Submission Instructions for additional info) and divide that sum by the # of total acres of the Farm Operation (as noted in your response to Program Specific Question #11a, Part 2), then multiply by 100 to determine its %. [PLEASE NOTE: Denominator of this calculation will not be identical to your response to Program Specific Question #3 UNLESS all acres comprising the current Farm Operation will be protected by this Conservation Easement Project.] Please enter the estimated % to the nearest whole number (i.e., no decimal fraction) and please do not type the "%" key when entering your response. *

Please note the following information from Section 3.7.2 (“Program Specific Questions,” pages 6-7) of the **Grants Gateway Application Submission Instructions** pertaining to Program Specific Question #4c:

Program Specific Question #4c – Active Agricultural Production associated with the category of this Conservation Easement Project (% of current Farm Operation):

You may skip this question ONLY IF your response to Program Specific Question #b1 was any of the following categories:

- Climate Resiliency,
- Source Water Protection, OR
- Viable Agricultural Land-Other.

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

For all other categories, please respond to this question by first compiling what will become the numerator of this calculation as follows –

Agroforestry:

For each of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation(s) are devoted to –

- Production of maple sap
- Production of actively managed log-grown woodland mushrooms
- Production of farm woodland products (e.g., logs, lumber, posts, firewood, special forest product for food or medicinal uses)
- Livestock operation that incorporates silvopasturing (as defined in AML Article 25-AA)
- Managed Christmas tree operation (as referenced in AML Article 25-AA)

Equine:

For each of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation(s) are devoted to –

- commercial horse boarding operation
- commercial equine operation

Food Security:

For ONE of the following, how many acres of the Farm Operation(s) are located within –

- any “foodshed area” depicted on the “Foodshed Map” contained in this Request For Applications; OR
- a “foodshed area” designated in any locally-adopted Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan; OR
- a “foodshed area” designated in any published document (i.e., available to the general public) that has been adopted by the governing body of that entity, whether any municipality or county or any not-for-profit organization (recognized by NYS Charities Bureau Registry).

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

Horticultural Specialties:

For each of the following (as each is reported to USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service for the 2017 Census of Agriculture), how many acres of the Farm Operation are devoted to –

- production of floriculture and bedding crops (code 0479, 0485, 0707, 0710, or 1015 as reported)
- production of nursery crops (code 0488 as reported)
- production of propagation materials (code 0482, 1002, 0882, 1004, 0884, or 1006 as reported)
- production of sod (code 0497 as reported)

View Page B-36 of Appendix B of 2017 Census of Agriculture

Vineyard:

How many acres of the Farm Operation are located within of any of these American Viticultural Areas of New York –

- Champlain Valley of New York Region
- Finger Lakes Region
- Hudson River Region
- Lake Erie Region
- Long Island Region
- Niagara Escarpment and Greater Niagara Region
- Upper Hudson Region

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

- 7a Unique and Irreplaceable Agricultural Land on Conservation Easement Project (Acres): ONLY respond to this question IF you are proposing a Food Security OR a Horticultural Specialties OR a Vineyard category project – How many of the protected acres are Unique and Irreplaceable Agricultural Land (as defined in AML Article 25-AA)? (NOTE: Unique and Irreplaceable Agricultural Land is distinct from that referenced in Program Specific Questions #5a and #6a (i.e., these are NOT Prime Soils and NOT Soils of Statewide Importance).

- 7b Unique and Irreplaceable Agricultural Land on Conservation Easement Project (% of project): ONLY respond to this question IF you are proposing a Food Security OR a Horticultural Specialties OR a Vineyard category project – What extent of the protected acres does this represent (i.e., # of acres of Unique and Irreplaceable Agricultural Land divided by the # of protected acres, then multiply by 100 to determine its %)? Please enter the estimated % to the nearest whole number (i.e., no decimal fraction) and please do not type the "%" key when entering your response.

- 8 Soil Survey Map: Please provide a soil survey map showing the boundaries of: (a) the proposed Conservation Easement Project; and (b) all Prime Soils and all Soils of Statewide Importance (please delineate each type separately) located within the boundaries of the proposed Conservation Easement Project. ONLY for Food Security or Horticultural Specialties or Vineyard category projects, you MUST also delineate the boundaries of "Unique and irreplaceable agricultural land" as defined in AML Article 25-AA. Please refer to Grants Gateway Application Submission Instructions for additional information.

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

Please note the following information from Section 3.7.2 (“Program Specific Questions,” pages 8-9) of the ***Grants Gateway Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Program Specific Question #10 (site plan):

In addition to the above requirements for all site plans, please be sure to incorporate these additional items, if applicable, to your application:

Cellular communications tower: For each such tower present on the property, you must depict its location and you must include a legible copy of the lease or easement (or both documents, if applicable) associated with any such tower.

For **Agroforestry category** projects:

- Within the Farm Area, indicate where each qualifying crop or livestock is produced (i.e., for each crop or livestock associated with the numerator you compiled for Program Specific Question #4c, please depict where those acres are located within the Farm Area for each such crop/livestock). You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.
- If applicable, any livestock operation that incorporates silvopasturing must indicate all silvopasturing areas within the Farm Area depicted on the site plan. You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

For **Climate Resiliency category** projects:

- If applicable, please include a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM, as published by the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)) depicting the Farm Area as documentation that at least 90% of the Farm Area acreage is located within Zone C or Zone X (unshaded). The FIRM should be a separate page of this site plan.
- If applicable, please indicate on the site plan wherever permanent vegetative cover exists on any portion of the land to be protected. For purposes of this application, “permanent vegetative cover” means trees, shrubs, perennial grasses, perennial legumes, or any combination of these types of plants with an expected life span of at least 5 years. Permanent vegetative cover would be exhibited by any of the following: (a) woodland or forest, (b) grassland, (c) wetland, (d) riparian buffer, (e) permanent hayland, (f) permanent pasture, or (g) silvopasture. Please specify the extent of the proposed Conservation Easement Project (as a %) that is comprised of permanent vegetative cover. You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

For **Equine category** projects:

- Indicate where each type of commercial operation is conducted (i.e., for each type of commercial operation (commercial horse boarding operation and commercial equine operation) associated with the numerator you compiled for Program Specific Question #4c, please depict where those acres are located within the Farm Area for each such type of commercial operation). You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

For **Horticultural Specialties category** projects:

- Within the Farm Area, indicate where each qualifying crop is produced (i.e., for each crop associated with the numerator you compiled for Program Specific Question #4c, please depict where those acres are located within the Farm Area for each such crop). You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict the requested information.

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

For **Source Water Protection category** projects:

- If applicable, please indicate on the site plan wherever surface waters (including wetland areas directly adjoining the surface water that is) designated by the NYS Department of Health as an active or potential source of public drinking water or as designated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as Class A, Class A-Special, Class AA, or Class AA-Special directly adjoin any portion of the land to be protected; OR
- If applicable, please indicate on the site plan any portion of the land to be protected that lies atop an aquifer designated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a Sole Source Aquifer (You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict this requested information.); OR
- If applicable, please indicate on the site plan any portion of the land to be protected that lies atop an aquifer designated by the NYS Department of Health as a Primary Aquifer (You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict this requested information.); OR
- If applicable, please indicate on the site plan any portion of the land to be protected that lies atop an aquifer designated by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation as a Principal Aquifer (You may create an additional page in the site plan to depict this requested information.).

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

Please note the following information from Section 3.7.2 (“Program Specific Questions,” page 9) of the ***Grants Gateway Application Submission Instructions*** pertaining to Program Specific Question #11a:

Program Specific Question #11a (Part 2) – Current Farm Operation – Type:

If you selected “Beef cattle” or “Other-Hogs” as your response to Part 1: You must also include a completed/signed copy of the **AEM Participation Verification Cover Form** as part of your response to this question. (You may download this form from the “Pre-Submission Uploads” page.)

If you selected “Climate Resiliency” as your response to Program Specific Question #b1: If applicable, for your documentation that “Lands to be protected must be otherwise exhibiting agricultural climate resiliency via documentation of agricultural practices and management that increase resiliency of the Farm Operation to changing climate impacts (e.g., intense storms, drought, increased pests, heat stress, etc.),” you must also include a completed/signed copy of the **AEM Participation Verification Cover Form** in your response to this part of question #11a. (You may download this form from the “Pre-Submission Uploads” page.)

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Category-specific Program Specific Questions *(continued)*

Is your proposed project in the Agroforestry category? If "yes," you must upload one of the following: (a) a plan describing the management of the forest on the subject property, or (b) a letter from an agency or organization certifying that the management of the forest on the subject property is acceptable.

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12 Long-term Viability: Please upload a ONE PAGE narrative that describes how the proposed Conservation Easement Project will help ensure the long-term viability of the Farm Operation(s) associated with the lands to be protected. Your response must incorporate an explanation as to how/why the category selected for Program Specific Question #b1 will help achieve such long-term viability. (In your response, please be sure to emphasize why you selected that particular category.) In your consideration of "long-term viability" and based on available data regarding future extreme weather events and hazard risk analysis, please include the likelihood of flooding resulting from (i) sea level rise, (ii) storm surge associated with extreme storms, and (iii) more frequent extreme precipitation events.

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NOTE:

- Please remember to submit all questions in writing.
- For your convenience, feel free to send them via email to:
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Good luck!

Cheers!



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