



2020 Request for Proposals

Demonstration of Innovative Technologies to Manage Animal Manure

THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE issues this Request for Proposals from eligible persons seeking a grant to partially fund the development, implementation, or market development of economically feasible animal waste technology projects in Maryland. The purpose of this request is to encourage the development and implementation of proven and innovative technologies that manage agricultural manure and on-farm generated waste in a manner that: (1) reduces the amount of nutrients in the waste; (2) changes the product's form or function for alternative uses; or (3) produces energy or other marketable products from the waste.

To be eligible for financial assistance, the project must have strong potential to: (1) improve public health and the environment (e.g. resulting in the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus transport to the waters of the State); (2) preserve the viability of the agriculture industry; and (3) have a positive economic development impact in the State.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals, businesses and non-profits in good standing to do business in Maryland, and State and local government entities.
- The proposed technology must have been previously implemented and be either commercially available or proven to function as described in the proposal. The technology's net effect must reduce the movement of nitrogen and/or phosphorus that is associated with animal manure produced on Maryland farms.
- Technologies in the research and development stage are not eligible.
- Proposed projects must be located in Maryland.

► Proposals must include verification that a site has been secured to implement the technology.

► The applicant, identified subcontractors, experts, or partners, shall have at least three years of experience with the proposed animal manure technology.

AMOUNT

Up to \$3.5 million will be granted. There is no maximum or minimum request.

PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee. Awards will be made by the Secretary of Agriculture on advice of the Animal Waste Technology Fund Committee.

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CLOSING DATE AND TIME

December 1, 2019 at 4 P.M. Local Time



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