

About

The Durham Agricultural Economic Development Grant Program mimics the same outcome of a successful county economic development opportunity but is directed to support traditional and nontraditional farmers, new and beginning entrepreneurs, schools, and nonprofits who support ag development.



The Durham Board of County Commissioners allocates funding from their budget for this grant opportunity in June. Once funding is allocated to the program, updated forms are released to the public on our website and to our email list.

Upon application deadline, applications are reviewed and ranked by Ag Economic Development Committee.

For More Information

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AED Grant Committee

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Grants

Applications can be requested for two types of grants:

- Small grants for Agriculture Development in schools
- Grants for farmers

Eligibility

To apply for a grant, the applicant or organization must reside in Durham County and serve Durham County residents and/or farmers. Applicants cannot apply if they are currently under contract with this grant program.

To Apply

Applications can be found on our website, picked up at our office, or requested by contacting staff. Application period runs between June and August each year. We also provide training sessions for those interested in learning more about the requirements and evaluation expectations. Information about application and trainings can be found on our website under Ag Economic Development tab.

Grant Uses

For farmers, the grant can be used for:

- Infrastructure improvements to the farm
- Food Safety Compliance
- New and beginning farmer small startup funds
- Purchasing specialized farm equipment

For schools, the grant can assist with:

- Ag Development in schools
- Building agriculture related Outdoor Environmental Learning Centers or programming
- Supporting student recruitment for ag. education programs.



Past Recipients

Visit our YouTube Channel (Durham SWCD) to learn what some of our recipients have used the grant funds for.

