



AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT APPLICATION

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUSINESS, MARKETING AND INFORMATION DIVISION
SFN 62385 (4-2026)

The Agriculture Commissioner shall administer the Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program in consultation with the director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) for road and bridge related projects as well as utility improvements. Grants may be issued to counties, townships, or cities with a population of one thousand five hundred residents or less for infrastructure improvements; and to political subdivisions or entities for utility improvements necessary for the development or expansion of new or existing value-added agriculture businesses, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code 4.1-01.

ELIGIBILITY

The fundamental mission of the Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program is to award grants for roadway and bridge improvements and utility improvements necessary to accommodate the development or expansion of new or existing value-added agriculture businesses. Grant funds must be awarded and all necessary documents signed prior to the end of the biennium. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until funds are fully allocated.

Roadway and Bridge Improvements (in consultation with the NDDOT Director):

Counties, Townships, or Cities with a Population of 1,500 Residents or Less (Up to \$1,250,000 or 80% of the project cost)

- Corridor improvements on county and township roadways; and
- Improvements to roads or bridges that provide access to value-added agriculture businesses.

Utility Improvements:

Political Subdivisions and Entities (Up to \$350,000 or 80% of the project cost)

- Water and wastewater line improvements; and
- Electrical and gas supply improvements that are necessary to accommodate value-added agriculture businesses.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. The political subdivision and/or entity completes application.
2. Grant application is reviewed for eligibility and completeness.
3. The Agriculture Commissioner shall administer the Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program. Projects involving roads or bridges will be reviewed in consultation with the director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT).
4. Determination is made to deny or approve the funding request.

Grant funds must be awarded and all necessary documents signed prior to the end of the biennium. For more information, contact Daniel Ratajczak with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture by phone at (701) 955-0578 or by email at dratajczak@nd.gov.

Required Additional Documentation:

- Detailed construction cost estimate that includes all phases in which funds are requested (i.e. construction, construction engineering, right of way, preliminary engineering, utility relocation).
- Project location map
- An existing and proposed cross section of the roadway/facility
- A map of underground and overhead utilities (including water and wastewater, electricity, gas, etc.)

A. APPLICANT - POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR UTILITY ENTITY INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Political Subdivision/Entity		Telephone Number	
Contact Name	Title		
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Physical Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address			

B. VALUE-ADDED AGRICULTURE BUSINESS INFORMATION

If there is more than one value-added agriculture business, list on a supplemental document.

Business Name		Telephone Number	
Contact Name	Title		
Mailing Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Physical Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Email Address			

C. PROJECT

Project Type (Applicant may apply for both funding opportunities)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Roadway and Bridge Improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Improvements

D. PROJECT OVERVIEW

Roadway and Bridge Improvements	
Total Roadway & Bridge Project Cost Estimate	
Qualifying Grant Amount (Lesser of \$1,250,000 or 80% of the infrastructure project cost)	
Utility Improvements	
Total Utility Project Cost Estimate	
Qualifying Grant Amount (Lesser of \$350,000 or 80% of the improvement project cost)	
Project Dates	
Estimated Start Date of Project	
Estimated End Date of Project	

Give a summary of the project.

E. PROJECT PURPOSE

Describe why there is a need for corridor, roadway, or bridge improvements.

Describe why there is a need for utility improvements.

How will the need be met by the project? What are the objectives?

If the project is a continuation of a project funded previously by the Agriculture Infrastructure Grant program, describe how the project differs from and builds on the previous project's efforts.

F. WORK PLAN

Project Activity - Describe the project activities that are necessary to accomplish the objectives.	Who will complete the work?	When will the activity be accomplished? (Month and Year)

G. OTHER SUPPORT

Other Support from State or Federal Grant Programs
 State Grant Program Federal Grant Program Not Applicable

If your project is receiving or will potentially receive funds from another state or federal grant program, please fill in the section below.

Identify the State or Federal grant program(s).

Describe how the use of funds received from the Agriculture Infrastructure Grant program differs from or supplements the efforts of the other grant program(s).

H. BUDGET NARRATIVE

Expense Category	Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Funds Requested	Applicant Contribution	Other Funding Sources	Total
Salaries/Fringe Benefits				
Supplies				
Contractual				
Other				
Total				

I. BUDGET NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

Provide a description and cost breakdown for each of the following funding categories applicable to the budget narrative above. If more space is needed, provide the details in a supplemental document.

Salaries/Fringe Benefits	
Supplies	
Contractual	
Other	

Press Release Information Sheet

The information on this sheet may be used for public releases in announcements, press releases, and other public information.

Applicant Information

Contact Person		Telephone Number	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code

Project Information

Title of Project	
Project Start-up Date	Project Completion Date
Summary of the Project (limit to space provided)	
Total Project Budget Cost Estimate	Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Funds Requested
What will the grant funds be used for? (limit to space provided)	
Political Subdivision/Entity	Telephone Number
Name	Title
Signature	Date

J. REFERENCES

Provide the name and telephone number for two references who are familiar with the applicant's work relevant to the application.

Name		Telephone Number	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code
Name		Telephone Number	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code

K. CONCLUSION

A complete application must contain all information requested and have original signatures of the applicant. The completed application must be submitted by email to dratajczak@nd.gov, or mailed to:

North Dakota Department of Agriculture
Agriculture Infrastructure Grant Program
600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept. 602
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020

**Electronic submissions must be signed.*

By affixing your signature(s) to this application, the applicant(s) certifies to have read and understood all conditions set forth therein and that all information contained in this application package is true to the best of the applicant's knowledge, information, and belief.

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture reserves the right to modify or terminate any subsequent agreements with applicants if, at a future date, the North Dakota Department of Agriculture becomes aware of material misrepresentation(s) contained in this application.

Applicant Signature	Date
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