

North Dakota Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board

Minor Use Pesticide Fund Grant Program

A Minor Use Pesticide Fund grant may be used for conducting or commissioning evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the North Dakota Crop Protection Product Harmonization and Registration Board to obtain or maintain a pesticide registration for a minor crop, minor use, or other use in North Dakota. These evaluations, studies, activities, or investigations may be conducted by North Dakota State University or may be secured by the Board from other qualified laboratories, researchers, or contractors by written contract.

Minor Use Grant Fund proposals are not limited to a specific dollar amount. The Board reserves the right to increase or decrease the award based on its findings and its level of available funding.

Any individual, company, or organization may request a Minor Use Pesticide Fund grant on behalf of a particular user community. Requests will not be accepted from pesticide manufacturers, dealers, or distributors. Qualified universities, the United States Department of Agriculture, or private researchers or laboratories may carry out funded projects.

Procedure for submitting Minor Use Pesticide Fund grant requests

Applicants may submit proposals at any time. Reviews and grant awards will be made at the call of the Board chairman. Proposals requiring up to two years of funding may be submitted, but the second year of the funding is contingent upon availability of Board funds and the applicant's satisfactory progress toward meeting project objectives.

Applicants may not use Minor Use Fund grants to pay for indirect costs, overhead costs, or equipment. If an equipment purchase is necessary component of a project, other funds must be used to purchase the equipment.

Applicants are required to include the following in their proposals:

1. Application coversheet, including names and addresses of the applicant organization, principal contact, project title, specific funding request, and total project budget.
2. Executive Summary, limited to two pages, summarizing the essential elements of the proposal and funding request.
3. Project narrative, including when applicable:
 - a. Description of the intended research results;
 - b. Description of the research methodology to be employed, including objectives, tasks, research site, and a detailed schedule of planned activities and a timeframe for completion;
 - c. Summary of prior research done by the applicant or others and the development of new uses to date;
 - d. Explanation of the estimated project cost benefit to one or more North Dakota agricultural sectors, such as increased markets, new uses, or expansion of existing uses;
 - e. List of project cosponsors, including the name of the organization, address, telephone, email, key contact, and nature and extent of participation;
 - f. List of principal investigators and other members of the research team, including their respective expertise and responsibilities under the project. Resumes of all principal investigators, limited to two pages, must be attached;
 - g. Review of existing research directly related to the funding request;
 - h. Current economic impact of the pest problem on the agricultural commodity;
 - i. Affected acres in North Dakota;
 - j. Effect of the pest problem on the environment, nontarget species, and human health;
 - k. Description of why current control measures are not effective; and
 - l. Any additional information, which the applicant deems relevant.
4. The pesticide registrant's written confirmation supporting the additional minor crop, minor use, or other use to the pesticide registrant's label, including any restrictions or guidelines the pesticide registrant intends to impose. The applicant should also include a contact name, address, and telephone number for the pesticide registrant.

5. For any pesticide residue study, the applicant must receive verification from the United States Environmental Protection Agency that a tolerance can be established for the new use of that pesticide.
6. Project budget: Attach a detailed project budget, including the following categories:
 - a. Salaries, wages, and fringe benefits.
 - b. Equipment.
 - c. Materials and supplies.
 - d. Travel.
 - e. Publication costs.
 - f. Computer/Information technology costs.
 - g. All other direct and indirect costs.
7. List and describe funding resources, including a breakdown of estimated expenditures by each funding source:
 - a. Minor Use Pesticide Fund.
 - b. Private funds.
 - c. Federal funds.
 - d. Other matching funds, identified by individual source.
8. Attach letters of commitment for matching funds to be provided contingent upon approval of this grant. Promotional materials or materials not directly related to proposals are discouraged.
9. Any funded project involving pesticide residue data generation must allow acceptable scientific practices in accordance with 40 CFR Part 160, regarding good laboratory practice standards. Such funded projects include research towards:
 - a. An application for registration, amended registration, or reregistration of a pesticide product under FIFRA Section 3, 4, or 24 (c) [7 U.S.C. 136a, 136a-1, or 136v].
 - b. An application for an experimental use permit under FIFRA Section 5 [7 U.S.C. 136c].
 - c. An application for an exemption under FIFRA Section 18 [7 U.S.C. 136p].
 - d. A petition or other request for establishment or modification of a tolerance, for an exemption for the need for a tolerance, or for other clearance under FFDCA Section 408.
 - e. A petition or other request for establishment or modification of a food additive regulation or other clearance by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under FIFRA Section 3 (c)(2)(B).

- f. A submission of data in response to a notice issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under FIFRA Section 3(c)(2)(B).
- g. Any other application, petition, or submission sent to the United States Environmental Protection Agency intended to persuade it to grant, modify, or leave unmodified a registration or other approval required as a condition of sale or distribution of a pesticide.

Evaluation of Minor Use Grant Proposals

Preference will be given those proposals that rank high in importance to the state agricultural economy, to human health, and to the environment. Preference will also be given to proposals demonstrating a high probability of securing a pesticide registration, amended registration, reregistration, or exemption. The Board will review each proposal for technical and commercial merit and the relative competence and technical qualifications of project principals. Priority will be given to those proposals that have a well-documented budget that is adequate and appropriate for the research. Priority will also be given to those proposals that demonstrate a shared commitment for funding from other private or public sources or from the applicant. Matching funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind services, or both. Disbursement of funds will be contingent upon evidence that matching funds have been allocated to the proposal.

Submit Minor Use Grant Proposals to:

**ND Crop Protection Product Harmonization Board and Registration Board
C/O Lilliann Johnston
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 602
Bismarck, ND 58505-0020**

Applicants must deliver or mail 12 copies of the complete proposal, and email one electronic copy of the entire proposal to lfjohnston@nd.gov including all attachments.

For more information, please call 701-328-2231.