

Send completed application with **\$100 application fee** to Center for Dairy Excellence * Attn: Melissa Anderson *
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www.centerfordairyexcellence.org — *Applicants not awarded grants will have the application fee refunded to them.*

Program support is made possible through Ag Excellence funding provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the PA Dairymen's Association.

Dairy Excellence Grant: Qualifying projects would include anything related to improving dairy farm efficiency, cow comfort, milking facilities, housing facilities, or feeding system. The project should be focused on improving milk production per cow and/or enhancing overall farm profitability and/or efficiency. **Grant funding will be a 50 percent match, up to a maximum limit matching level of \$5,000.**

Application period runs: September 1—October 16, 2023 *This is a competitive grant*, so winning grant award recipients will be notified by October 25, 2023, with expenses/invoices due by **February 29, 2024**. Application fees will be refunded to those who are not awarded grants.

Producer's Name _____ Farm Name _____

Address _____ Town/City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ Email _____ Phone # _____

Milk market or cooperative _____

Total cows lactating & dry _____ No. heifers 12mths or older _____ No. of heifers under 12mths _____

Total pounds of milk shipped prior year _____, Butterfat % _____, Protein % _____ (See December's settlement check, received mid-January.)

Operational information (check all that apply): Tie stall _____ Parlor _____ Robotics _____ Organic _____ Grazing _____

Milking / day 3x _____, 2x _____, Robotic (Average x / day) _____ Do you use TMR? Yes _____ No _____

Are you happy with your milk production numbers? Yes _____ No _____

Would you like assistance with your milk production numbers? Yes _____ No _____

Answer the following:

Our farm has a current Manure Management Plan or Nutrient Management Plan. Yes _____ No _____

Our farm has a current Conservation Plan or Ag Erosion and Sediment Control Plan. Yes _____ No _____

Our farm is compliant with National FARM Program or similar program. Yes _____ No _____

Our farm has a Risk Management Plan or uses risk management tools to protect profit margins. Yes _____ No _____

Our farm has a Biosecurity Plan. Yes _____ No _____

Our farm has a formal management or advisory team. Yes _____ No _____

List two consultants/advisors with phone# and email address that work with the farm (ex. Nutritionist, Accountant, Veterinarian)

Consultant/Advisor Name	Organization	Phone#	Email Address	Type of Consultant

In exchange for the allocation of funding and support, farms accepted as a Dairy Excellence Grant Teams will be expected to do the following:

- Provide invoices /expenses to the Center for reimbursement.
- Invoices for allocated funds are due to the Center by **February 29, 2024**.
- A **W9** must be provided to the center before any expenses will be reimbursed. Any funding received through this grant will be considered taxable income by the IRS.

Signature _____ Date _____

Complete all questions on back page.

Please Complete the Questions Below:

1. What is your project?

2. How will this project benefit your farm?

3. What are your 2—5 year goals for your farm?

4. How does this project fit into your 2-5 year goals?

5. How much do you estimate your project will cost?

6. Include a letter of recommendation, if possible from an unrelated person. (banker/lender, nutritionist, veterinarian, PSU Extension etc.)