

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Underserved Farmer to Farmer Grant

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is now accepting a second round of applications as part of the \$3 million, 5-year Underserved Farmer to Farmer grant from the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico division.

Background

The DNR is looking to increase the ability of historically underserved farm communities to address nutrient pollution and frequent flooding through the grant.

Underserved farmers are defined by the United States Department of Agriculture as those who are beginning, socially disadvantaged, veterans or with limited resources. Other classifications may be supported as negotiated.

Projects funded through the grant may receive up to \$250,000. Currently, remaining funds for subawards totals \$700,000.

Eligibility

Grants will be distributed through subawards to entities including:

- Conservation districts
- Institutions of Higher Learning
- Local or state government entities, including 28E agreement entities such as Watershed Management Authorities
- NGOs and nonprofits
- Tribal nations
- Beginning farmer groups
- U.S. military veteran farmer groups

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For more information:

www.iowadnr.gov/watershed



Requirements

To be eligible for the grant, projects must have a water quality or quantity component. Areas of emphasis include flood reduction, source water protection, and nutrient reduction.

An education and outreach focus is allowed, and a communications plan is strongly encouraged for all potential applicants.

Implementation of new and innovative conservation practices is a core component of grant goals and the DNR will aid with success tracking for these practices.

Deadline

Applications are open through May 31. Successful subaward terms will end no later than June 30, 2027 unless an extension is provided.

Applications will be subject to competitive review by an inter-agency review team:

- An initial application, which must include a brief narrative and simple budget for competitive selection
- If needed, a full application developed with DNR technical assistance to meet grant requirements

Applications and more information can be found at iowadnr.gov/watershed.