



On-Farm Water Management Program: Practical Implementation Project (PIP) Guidelines

*The **On-Farm Water Management Program** provides funding to promote water resilience on farms. A Practical Implementation Project (PIP) is for private farms who wish to implement best management practices for water management on their farm.*

The Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund and the Kentucky Water Resources Board are dedicated to helping Kentucky agriculture become more sustainable and profitable for generations to come by supporting this program.

A. Application Submission

1. Prior to submitting an application, applicants are advised to review the “Guiding Principles for Board Investment,” and Project “Guidelines – Request for Funds” which is available on-line at: <http://agpolicy.ky.gov/funds.Pages/program-portal.aspx> .
2. Prior to submitting an application, applicants **must schedule a site visit** by a member of the KWRB technical advisory group, to determine if your project qualifies for funding and to help refine your application. To schedule an appointment for your farm/organization contact Dale M. Booth at 502-782-6895.
3. A completed KADF application will be forwarded to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and submitted to the On-Farm Water Management Committee.
4. Applicant must indicate willingness to participate in the statewide reporting and have information about their farm practices published and made publicly available. Must include pre and post information and pictures.
5. Applicant must commit to maintain installed BMPs for the life of the practices.
6. Application must provide current or updated agriculture plans (for example: AWQP, CNMP, Forestry) as needed/requested based on Best Management Practices to be implemented on site.
7. Application must provide milestones with project expected timeline.
8. Application should include how the applicant will work with an existing Research, Development and Demonstration (RDD) to execute the grant goals (for example, will the project leader consult with RDD staff, visit the RDD site, provide feedback on the effectiveness of BMP implementation, participate in RDD field events).

B. Eligible Projects

1. Entities eligible to apply for funds are privately-owned farms. No minimum size requirements.
2. Eligible items for a practical implementation project include:
 - a. Expenses related to the construction of a facility or expansion/renovation of an existing facility;
 - b. Expenses for project related equipment;
 - c. Expenses for documented, contracted labor associated with the project; and
 - d. Expenses related to installation of water resource BMPs as approved by the most recent NRCS guidelines, University of Kentucky’s written BMP guidance documents, or any innovative designs for water resources management as approved by the board.

3. PIP projects will be required to institute practices applicable to multiple types BMPs and must at minimum include **one water harvesting BMP**, which may be a new practice or the updating of a current practice. Projects with multiple proposed BMPs will receive higher priority.

C. Exclusions

1. Self-propelled vehicles/equipment are not eligible for cost-share, such as tractors, trucks, all-terrain vehicles, skid steers, etc.
2. Applicant's own labor is not eligible.
3. Applicants with one or more active Notices of Violation from the Energy and Environment Cabinet, Division of Waste, Water or Air Quality are not eligible for funding.

D. Funding Limitations

1. Only expenditures incurred after the date the application is received by the GOAP are eligible for consideration.
2. KADF (state and county) cannot be more than 50% of the total project cost.
3. The KADF Project shall be defined as all practices conducted within a single PIP.
4. Match shall be new project expenses or documented third party donated materials and equipment. Land is not an eligible match.
5. Applicants will be limited to no more than \$50,000 in state funds. All applicants are encouraged to seek county funds.
6. All construction projects requiring outside labor should submit two (2) separate bids with the application.

E. Post Approval Requirements

1. Recipients will be required to provide detailed listing and verification of all expenditures related to the project. Verification shall be made by submitting itemized receipts/invoices and either cancelled checks or copies of credit card statements as proof of payment. Cash receipts are not an acceptable proof of payment.
2. The reimbursement rate shall be \$0.50 per dollar of approved documented expenses.
3. Recipients will comply with all reporting requirements.

Please return application and all documentation to:

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404 Ann Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 782-1762
<http://agpolicy.ky.gov>