



Center for Beef Excellence
Beef Excellence Initiative Grant Program
Producer Application-FY 24-25

CBE Use Only
Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_
Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

This program is designed to provide unique grant opportunities to assist beef producers with the implementation of infrastructure projects that will have a positive impact on their operation and/or their regional beef community or the Pennsylvania beef industry as a whole.

This application must be completed and submitted via email or mail.
Email to: mkirk.cbe@gmail.com or mail to: Center for Beef Excellence: PO Box 3206, Gettysburg, PA 17325
For more information or to obtain an online application visit: www.beefexcellence.com

Grant applications accepted in two rounds:
September 15 to November 15, 2024 or January 1 to April 30, 2025
This application must be completed and submitted by 5 pm on the last day of the grant round.
Please be sure to review the Program Details page before completing & submitting this application.
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Applicant Farm Information (Please print clearly):

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Website/Instagram/Facebook page (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Beef Breeding Cows: \_\_\_\_\_

Seedstock? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Heifers (over 12 months): \_\_\_\_\_

Commercial? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Beef Heifers (under 12 months): \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Acres in Pasture (owned & rented)? \_\_\_\_\_

Steers (Below 800#): \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Acres in Crop Production (owned & rented)? \_\_\_\_\_

Steers (Over 800#): \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Acres in Production (all types): \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Beef Breeding Bulls: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Years in Production? \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Beef Cattle Owned: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you BQA Certified? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Cattle Breed(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Animals Raised & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Priority given to BQA Certified producers. For more information on becoming certified visit www.pa-bqa.org/events or call 724-289-8510\*\*



**Project Description (\*\*Please print clearly or attach no more than 1 page typed\*\*):**

Describe your project and why you are requesting funding. Include the impact on your operation. If applicable, include the impact on your local beef community and the beef industry in Pennsylvania.

Please include maps and/or photos that may help detail the project. Before and after photos of the project are not required but are helpful to show the improvements made. Add additional page if needed or attach a separate document-please limit to one page.

Please complete the separate budget form included with this application.

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the project description.

Will this project allow you to increase your herd size? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, by how many head? \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you transitioned from dairy to beef? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If Yes, what year did you transition? \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Project Cost? \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Completion of Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Have you received cost-share assistance for this project from other organizations (ex: NRCS/Conservation District)?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, what organization and what percentage or amount of cost-share was received?  
\_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, producer agrees that the Center for Beef Excellence may use photos and descriptions of this project for promotional and other purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# CBE-Beef Excellence Initiatives Application Qualifications & Checklist

## Program Qualifications:

**\*\*Please review BEFORE completing and submitting application\*\***

The Center for Beef Excellence is pleased to offer grant funding for beef producers in Pennsylvania through the Beef Excellence Initiatives program. The goal of this program is to assist producers with implementing infrastructure projects that will make a positive impact on their operation and/or the Pennsylvania beef industry as a whole.

Funding is subject to availability and is on a cost-share, reimbursement basis. Grants will not cover more than 50% of the total cost of the project. Maximum grant awards for individual projects will not exceed \$10,000.

Projects that will impact a large cross-section of producers within a region are encouraged.












CBE reserves the right to follow-up with an onsite visit of the project and to use photos and/or descriptions of the project for future programming and promotion.

Photos of project are helpful, particularly before and after photos that show the impact of the work completed. Please send in jpg or png format, not as a pdf.

Grant funds will not be released until all receipts and evidence of completion are received by CBE.

Questions on the grant process or application contact CBE at [mkirk.cbe@gmail.com](mailto:mkirk.cbe@gmail.com) or 570-687-3150.

## Application Checklist:

-  Projects must be complete prior to application. Projects in construction must be completed by June 1, 2025.
-  Completed application must be received by 5 pm on the last day of the grant round to be eligible.
  - Scanned or mailed copies of application are preferred. If sending a photo of the application pages, they MUST be clear and readable.
-  Detailed description of operation and project—separate pages can be attached. No more than one page per description.
-  A detailed budget of costs from start to finish MUST be included with the application (use form attached or a separate form may be attached). Please include copies of receipts for the total cost of the project.
-  Define the impact the project will have:
  - On the individual operation
  - On the beef industry in Pennsylvania (if applicable)
  - On the regional beef community (if applicable)
-  Two references must be submitted with the application who can give insight and support as to why the project should be funded (Example: extension educator, loan officer, conservation district/NRCS employee, etc.). Letters of reference are not required.
-  Maps and/or drawings of project should be included with application if applicable (ex. Fencing, water lines, etc.).
-  Before and after photos of the project should be submitted to show project completion and improvement to operation. At minimum, submit photos of the completed project. Please submit in jpg or png format, not as a pdf.
-  BQA Certified producers will receive priority—to become certified, visit [www.pa-bqa.org/events](http://www.pa-bqa.org/events) or call 724-289-8510 for information.
-  Be sure to answer all questions on the application and sign before submitting.
-  If you have been awarded a BEI grant in the past, you are eligible to apply every 3 years.