



Center for Beef Excellence
Beef Excellence Initiative Grant Program
Producer Application

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 one round: December 1, 2023 to April 22, 2024
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: _____

Total # of Breeding Cows: _____

Seedstock? Yes _____ No _____

Heifers (over 12 months): _____

Commercial? Yes _____ No _____

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 Breeding Bulls: _____

Total Number of Years in Production? _____

Total # of Cattle Owned: _____

Are you BQA Certified? Yes _____ No _____

Cattle Breed(s): _____

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

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.

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 or 570-687-3150.

Application Checklist:

-  Projects must be complete or able to be completed by June 1, 2024
-  Completed application must be received by 5 pm on the last day of the grant round to be eligible
-  Detailed description of operation and project-separate pages can be attached
-  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 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.)
-  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
-  BQA Certified producers will receive priority—to become certified, visit www.pa-bqa.org/events or call 724-289-8510 for information
-  Be sure to answer all questions in application and sign before submitting