

Soil Health Equipment Grants

The Soil Health Financial Assistance Pilot Program

- \$500,000 for MDA to establish Pilot Program to support healthy soil management with grants for purchase of new/used equipment & parts to retrofit equipment
- Awards range \$500-\$50,000 (up to 50% cost share)
- Individuals, producer groups, & local government units can apply
- Grants are competitive – awarded contracts last 12 months
- **Application and Request for Proposals open January 17 thru Mar 20 (60 days).**
- Funding for this pilot aligns with MDA's Clean Water Fund request for farm conservation equipment assistance - \$3.5 million FY24-25. If awarded, soil health equipment grants could be available again in later 2023 and 2024.



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How to apply:

- Visit www.mda.state.mn.us/soil-health-grant (or scan QR code) for more information and a link to the application. **The application will close at 4 PM CT on March 20, 2023.**
- Start preparing now! The application will require the cost of the equipment, an explanation of how the equipment will be used to advance soil health on your farm, the number of acres the equipment will be used on, and other information.
- These grants are for reimbursement only, and expenses must not occur before the grant contract start date.

