

March 21, 2016 Conservation Innovation Grant Webinar Questions and Answers

Q: Is the Adjusted Gross Income limit for the applicant or the EQIP eligible land owners?

A: The EQIP AGI limit is for the participating landowners/producers. Not the Applicant.

Q: In reference to the budget samples that are shared on the website, it appears the 12 point font requirement DOES NOT apply to the budget narrative, is this accurate?

A: The budget narrative should be in 12 point font. However, you may change the font size in any charts or tables included in the budget narrative section of your application.

Q: Are forest product landowners considered producers?

A: Yes.

Q: Are slides available? Can we save this webinar?

A: The webinar slides are posted to the CIG Applicant webpage.

Q: Who can we talk with to find out if we're eligible in the first place?

A: You may contact Mike Bennett at mike.bennett@wdc.usda.gov or 202-720-1895

Q: Can a non-EQIP eligible party apply?

A: Yes. However, the project must involve EQIP eligible producers.

Q: In order to count in-kind support, is it necessary to demonstrate that the matching organization was not already planning to conduct that activity?

A: No verification is required. However, the same in-kind support cannot be applied to more than one grant.

Q: Does email to CIG inbox need to be by 4pm on 5/10, or is it just the Grants.gov application by that time?

A: The application go to both Grant.gov and the CIG intake email box and must be submitted by 4pm EDT.

Q: Regarding this verbiage: "G. Funding Restrictions. Awardees may not use unrecovered indirect costs as part of their matching funds." In this instance, does unrecovered indirect mean the indirect rate applied to our direct matching funds?

A: Unrecovered indirect is the difference between what the grantee can charge per their approved Federally negotiated rate and what they identify in the proposal. 2 CFR 200.306(c).

Q: Does the List of Letters of Support actually include the letters, or is it a list only?

A: To help strengthen your proposal it is recommended you include the actual letters.

Q: What if your project arguably fits into two or more of the categories?

A: Please identify both categories in your application. The categories identified in your

application determine which review panel(s) will evaluate your application.

Q: Can non-CIG Grants be used for match contributions?

A: You can use non-CIG grants for matching contributions as long as the non-CIG grant it is not a federal grant (directly or indirectly uses federal funds).

Q: Do we need to identify the actual EQIP eligible landowners or can we identify them as part of the project?

A: To help strengthen your application it is recommended you identify the landowners you intend to partner with. If you don't know which land owners please identify the number of landowners you intend to include if known.

Q: Does the application need to include verification of EQIP eligibility for each producer?

A: No, verification of EQIP eligibility does not need to be submitted with the proposal.