

2023 CDFA AMMP and Dairy Plus – NOW OPEN!

CDFA launched the 2023 Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP) application on their website on June 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM, along with Dairy Plus and DDRDP. There is a 60-day application window, and submissions for all programs are due August 28, 2023, at 5:00 PM. This year, CDFA has moved to the AmpliFund application system, so prior years' applications will need to be reformatted to their new system. This may prove slightly challenging to new users, so it is best to start early.

AMMP will be distributing \$20.9 million for this round, which means that approximately 25 projects can be funded at the \$750,00.00 funding cap. Dairies and other livestock operations are eligible, and facilities with non CDFA funded (DDRDP) digesters are also eligible, with the caveat that the AMMP practices treat manure *not* being treated in the digester. They also have lower priority than facilities without a digester.

Practices eligible for funding with AMMP are: compost bedded pack barns, floor pit manure collection, Weeping walls, slope screens, screw presses, centrifuge, roller drums, belt presses, flocculants/bead filters, and vermifiltration (worm farm). In addition, how the manure is treated after separation is also required, and can include dryers, slabs, etc.

The Dairy Plus system allows both new AMMP and DDRDP applicants and previously **completed** AMMP and DDRDP projects to apply for additional funds to complete enhancements to their manure handling systems. The projects available through Dairy Plus are broken down by core program application.

AMMP projects can apply for: vermifiltration, weeping walls (two cell minimum), and advanced separation (flocculant/bead filters). In addition, subsurface irrigation or aerated composting can be combined with one of the practices if desired. New AMMP/Dairy Plus applications can receive \$1.25 million from Dairy Plus with no match required, and previously completed AMMP projects can receive \$1.25 million but have a 50/50 match up to \$750,000.00.

DDRDP received \$11.4 million for the funding round and has a funding cap of \$1.6 million. DDRDP projects can apply for the following Dairy Plus enhancements: post digester vermifiltration, and advanced separation (flocculant/ bead filters). In addition, subsurface drip irrigation can be combined with one of the practices if desired. New DDRDP/Dairy Plus applications can receive \$1.25 million from Dairy Plus with \$1.6 million match required (from the additional \$1.6 million in DDRDP funding), and previously completed DDRDP projects can receive \$1.25 million but have a 50/50 match up to \$1.0 million.

The 60-day application window will go quickly! If you have questions, would like any additional information, or would like help planning and applying for the AMMP or Dairy Plus programs, please call Ian Vietti at (559) 799-3285 or Jeana Hale at (559) 967-2219.