



# Dairy Forward Microgrants

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We work to save the land that sustains us by protecting farmland, promoting sound farming practices, and keeping farmers on the land.





## Background

The Dairy Forward program is a partnership between Chobani and American Farmland Trust.

Funding for grants comes from sales of Farmer Batch yogurt and dairy creamer.

# Grant Information

## THE BASICS

- Grants for professional services
- \$500 to \$5,000
- [www.farmland.org/dairy-forward](http://www.farmland.org/dairy-forward)
- Grant Guidelines and Application  
Preview available online

## ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Farm Transfer & Succession Planning
- Farm Business Planning
- Permanently Protecting Land
- Adopting Regenerative Practices

# Grant Information

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Dairy farm is in New York State
- Dairy farm sold at least \$1,000 of agricultural products in 2020
- Only one application will be accepted from each dairy farm operation
- Service provider must be identified to apply
- Service providers must have appropriate qualifications
- Grant recipients will be asked to participate in story-telling

**Examples of eligible service providers include:**  
*attorneys, certified crop advisors, extension educators, farm business consultants, and Soil and Water Conservation District employees.*

## **FARM TRANSFER & SUCCESSION PLANNING**

Work with an attorney to develop a farm transfer and estate plan that could include a will, health care proxy or other legal documents such as an operating or buy/sell agreement and/or a farm business consultant to help with farm business transfer planning.

## **PERMANENTLY PROTECTING LAND**

Pay for professional services associated with conveying a permanent agricultural conservation easement including but not limited to land planning, appraisals, surveys or legal fees.

## **FARM BUSINESS PLANNING**

Work with a farm business consultant to develop a plan to improve farm viability by setting business goals, researching processing alternatives, determining potential markets, evaluating financing options, or developing a new farm enterprise.

## **ADOPTING REGENERATIVE PRACTICES**

Work with a certified crop advisor, Soil and Water Conservation District employee or other technical service provider to develop plans for the adoption of conservation practices that promote soil health. These practices could include cover crops, no-till and reduced tillage, prescribed grazing and crop rotations.



# Things to Note:

- ✓ Applications are open now!
- ✓ Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis
- ✓ First come, first served
- ✓ You must have a service provider identified to apply
- ✓ You must apply online  
*\*Find the application link at [farmland.org/dairy-forward](https://farmland.org/dairy-forward)*
- ✓ Funds are distributed directly to service provider



# Questions?

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