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2020 NYFVI RFP: Helping Farmers Know What Works

The New York Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI) is seeking applied agricultural research and education proposals for its 2020 competitive grant program. Successful proposals will have a clear relevance to New York's agriculture community, demonstrated producer support and the ability to deliver positive farm-level impact over time. Applications are due by November 12, 2019.

The organization is especially interested in proposals that help farmers understand which of the many new technology tools coming to market may be valuable to their operations. Work that accelerates the adoption of proven practices is also encouraged.

NYFVI funds projects that reflect the diversity of New York's agricultural production sectors, farm sizes, production practices and geographic regions. The organization seeks to fund projects that demonstrate:

- Broad-based support from farmers
- Positive farm-level impacts
- Cost-effectiveness and value

Proposals are welcome from any individual, business or organization seeking to build and share knowledge that will improve the economic viability of New York's farmers. New this year, the organization is accepting paired proposals to encourage collaboration among multi-disciplinary/multi-organizational teams.

Proposals ranging from \$15,000 to \$125,000 will be accepted. Awards will be announced in mid-April, with funding available to begin work immediately. All proposals are evaluated, discussed and ranked by review panels organized by commodity area. The NYFVI Board of Directors, whose members are also farmers, makes the final funding decisions.

Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to read the full request for proposals. All applications must be submitted online. For questions or help with proposal development, applicants are encouraged to email or call NYFVI staff. All information can be found at <http://www.nyvfi.org>

NYFVI staff will be conducting webinars to help project leaders understand the proposal requirements and develop successful applications. Currently, webinars are scheduled on September 17th and 25th. Registration is available at www.nyvfi.org.

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