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RFP NOW OPEN! FVI Research and Education Proposals Due October 24th!

The NY Farm Viability Institute (NYFVI) is a nonprofit, farmer-driven grantmaking organization connecting farmer-identified needs to practical research and education solutions. NYFVI funds a wide variety of projects—across all commodity areas, to benefit farms of all sizes and production types, with the same goal—to improve the economic viability of New York's farmers.

The Request For Proposals (RFP) seeks work that will help NY Farmers to:

- **Improve Operational Practices**
- **Foster Industry-Wide Innovation**
- **Incubate New Ideas**
- **Improve Route to Market and Marketing Practices**
- **Develop Human Capital**

In this FVI grant round approximately \$1.5M will be awarded through a competitive process. Farmer review panels evaluate the proposals, and the NYFVI farmer board makes all the final funding decisions. Projects can range from \$15-\$125K and span 6 months to 2 years in duration. Funding decisions will be made in February 2026 and contracts will be available soon thereafter. Projects must start between April 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027, and complete within 24 months of their start date.

Eligibility: For-Profit or Non-Profit Farmer groups, researchers, educators, organizations, agencies and businesses may apply. Individuals are encouraged to partner with existing organizations.

Schedule: RFP opens September 3rd, 2025 and closes October 24th.

The process will be conducted on a new grant management platform; applicants should plan to attend one of the webinars to be held on:

- Wednesday, September 17th at 12:00 pm
- Thursday, September 25th at 9:00 am

Registration for the first webinar is available [HERE](#), and the second [HERE](#). Links will be sent the day before the webinar.

Online Application: This RFP is largely similar to last year's and will be conducted on the same online platform [HERE](#). Applicants will need to register for credentials, and are encouraged to preview the application and required budget detail template

RFP: A PDF of the online application is available [HERE](#). The full RFP includes both the online application and technical requirements. For more detail, visit our [webpage](#).

This grant program is made possible through the steadfast support of Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assemblymember Donna Lupardo and the Senate and Assembly Agriculture Committees. The RFP will utilize NYFVI's New York State appropriation from FY 24/25.

For more information, email [Brooke Johnston](#), NYFVI Grants Coordinator.