

2023 NOFA Vermont Farmer Emergency Fund Application

The NOFA Vermont Farmer Emergency Fund is available to assist Vermont certified organic and NOFA Vermont member commercial farmers who are in financial need after having been adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters such as income loss due to crop failure, field flooding, fire, barn collapse, etc. Due to the devastation we have seen as a result of the July 2023 floods, at this time farmers may request up to \$5,000 in grant funds that do not need to be repaid.

Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible. Applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis and reviewed by a loan review committee with representative from the NOFA staff and the NOFA Board of Directors. Once the application is received, you should receive notification of the committee's decision within two weeks.

Please note:

- The fund is available to current certified Vermont Organic Farmers (VOF) who have been certified for at least one year or current NOFA Vermont commercial farm members.
- The fund may be used to help replace infrastructure (for example greenhouse, barn, fencing), seed, feed, livestock, equipment, and other losses caused by the disaster.
- The fund may be used to help pay outstanding farm related bills and immediate needs (loan and mortgage repayments, etc).
- The fund is not an alternative to insurance and does not cover losses that are covered by a successful insurance claim or losses covered by other sources.
- The fund may not be used to cover projected income from crops lost from the disaster.

For more information, please contact:

NOFA Vermont
Farmer Emergency Fund
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Richmond, VT 05477
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- Vermont Certified Organic Farmer
 NOFA Vermont Member

For office use
Date Received:

Farm Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Social Security #: _____ or Farm EIN: #: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Are You a Landlord, Owner-Occupier, or Tenant? _____

Amount Grant Requested: \$ _____ (up to \$5,000)

Date of Disaster: _____

Type of Disaster: _____

Are you applying for funds from other sources? If so, please list: _____

With this application please submit:

- A brief description of the damage you experienced and how your organic farm has been affected
- Amount of losses, including uninsured losses
- The extent of financial hardship suffered
- How much you are applying for and a breakdown on how funds will be used
- A plan on how and when the farm will resume normal operations
- What other funds have been raised
- If you have insurance and your deductible
- Your greatest immediate needs for your cooperative or farm
- Most recent year-end financial statement
- Two references
- A photo or photos of the damage (if available)
- A completed W9 (note the check will be made out to either one individual or the farm for which the social security number or employee identification number is provided)
- Any other information you think would be helpful

Please return application and all attachments to:

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