

Farmers Advocating For Organics
2011 Funding Cycles

Application Cover Letter

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Program or Project Contact

Applicant Organization: _____
Project Point Person: _____
Address: _____
City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail Address: _____
Web Address: _____
Organization's total operating budget for past year _____ current year _____

Fiscal Responsibility - Person/organization who will legally accept the grant – if different from above.

Name & Title: _____
Applicant Organization: _____
Address: _____
City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
E-mail Address: _____

Grant Requested

Title of Proposed Project/Program: _____
Project Goal (50 words or less; i.e., Determine if roller crimping a grass or small grain cover crop before planting corn is an effective control for weeds and its effect on crop yield.): _____

Requested Amount: _____ Total Project Budget: _____
Project Duration (in months): _____
Type of Request: **Research, Advocacy or Education:** _____
Can FAFO share this proposal with other funders or organizations? _____

Leveraging Funds

Project Funds Already Secured (dollar amount): _____
Applying for Funds Elsewhere? (Yes) (No)
Please list other organizations committed to or being asked for funding (please note if any grants received have matching dollar opportunities): _____

Are you aware of other organizations performing similar work, and if so, have you contacted them to collaborate efforts? _____

Project/Program Overview:

The intent of these questions is to address specific concerns and goals of the FAFO Committee. This cover sheet does not replace your proposal nor is it the place to outline your proposal.

Please limit answers to 100 words or less and answer within the space provided. Narrative or point form is acceptable.

1. FAFO is an organic-specific grant-making organization. Because it is funded directly by organic farmers, FAFO requires that the grants it makes specifically benefit organics. Please explain how your project/program directly focuses on organic agriculture or other aspects of the organic industry.

2. The FAFO Committee is interested in funding projects that address an identified need within organics. Please explain how your project or program proposes to meet a need within the organic industry.

3. FAFO is interested in results that can be quantified – whether it’s 18 field meetings, 25 test rows or 1,000 action alerts. Please describe the specific results expected at the end of the grant period, and for the total project (if different).

4. FAFO wants to leverage its grants as much as possible. One way to do this is to widely distribute project results; another way is to demonstrate how results will lead to other actions. Please explain how the results of this project/program will be used or shared.