

November 2022 Lake Effect Storm Damage Fund Application
Erie County. New York

Program Goals

- To help stabilize farms and agri-business in their recovery from November 16-21, 2022 lake effect storm event. The program will address storm damage to facilities, structures, equipment, machinery, and capital assets which were determined not eligible for insurance coverage, in a manner which will preserve agricultural lands and conserve agricultural soils and protect water quality for future generations.
- To strategically invest in and strengthen our local farms and agri-businesses business that were adversely impacted by the November Storm but were not eligible for full insurance coverage or federal/state loan assistance resulting from the November Storm not being declared a federal disaster.
- Non-farm/agribusinesses are welcome to apply; however, their eligibility will be determined on a case-by-case basis as allowable under applicable NYS laws.

PART 1 APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

Applicant Email: _____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Check all the apply:

___ Agricultural Business, currently operating in Erie County New York

___ Certified Minority-Owned Business, or business in 51% ownership of a minority

___ Certified Women-Owned Business, or business in 51% ownership of a woman

___ Non – agricultural business

PART 2 BUSINESS AND PROPERTY INFORMATION

Please select the type of organization that best describes your business.

___ C- Corp

___ S- Corp

___ LLC

___ LLP

___ Partnership (JV, Gen, Limited)

___ Sole-Proprietor, having employees who are on a payroll and pay payroll taxes

Provide evidence or proof of business license or permit

Provide proof of employees paying Payroll Taxes prior to November 16, 2022

Describe the business operation:

Are you the building owner? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, provide a copy of the property deed.

Are you the building tenant? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, provide a copy of the lease agreement, with expiration dates.

Business Name: _____

Business Physical Address: _____

Business Website: _____

Do you plan to continue as an agricultural operation for the next 5 years? Yes ____ No ____
(if no, you do not qualify)

Do you believe the proposed project will assist in the financial stabilization of your agricultural operation, thereby ensuring continued operation? Yes ____ No ____

Do you currently have any Building, Zoning Violations? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, specify:

PART 3 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Is there currently a mortgage on the property? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, are payments current? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, who is the mortgage holder: _____

Are there any additional liens against the property? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, identify any lien holders: _____

Are property taxes paid to date? Yes ____ No ____

Are sewer and water charges paid to date? Yes ____ No ____

Do you have any pending bankruptcy or liability claims? Yes ____ No ____

Did your business receive a SBA loan or similar loan to cover damage incurred during the November 16 -21, 2022 storm event? Yes ____ No ____

If yes, provide additional information:

PART 4 INSURANCE INFORMATION

Is the property insured? Yes ____ No ____

If no, provide an explanation as to why it is not insured:

If yes, provide the following information:

Insurance provider and agent: _____

Insurance contact information (address/telephone/email): _____

Type of insurance coverage: _____

Insurance claim number: _____

Insurance claim payout amount: _____

Please provide proof payout amount and any correspondence

PART 5 GRANT REQUEST INFORMATION

Damage Information- the program covers Costs associated with farm/agribusiness facilities, structures, equipment, machinery, and capital assets which sustained documented damage/losses between the dates of November 16 to 21, 2022, which were NOT covered by Insurance or an SBA Loan.

Ineligible Activities Costs associated with farm/agribusiness facilities, structures, equipment, machinery, and capital assets which sustained documented damage/losses between the dates of November 16 to 21, 2022, but which were covered by Insurance or an SBA Loan. Repairs or replacement of capital assets not specifically damaged by the November 2022 Storm are not eligible for assistance under this program. Operating losses, loss of revenue, or labor costs incurred as a result of the November Storm are not eligible. Costs for Snow plowing and snow removal during or after the November Storm are not eligible.

Self-Performed Projects

Eligible November 2022 Storm Damage repairs that have been conducted by the farm/agribusiness on a self-help basis will be partially eligible. The Storm Damage Fund may reimburse the business for documented purchase of materials, agricultural machinery, equipment, and supplies used to make eligible repairs, but will not reimburse for labor time, snow plowing/removal, or lost revenue costs.

- Description of damage (damage sustained November 16-21, 2022):

(attach additional sheets as necessary)

- Please provide photographic documentation of the damage.

Cost Information

- Provide description of structural repairs needed or made and/or estimated costs to repair (to conditions present on November 16, 2022):

- Cost estimate of any machinery and/or equipment:

- Identify the total amount of damages not covered by insurance:

(Amount of damages not covered by insurance- this does not include insurance deductible)

- Total 2022 November Lake Effect Storm grant funds being requested (not to exceed \$200,000):

I attest that I am the legal owner and/or lease of the above properties and that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby officially request financial assistance for damage incurred to my property during the November 16-21, 2022 Lake Effect Storm event. I understand that if funded my operation will need to maintain operation as an agricultural business for a period of 5 years, and if I do not maintain my agricultural lands for the above properties for agricultural purposes I will be required to pay back to the Erie County Soil and Water Conservations District the financial assistance I receive through this program, and in such event I agree I will pay back the funds received. In addition, I authorize my insurance carrier and agent to discuss all relevant insurance claims and damages identified above with representatives of the Erie County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Applicant: _____ **Date** _____

Return application and required documentation to:

**Mark Gaston, District Field Manager
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