

ACM Review

Application



Grants Pre-Application Approval Request

Request # 05861963

Thank you for taking the time to help the County align external grant applications to the goal of seeing successful people thriving in a strong community supported by quality government. This pre-authorization workflow is designed to ensure that departments can successfully secure resources for service provision while reducing overall risk to County finances.

Application

1. Guilford county employee name

Sonni Dudley

2. Guilford county employee email address

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3. Name of grant

Improving Local Feed Corn Quality and Market Readiness through On-Farm Demonstration

4. Department name

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES

5. Application due date

01/21/2026

6. Name of the sponsor or funding agency

Corn Growers Association of North Carolina

8. What is the source of funding for this grant?

Private Foundation

9. Will Guilford County be the prime recipient of grant funding or a subrecipient/contractor?

Prime

10. What is the period of performance (start and end date of the agreement)?

January 21st, 2026-2027

11. When does the funder anticipate notifying grantees that their proposal was awarded or not awarded?

January 21st, 2026

12. Does the application indicate renewal options are available?

Yes

13. Funding Opportunity Description

New Grant

14. Does the grant application require any of the following?

Letter of Intent or Pre-Proposal

15. Please enter the web address (URL) for the grant application so that we may review the relevant materials.

<https://nccorngrowers.com/>

16. Please upload a copy of the grant guidance / funding opportunity

Williams - NC Corn Growers Proposal Guilford County.docx

17. Please list the name of the Guilford County employee serving as the primary point of contact for this grant application.

Marcus Williams, Agriculture Extension Agent

18. To your knowledge, has the Guilford County department seeking to apply for this grant received grant funding from this sponsor agency in the past? *

No

19. Please briefly describe the purpose of the proposed program, service or activity to be supported by this grant funding.

OBJECTIVE(S)

1. Establish on-farm demonstration plots comparing moisture management and hybrid selection for feed corn.
2. Conduct a farmer workshop on 'Post-Harvest Handling & Marketing of Feed Corn'.
3. Develop educational fact sheets and visual guides summarizing local results and sharing them through Extension channels.

Measurable Outcomes:

- At least 25 local producers will attend the on-farm field day and workshop.
 - Three hybrid varieties will be compared for grain moisture and test weight.
 - Educational fact sheets summarizing results will be distributed to 100+ regional feed corn producers.
- This work is highly relevant to feed grain producers in the Piedmont Region, where over 40,000 acres of corn are grown annually for feed markets. The results will inform regional Extension recommendations and future NC Corn Growers educational programming.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND RELEVANCE

This project will strengthen Guilford County's local feed grain sector by demonstrating practical methods to improve corn yield, grain moisture management, and storage quality. It connects local producers with feed buyers and promotes improved handling and marketing practices to increase the profitability, quality, and sustainability of feed corn.

Two to three cooperating farms will host demonstration plots comparing corn hybrids and management practices. Post-harvest samples will be analyzed for grain moisture and test weight to determine the best-performing varieties for feed use. Educational outreach will include a workshop and publication of results for farmers, feed buyers, and Extension educators. This project aligns with NC Cooperative Extension's goals of supporting research-based solutions, expanding local feed markets, and improving grain quality across the Piedmont Region.

20. Submission of this Notice of Intent to Submit a Grant has been reviewed by:

Department Director

21. If you selected "Other" in the question above, please list the person's name below. If you selected "None of the Above" please provide additional about your department's internal approval process below.

22. Will the proposal include a request for new or temporary positions?

No

23. How many positions will be added from the requested grant fund?

24. Will the new positions be new or time-limited positions

25. If awarded, does implementing the grant require any of the following?

None of the above

26. If the grant requires match, what type of match is allowed?

No match required

27. If the grant requires match, please indicate the amount of match required and how the department plans to meet the match requirement.

28. Does this grant require reporting?

No

29. If applicable, please tell us the frequency and type of reporting that the grant requires.

30. How will the grant application be submitted?

E-mail

31. Is this a collaborative proposal with other Guilford County departments?

No

32. If yes, please list the other Guilford County departments.

33. Is this a collaborative proposal with any non-Guilford County entities?

Yes

34. If this is a collaborative proposal with non-Guilford entities, please list those below.

This is a collaborative proposal with non-Guilford entities, which are local farmers in Guilford County and the NC Corn Growers Association.

35. Which of the following Board of Commissioners goals and key strategic actions does this grant align with?

Economic Growth, Education

36. Please feel free to upload any additional documentation you would like included in the review (if applicable).

37. Additional Questions or Comments?

Finance Review

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Is department able to satisfy reporting needs for SEFSA, if applicable?

yes

Dept/County able to meet Internal control/closeout requirements?

yes

Finance Department Approve/Deny Comments

This grant application is approved.

Approved By Finance Department?

Yes

Legal Review

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Adequate timeframe for public notice/hearing requirements, if any?

Yes

Are the department and/or County able to satisfy conformance requirements of the award?

N/A

Legal Department Approve/Deny Comments

Approve

Is the applicant aware of and compliant with all standard certifications required?

NA

Approved by Legal Department?

Yes

Budget and Management Review

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Is Match calculated appropriately?

NA

Is there a new position requiring HR review?

No

Is the grants fund appropriate place to budget?

No, short term grant

Budget and Management Approve/Deny Comments

Approved by Budget and Management?

Yes

Assistant County Manager Review

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Assistant County Manager Approve/Deny Comments

Approved by Assistant County Manager?

Yes