



A PROGRAM BROUGHT TO YOU BY:
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TREASURER OF OHIO

This application is to be used for natural fertilizer management solution funding requests under the Ag-LINK N.O.W. program.

All fields are required unless otherwise indicated.

Financial Institution:

Bank or Farm Credit Name:

Loan Officer - First Name:

Last Name:

Phone: (e.g. 000-000-0000)

Email address:

AgriBusiness/Farm Information:

Organization / Farm Name: (leave blank if not organized as an entity)

Applicant - First Name:

Last Name:

Headquarters Address: (if no HQ enter owner's address)

Address 2:

City / State / Zip code: **OH**

County:

Phone: (e.g. 000-000-0000)

Fax (optional):

Applicant email address: (leave blank if there is no email address for the applicant)

NOTE: If email address is not provided the applicant will not receive the application status notifications.

Qualification Criteria

Is headquartered and lives in the state of Ohio? Yes No

Maintains land or facilities for agriculture purposes in the Western Lake Erie Basin? Yes No
(All watersheds in the western basin are listed in the next section of the application.)

Is organized for profit? Yes No

Needs financial assistance to comply with the requirements for applying livestock manure in the Western Lake Erie Basin as defined in division (A) of section 1511.10 of the Ohio Revised Code? ORC website: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/1511> Yes No

Operation Information

Watershed information:

Please check all the NW Ohio Watersheds in the Western Lake Erie Basin where you have land.

- Auglaize
- Blanchard
- Cedar Portage
- Lower Maumee
- Ottawa
- River Raisin
- St. Joseph
- St. Marys
- Tiffin
- Upper Maumee

Total Acres of operation: *(if property is divided in a family business or a partnership, then only list number of acres operated by applicant)*

Business Structure of Organization *(select one):*

- Sole Proprietorship Corporation Partnership Limited Liability Company
- Other: _____

Types of Agricultural Products *(select all that apply):*

- Crops Poultry Livestock Produce Dairy Nursery/Greenhouse
- Other: _____

What size is the operation *(as defined by [ODA chapter 903](#) and [House Bill 64 of the 131st General Assembly, 2015](#))*? Small Medium Not Classified

If not classified as a small or medium sized operation, please indicate why you are required to install an animal refuse management solution?

Estimated tonnage or gallons of storage the solution will hold *(leave blank if no storage solution needed):*

- Tonnage
- Gallons

If not a storage solution, then please describe the method and/or equipment to be used/purchased/installed *(leave blank if solution is only for storage solution):*

Has the applicant applied for an Ohio Linked Deposit program through another lending institution this year for this same purpose?

Yes No

Provide the lending institution name(s)*: _____

**Please note that proceeds of loans receiving an interest rate reduction through Ag-LINK N.O.W. may only be used to finance environment containment solutions.*

Indicate the loan amount(s) subsidized by program: \$ _____

Please indicate other Linked Deposit programs this organization or owner is participating in, select all that apply:

- Ag-LINK N.O.W.
- Ag-LINK (traditional program)
- Grow NOW
- ECO-link
- ReEnergize Ohio

Is the applicant's business affiliated with another applicant applying for the same program?

Yes No

If yes, please name the other lending institution and the owner's name: _____

Is the applicant operating the organization?

Yes No

If no, who is operating the organization? _____

Is the applicant a Veteran or a spouse/surviving spouse of a Veteran?

Yes No

Estimated date of project completion, or purchase date:

(mm/dd/yyyy)

Please specify the amount of the loan for which you are seeking an interest rate reduction:

\$

(\$500,000.00 max.)

Contractor Information

Contractor 1:

Business Name:

Contact Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City / State / Zip code:

Phone: (e.g. 000-000-0000)

Fax (optional):

Email address: (leave blank if there is no email address for the contractor)

Contractor 2:

Business Name:

Contact Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City / State / Zip code:

Phone: (e.g. 000-000-0000)

Fax (optional):

Email address: (leave blank if there is no email address for the contractor)

Contractor 3:

Business Name:

Contact Name:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City / State / Zip code:

Phone: (e.g. 000-000-0000)

Fax (optional):

Email address: (leave blank if there is no email address for the contractor)

If more than 3 Contractors are used attach the additional details on a separate sheet, and include with the faxed proposals.

You must provide invoices and/or quotes for the full amount for which you are seeking an interest rate reduction.

Certification and Statement

Under penalty of law, the agribusiness named in this application has accurately and truthfully answered the questions as listed and has made application to the financial institution named for the sole purpose of purchase and/or installation of environment conservation solution under the Linked Deposit provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. The business owner certifies that the funds borrowed from the eligible lending institution will not be used for purposes of gain under an investment arbitrage situation.

Furthermore, it is fully understood that any use of the funds, other than that intended pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code sections 135.71 to 135.76 and 1511.01 to 1511.11, constitutes an act of fraud. It is also understood that, since the Treasurer of State is not a lender of funds, the decisions involved in granting loans to the agribusiness rests solely upon the financial institution. The terms of the loan are solely between the borrower and lender and do not involve the Treasurer of State.

The agriculture operation agrees to comply with any and all monitoring efforts that may be required by the Treasurer of State. Failure to do so in a complete and timely manner may affect continued participation in the program.

I certify that:

- 1) I have read and agree to the above statement,
- 2) I am an authorized signer of the borrower for which this loan application is for, and
- 3) I will use the reduced rate loan exclusively for purpose of the purchasing products and systems that will allow me to comply with the requirements for applying livestock manure in the Western Lake Erie Basin as defined in division (A) of section 1511.10 of the Ohio Revised Code.

ORC website: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/1511>

Borrower Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____



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Lender Information

Bank Name:

Contact Name:

Lender Address:

Address 2:

City / State / Zip code:

Lender Phone:

Lender Fax (optional):

Lender Email address:

Agribusiness Name on loan:

Amount Requested: \$
Amount cannot exceed \$500,000.00

Negotiated interest rate (prior to interest discount) %
(Note: If >5% the interest rate to the borrower is reduced by 2%, if ≤5% reduce the rate by 1.1%.)

Statement of Benefit (select one):

Check the one statement that most adequately describes the effect that an agricultural linked deposit approval will have on this farming operation. (This is the lender's opportunity to help the Treasury understand the client's need for Ag-Link funds).

- Application for an agricultural linked deposit approval is being made as a result of the financial need of the borrower. The program benefits will materially contribute to the viability of the farming operation
- This Business is applying for participation in the program because it meets the legal description of an eligible agricultural business

Certification and Statement

The Lender agrees to participate and comply with provisions of Chapter 135 and 1511 of the Ohio Revised Code as such, the Lender hereby certifies according to information provided by the Borrower and any information of which the bank had knowledge in the loan application process that: (a) The Borrower is fully qualified for purposes of Chapter 135 Ag-LINK N.O.W. Linked Deposit Program, and Chapter 1511 Division of Soil and Water Conservation (b) Borrower's loan through this program materially contributes to the purchase and/or installation of environment containment products. The Lender certifies it has read, understands, and agrees to all of the information, terms, and provisions in this entire document. This statement by the Lender is based upon its best judgment, facts known to it, provided by the Borrower, through financial statements, or otherwise, and what is required of the Lender to be in compliance with any and all federal and state laws herein.

The Lender certifies herein that: (a) the rate listed on this form is the current market rate as of the date of the Borrower's loan is approved by the bank and (b) this is the actual borrowing rate for that date that would be charged by the Lender and other Lenders in the absence of this program. The Lender agrees that no fees will be charged to the Borrower to process the Linked Deposit application. Approved Borrowers will receive a FIXED rate by taking this current market rate and reducing it by up to 3% for the term of the loan which must terminate on or before 07/01/2020.

The Lender agrees to comply with any and all of the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 135, 1511, and any other relevant state or federal laws or regulations. The Lender agrees to timely comply with all monitoring and compliance requirements and efforts that may be required or established in the discretion of the Ohio Treasurer of State. Failure to cooperate or comply timely may result in disqualification from the program.

I certify that:

- 1) I have read and agree to the above statements,
- 2) I am an authorized lender of the borrower for which this loan application is for, and
- 3) To the best of my knowledge all information on the borrower application is true.

Lender Signature: _____

Date signed: _____