

Large Animal Health Enhancement Fund

Frequently Asked Questions: FAQ's 07/15/2026

Who can apply?

Any North Carolina licensed and currently practicing large animal veterinarian.

What entity funded this effort?

The North Carolina General Assembly funded this effort in 2023. Enacting legislation is G.S. 106-1073.

Which agency will administer the program?

The North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority, located at 1101 Spring Forest Rd. Raleigh, NC 27815.

Do I have to be an active North Carolina licensed veterinarian?

Yes.

If I live in another state, but, practice in applicable counties. Am I eligible?

Yes, but the applicant must be licensed in the State of North Carolina.

What percentage of my practice must be in the large animal/ food animal space?

30% of your practice time must be spent in the large animal veterinary care space.

When does the application period open?

Friday, August 14th, 2026

What happens if I do not complete my application?

All incomplete applications will be notified and granted an additional 7 calendar days from the closing window of the application.

How long does the application period stay open?

60 days, it closes on October 14th, 2026.

Will I be required to submit a W-9?

Yes. This document will be uploaded in the application.

Is this a taxable transaction pursuant to the IRS code?

Yes. You will be required to submit a 1099 form on your tax year that the grant is received.

What counties are eligible?

Please see the map provided on the application, all eligible counties are listed.

If I practice in multiple applicable counties, am I eligible?

Yes, if you regularly practice in any counties that are on the provided map.

Does my practice need to be located in one of the applicable counties?

No, as long as you actively practice in an eligible county.

What is the maximum award I can request?

The maximum award available is \$25,000, however the committee only has a pool of \$123,500 annually to disperse to grantees.

What is the process if I am awarded grant money, but do not end up staying in large animal practice?

There is "clawback" language in legislation in the case your practice migrates away from the 30% large animal practice for any reason. Repayment of the grant is required pursuant to G.S. 106-1073.

Can I reapply annually?

Applicants are eligible to reapply as long as they have not received two consecutive awards in the previous rounds of funding. If an applicant has received funding in both of the prior rounds, they must wait one year to reapply.

What are the "Use of Funds?"

Pursuant to G.S. 106-1073:

1. Repayment of educational loans related to the recipient's veterinary degree.
2. The purchase of equipment or technology for use in the recipient's large animal veterinary practice.
3. Any additional uses the Advisory Committee determines is appropriate to promote and develop large animal veterinarians to practice in designated counties.

Who makes the determination on grant disbursement?

The "Large Animal Health Enhancement Advisory Committee (LAHEAC)

Who is on the "LAHEAC"?

The Commissioner of Agriculture, State of North Carolina

The State Veterinarian of North Carolina

The Chief Executive Officer of the North Carolina Agricultural Finance Authority

One Food Animal Scholars Program, North Carolina State University, College of Veterinary Medicine

Two practicing large animal veterinarians

Two representatives of the livestock industry

One designee by the Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina

One designee by the State Veterinarian of North Carolina

Is the application an online form?

Yes.

For any further questions not covered here, please contact the LAHEG email:
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