



United States Department of Agriculture

# Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Program —

## Classic

*Webinar for Potential Applicants*  
*June 11, 2019*



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# Agenda



- Overview
- How to Apply
- Resources and Assistance
- National CIG Priorities
- Changes in the 2019 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO)
- DUNS and SAMS
- Q & A



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# CIIG Overview



- **Purpose—to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies on farms, ranches and forest lands.**
- **Up to \$12.5 million available for 2018.**
- **Open to all non-Federal entities and individuals in the United States.**
- **\$2 million maximum award.**



# Application Essentials



- Where to Find the Application Package
  - [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
  - Opportunity Number: USDA-NRCS-NHQ-CIG-19-GEN0010208
- Application Submission
  - Submit electronically through [grants.gov](http://grants.gov)
- Application Deadline
  - Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on **Tuesday July 30, 2019**



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# Application Resources and Assistance

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## CIG Website

- [www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cig](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cig)
- Sample documents and instructions are also available on the [CIG Applicants Page](#)

The screenshot shows the Grants.gov interface for a specific grant opportunity. At the top, there is a navigation bar with options like HOME, LEARN GRANTS, SEARCH GRANTS, APPLICANTS, GRANTORS, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, FORMS, CONNECT, and SUPPORT. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled 'VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY' and features the USDA logo and the grant title: 'USDA-NRCS-NHQ-CIG-19-GEN0010208 Notice of Funding Opportunity for NRCS' Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) National competition for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2019'. Below the title, there are 'Apply' and 'Subscribe' buttons. A tabbed interface shows 'SYNOPSIS' as the active section, with other tabs for 'VERSION HISTORY', 'RELATED DOCUMENTS', and 'PACKAGE'. The synopsis is divided into 'General Information' and 'Eligibility' sections. The 'General Information' section contains a table of key details:

Document Type:	Grants Notice	Version:	Synopsis 1
Funding Opportunity Number:	USDA-NRCS-NHQ-CIG-19-GEN0010208	Posted Date:	May 30, 2019
Funding Opportunity Title:	Notice of Funding Opportunity for NRCS' Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) National competition for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2019	Last Updated Date:	May 30, 2019
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary	Original Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 30, 2019
Opportunity Category Explanation:		Current Closing Date for Applications:	Jul 30, 2019
Funding Instrument Type:	Grant	Archive Date:	Aug 29, 2019
Category of Funding Activity:	Natural Resources	Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$12,500,000
Category Explanation:		Award Ceiling:	\$2,000,000
Expected Number of Awards:	25	Award Floor:	\$150,000
CFDA Number(s):	10.912 -- Environmental Quality Incentives Program		
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	Yes		

The 'Eligibility' section states: 'Eligible Applicants: Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"'. It also includes 'Additional Information on Eligibility' regarding acceptance in various states and territories.

# 2019 National Priorities



All 2019 proposals must address one or more of the following national priorities:

1. Increasing pace and scale of conservation adoption
2. Water Quantity
3. Pollinator Habitat
4. Urban Agriculture



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# Changes and Updates to the 2019 APF

## What's New?

- National Priorities
- Updates to indirect costs language on claiming a de minimis rate
  - See Notice of Funding Opportunity at Section IV(B)(7), Page 14



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# DUNS and SAMS



**Plan Ahead!** Registration may take up to 14 business days to complete.

- Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number
  - Information on how to obtain a DUNS number can be found at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform> or by calling 1-866-705-5711
- System for Award Management (SAM) Registration
  - To register, go to <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>





# CIG Questions and Answers





**"To be effective, our research and programs need to be focused on finding solutions and providing state-of-the-art technologies to improve management decisions on farm and on forest lands."**

*-Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue*

