The Vermont Housing & Conservation Board’s Viability Program has two types of grant funding available for Vermont farmers: Dairy Improvement Grants and Water Quality Grants. Both grant programs allow Vermont farmers to apply for $5,000 to $40,000. Both require a minimum 1:1 match from the grantee. Financial statements are required for both grant programs. Dairy Improvement Grant applications require an up-to-date business plan.

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| **Eligible Applicants** | Vermont dairy farm members of:  
- Dairy Farmers of America (DFA), or  
- St. Albans Cooperative | Any Vermont farm with a gross farm income of $15,000 or more that is required to comply with VT’s [Required Agricultural Practices](#) (RAPs) |
| **Eligible Projects** | - Construction, renovation, or upgrades to farm infrastructure  
- Equipment that:  o Will be used frequently  
  o Is essential to the business  
  o Cannot be rented  
  o Leads to innovative farm practices | All projects must have a direct, positive impact on water quality. Grant can pay for capital expenditures similar to those eligible for a Dairy Improvement Grant. |
| **Application Deadlines** | Round 1: August 13, 2018  
Round 2: November 7, 2018  
Round 3: February 6, 2019 | Round 1: August 13, 2018  
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Applications for both grant programs will be available on our website by June 25, 2018. Please contact Viability Program Assistant Katie Michels at [Katie@vhcb.org](mailto:Katie@vhcb.org) or 802-828-5587 with questions.

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