

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

For State Assistance Payments for
Johne's Disease Control on Farms enrolled in the
New York State Cattle Health Assurance Program

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **Q:** The RFP specifies that the grant funding cannot be used for construction, but what is included in construction? Specifically, would excavation and/or purchase of fill qualify if they pertained directly to the implementation of a project?

A: Construction is the use of labor involved in the building or renovation of structures. Excavation, since it involves an operator, would be considered construction and would not be eligible for grant funding. Purchase of gravel, concrete, lumber, or other raw materials is not considered construction and is eligible for grant funding.
2. **Q:** What about the purchase of construction materials for use in specific projects (i.e. lumber, concrete, etc.)? If the applicant invested in these portions of the project, would they be included in the 25% match?

A: The purchase of construction materials are eligible costs for grant funding and/or matching funds. Any paid or in-kind labor for the use of such materials in a project is not eligible for grant funding but can be used as matching costs.
3. **Q:** Can a proposal include multiple purchases for one project? Say gates, wall board and a power washer for a maternity pen?

A: Yes, in this case, the focus of the project would be the "maternity pen" and multiple purchases may be included for completion of this project.
4. **Q:** Can multiple items be included in a single project? For example, a hot box, calf cart and hutches as a way to get calves out of the barn..

A: Yes, these purchases (hot box, calf cart, and hutches) are all focused on one area of Johne's disease control (removing calves from the barn) and would constitute a single project. However, multiple purchases cannot be made towards more than one project. For example, "maternity pen" and "calf removal from the barn" would be two separate projects.