

# Kentucky Dairy Development Council

## Dairy Impact Program

### 2026 Application

The purpose of the Dairy Impact Program (DIP) is to provide reimbursement cost share funds for projects that support and improve dairy operations and the dairy industry in Kentucky. Eligibility is open to permitted Kentucky dairy producers.

The DIP is divided into 2 pathways: Sustained Impact projects and Accelerated Impact projects. Sustained Impact projects support management practices that create a solid base for dairy operations and generally reflect aspects of past KDDC programming, including the MILK 4.0 program, the Beef on Dairy Initiative, and Management Plus. Accelerated Impact projects improve operations in innovative, efficient, and/or sustainable ways. See DIP Guidelines for more information.

Both Sustained and Accelerated Impact project proposals should offer an innovative solution that improves the economic status of an operation. Preferred projects will demonstrate the ability to impact more than one entity or the community broadly, add value to dairy products, stimulate the market, diversify an operation, or benefit the economic status of a farm now and in the future.

Applicants should complete all requirements of the attached application after reviewing the DIP Guidelines and Application Rubric. Applications must be emailed to [kddc@kydairy.org](mailto:kddc@kydairy.org) by April 30, 2026 or mailed to KDDC at 176 Pasadena Drive, Lexington, KY 40503.

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**Farm Name**

**Permit Number (Milk Safety Branch)**

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**Farm Address**

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**County**

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**Project Contact Person**

**Role on Farm**

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**Mailing Address**

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**Phone**

**Email Address**

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**Choose grant pathway for this application:**

- Sustained Impact Project  Accelerated Impact Project

**Is this funding for a future or retroactive project? (Projects completed prior to January 1, 2026 are *not* eligible.)**

- Future project  
 Retroactive - project completed prior to turning in application

**Involvement in Programs:**

- 2025 KDDC Programming  
 Young Dairy Producers of Kentucky group  
 National Dairy FARM Program participation (through cooperative or independently)  
 Approved project through SDBII Grants in 2025 or 2026  
 Approved project through any Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund programs (CAIP, Energy Efficiency, etc.)

**Please attach the following:**

- Completed Dairy Gauge Financial Scorecard for 2025  
 Narrative explaining and justifying your project. We expect complete narratives to be at least 1 page and no more than 3 pages. Please include the following:
- Decision-making process in planning and justifying the project
  - Timeline for completing the project
  - The impact the project will have on your operation or other entities
  - How you will measure impact (i.e. if your project will improve milk production, do you utilize DHI or other management system to measure and record milk production?)
  - Future goals for your operation and how this project supports that.
- Project budget. Please include the total cost of the project, the expected return on investment, and any other pertinent information related to the economic impact of the project.
- Quotes (for Accelerated Impact projects only). A minimum of one quote is required.

*If your project is funded, you will be required to complete an agreement form and a project completion form after purchases are verified by the regional KDDC consultant. KDDC will also request a follow-up in the year following project completion to understand the impact of the program.*

**Do you agree to the requirements of the Dairy Impact Program upon funding and certify that the details included in your application are true and correct?**

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Printed Name

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Signature