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LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARY GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICATION DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

FULL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX)

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER/STATE

OTHER NAMES USED (IF APPLICABLE)

CURRENT ADDRESS

CITY

STATE ZIP CODE

OFFICE ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE)

CITY

STATE ZIP CODE

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER

OFFICE PHONE NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)

EMAIL ADDRESS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

HIGH SCHOOL

CITY

STATE GRADUATION DATE

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

CITY

STATE GRADUATION DATE

VETERINARY COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

CITY

STATE GRADUATION DATE

RESIDENCY PROGRAM (IF APPLICABLE)

CITY

STATE COMPLETION DATE

INTERNSHIP, EXTERNSHIP, OR OTHER SPECIAL TRAINING

CITY

STATE COMPLETION DATE

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

VIRGINIA VETERINARY LICENSE NUMBER

DATE ISSUED

CURRENT STATUS

Do you hold a license to practice veterinary medicine in any state or country other than Virginia? If YES, specify location & license number:

YES

NO

LOCATION

LICENSE NUMBER

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

CURRENT EMPLOYER, VETERINARY PRACTICE/CLINIC NAME FULL ADDRESS START DATE

Practice Type: Livestock Small Animal
 (CURRENT EMPLOYER) Poultry Mixed – Predominantly Large Animal
 Equine Mixed – Predominantly Small Animal
 Other (Specify):

Percentage (out of 100%) of your professional time in your current position spent on veterinary services for:

% Livestock % Poultry % Equine % Other (Specify)

List specific species served, and briefly describe services provided (EXPANDED DESCRIPTIONS MAY BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RESUME OR CV):

List localities (Counties/Cities) routinely served currently:

PREVIOUS EMPLOYER, VETERINARY PRACTICE/CLINIC NAME FULL ADDRESS START DATE
 NOTE: ADDITIONAL PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE CAN BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RESUME OR CV END DATE

Practice Type: Livestock Small Animal
 (PREVIOUS EMPLOYER) Poultry Mixed – Predominantly Large Animal
 Equine Mixed – Predominantly Small Animal
 Other (Specify):

Percentage (out of 100%) of your professional time in your previous position spent on veterinary services for:

% Livestock % Poultry % Equine % Other (Specify)

List specific species served, and briefly describe services provided (EXPANDED DESCRIPTIONS MAY BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RESUME OR CV):

List all Virginia localities (Counties/Cities) you would be willing/able to serve during the grant period (2026 - 2028):

List the veterinary practice areas of particular expertise or interest in which you have significant/substantial experience (such as herd health checks, vaccinations, parasite control, nutritional consultation, reproductive services, surgical and medical treatments, emergency coverage, etc.):

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Your resume or curriculum vitae (CV).
- 2) Essay (1200 words or less) on why this grant is important to you and to the community you serve or intend to serve.
- 3) Essay (1200 words or less) on how the grant funding will be used to address the shortage of large animal veterinary services in the area you serve or intend to serve. Include a discussion of the potential impact on the community if access to large animal veterinary care is not available.
- 4) Essay (1200 words or less) on ways you are involved with the community/agriculture in the area you serve.
- 5) Letter of Recommendation: At least one letter of recommendation regarding your professional training and competence.
- 6) Letters of Support: At least two letters of support from members of the community in which you will provide large animal veterinary services.
- 7) Proposed budget outlining how the grant funds will be used to address the large animal veterinarian shortage. **SEE ATTACHMENTS ON THE LEFT FOR A PROPOSED BUDGET TEMPLATE; USE OF THE TEMPLATE IS RECOMMENDED, BUT OTHER BUDGET PROPOSAL FORMATS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

AFFIRMATION

- I understand and agree that this application with all supporting information and documents submitted to the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) become the property of the State of Virginia and will not be returned in whole or in part.
- I hereby give my permission to VDACS to secure additional information concerning me or any of the statements in this application from any person or any source the Department may desire, and I hereby authorize any person, firm, company or organization to furnish any information requested by VDACS.
- I herein state that all facts, statements, and answers contained in this application are true and correct, and that the required essays submitted with the application were written by me. I hereby submit this application and required attachments for the Large Animal Veterinary Grant subject to the provisions of the Code of Virginia § 3.2-5901.2., and to the criteria adopted by the panel formed by the State Veterinarian per COV § 3.2-5901.2.(C).

APPLICANT PRINTED NAME

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARY GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

What is the purpose of this grant?

In accordance with [§ 3.2-5901.2](#) of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), through the Office of the State Veterinarian, has established the Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program to address the significant shortage of large animal veterinarians in the Commonwealth. The program's primary goal is to improve access to essential veterinary care for livestock, poultry, and equine species by supporting the recruitment of new large animal practitioners and promoting the retention and expansion of services provided by existing veterinarians across the state.

Which areas of Virginia have been designated as shortage areas for the purpose of this grant?

The State Veterinarian has currently identified all areas of the Commonwealth as having a shortage of large animal veterinarians. This may change in future years if the shortage situation becomes stabilized in certain areas.

Who is eligible to apply for this opportunity?

Large animal veterinarians who already practice or will practice in Virginia are invited to apply. "Large animal veterinarian" means a person who is actively engaged in and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to [§ 54.1-3800 et seq.](#) and whose professional training and experience includes care for livestock, poultry, or equine, as that term is defined in [§ 3.2-6200](#).

What does the grant provide to an awardee?

The program provides an award of \$110,000, disbursed over a three-year period under one of the following two options:

1. Standard Disbursement Schedule: \$40,000 disbursed at the start of Year 1, followed by \$40,000 at the start of Year 2, and \$30,000 at the start of Year 3. The start of Year 1 is January 1, 2026. The end of Year 3 is December 31, 2028.
2. Custom Disbursement Schedule: Alternative disbursement amounts and timing may be proposed, with compelling written justification, provided the total amount does not exceed \$110,000 over the three-year term.

*IN EITHER CASE, RECIPIENTS WHO DISCONTINUE LARGE ANIMAL VETERINARY SERVICES BEFORE FULFILLING THE THREE-YEAR SERVICE COMMITMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE GRANT AWARD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED PRIOR TO THE INITIAL DISBURSEMENT.

How will grant award recipients be selected?

A panel consisting of the State Veterinarian and representatives from the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Farm Bureau, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Academy of Food Animal Practitioners, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, and the Virginia Tobacco Commission will evaluate and score all applications using a standardized, objective rubric. The four highest-scoring applicants will be selected to receive grant awards. Panel members are not eligible for this grant.

What are the tax implications?

Awardees are advised to consult with a tax professional regarding any tax implications, which may vary depending on whether the funds are applied to business expenses or other purposes.

What support for large animal veterinarians is available in Virginia?

If you are not currently practicing veterinary medicine in Virginia, you may wish to know about the support available to large animal veterinarians in the state. Veterinarians who focus on food-producing animals and equine health are critically important to Virginia's agriculture and public health systems. The Commonwealth of Virginia actively supports these professionals in multiple ways, including through the new VDACS Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program.

Where can more information about this grant be found?

Visit [VDACS Large Animal Veterinary Grant Program](#) for more details about this grant.

Web address: <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov//animals-large-animal-veterinary-grant.shtml>

