

FY 2026 Full Proposal Guidelines

National Cattlemen's Beef Association, a contractor to the Beef Checkoff, utilizes an online portal, BeefGrants, for managing the grants process and facilitating the submission and review of grant materials. Please visit https://ncba.BeefGrants.com/s_Login.jsp to login and submit a full proposal for the **accepted pre-proposal's grants only**.

Full Proposal Outline

The following fields will be required in BeefGrants. Word counts apply for some fields.

- **Applicant Information**
 - Organization Information
 - Researcher Information
 - Contracts/Grant Administrator Contact Details
- **Application Summary**
 - Scientific Project Title and Lay Title
 - For Sustainability Research Only: Titles must emphasize a focus on sustainability or relation to a specific pillar.
- **Project Estimates**
 - Total Cost of Research
 - Proposed Start and End Date
- **Project Details**
 - Project Background & Hypothesis (~650 words maximum)
 - Objectives
 - Design of Experiment/Materials and Methods
 - Practical Application of Research for Use in the Beef Industry
- **Detailed Budget Table**
- **Other Sources of Support/Co-funding (optional)**
- **Supporting Documents/CV (optional)**

Review Criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of independent industry experts within their perspective programs, and applicants will be notified of funding decisions listed above. Proposals will be evaluated for: clearly defined hypothesis and objectives, experimental design/methods and convincing evidence that the proposed research will change the concepts, methods, or technologies that drive this field.

Proposal acceptance decisions should be expected by late summer/early fall.

Project Deliverables

Project deliverables will include, at a minimum, a final technical report with a full listing of research results and implications, and an abbreviated executive summary highlighting key points from the full technical report. Final technical reports must follow a standard outline and be thorough and interpretive in nature. Deliverables will also include a final statement outlining all project expenditures from the institution's business office. *Funds cannot be spent beyond the project end date established in the project contract.* Deliverables will be due on or before the project end date established in the contract.

Publication Costs

Publication of all research is expected regardless of outcome, however financial support for manuscript publication is considered separate from research contracts. Once your project is completed and final report is submitted, please reach out to NCBA staff to receive more information on the new publishing guidance.

Disclaimer

We are aware that academic institutions have financial obligations for administering the research grants awarded to their faculty members. However, overhead costs, principal investigator salaries, tuition and equipment purchases will not be considered as part of the funds made available for this research.

Questions related to RFP should be directed to:

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Visit www.beefresearch.org for additional information on the Checkoff-funded Beef Research programs.