

1552.0060 APPLICATION REVIEW; APPROVAL; AND NOTIFICATION.

Subpart 1. **Advisory group review.** If an advisory group is selected, the advisory group will convene at the call of the commissioner to review applications and will submit their evaluations to the commissioner.

Subp. 2. **Commissioner's review and determination.** The commissioner shall review all applications. The commissioner shall determine whether an application shall be granted, and the amount and terms of the grant. The commissioner shall weigh and compare all grant applications in light of the availability of funds.

Subp. 3. **Criteria for approval.** The following criteria shall be used by the commissioner in reviewing each grant application:

A. whether the applicant and the project are eligible under part 1552.0040 and meet the contribution requirements of part 1552.0030, subpart 1;

B. whether the proposed project is likely to expand, improve, or develop markets for Minnesota agricultural products by means of conducting one or more of the activities stated in part 1552.0040, subpart 1;

C. whether the project is feasible and likely to produce the desired objective;

D. the degree to which the proposed project employs novel, creative, and innovative ideas for the promotion of Minnesota agricultural products;

E. the degree to which the proposed project would have a generic impact upon the sector of Minnesota agriculture for which it is proposed;

F. whether the experience or capability of the applicant make likely the successful completion of the project;

G. the degree to which the proposed project is coordinated with or complementary to similar or related efforts to promote Minnesota agricultural products;

H. whether the proposed budget is adequate to accomplish the proposed project;

I. the degree to which similar or related projects by this applicant or other persons have been successful or unsuccessful;

J. whether the applicant appears able to apply generally accepted accounting principles and appears financially qualified for the project; and

K. the applicant's past performance as a grantee under this program, if applicable.

Subp. 4. **Notification.** The commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing of the approval or disapproval of its grant application.

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