



# 2024 Force Multiplier Grant Program

**Funded by the Pennsylvania Farm Bill  
Administered by the PA Veteran Farming  
Network**



Yes, a pdf of these slides with live links will be posted on the FMG page later today.

Please use the chat for questions.

**Purpose:** Improve efficiency of your operation, build infrastructure to stabilize and enhance your operation, and/or grow customer base.



## **-Competitive**

-Up to \$10,000 total project budget

-Application closes Monday, April 1st at 5 pm ET.

-Awards anticipated to be announced in May, 2024.

-Projects must be completed by December 1, 2024.



## Eligible projects:

- New on-farm projects only.
- Tangible improvement projects (equipment, supplies, signage).


*Examples from first round: on-farm orchard store, humane cattle chute, livestock watering system, apiary equipment, poultry de-boning/processing equipment; run-in shed for sheep.*




## Application fields:

Describe your business: how long have you been in business for profit, how do you sell what you grow/raise, structure (LLC, SP, Partnership, for example).

Upload your DD214 here with BIRTHDATE and SSN REDACTED. \*

  
**Browse Files**  
Drag and drop files here

Upload your most recent filed Schedule F. \*

  
**Browse Files**  
Drag and drop files here



## *Entering or beginning farmer not yet filing Schedule F?*

Butler Community Partnerships Veteran Ag Grant for beginning farmers with less than 3 years experience is open now.

<https://www.yourcapinfo.org/agriculture>



## Application fields:

Need/Impact: why is the project needed, why now, and what impact/benefit will it have on your operation if you receive a grant? \*

Type here...

0/250

How does this project align with your business plan?

0/150





Project description: for example, what you will purchase, where/how it will be installed, what is the timeline for your project, what new or improved products will result. \*

0/400

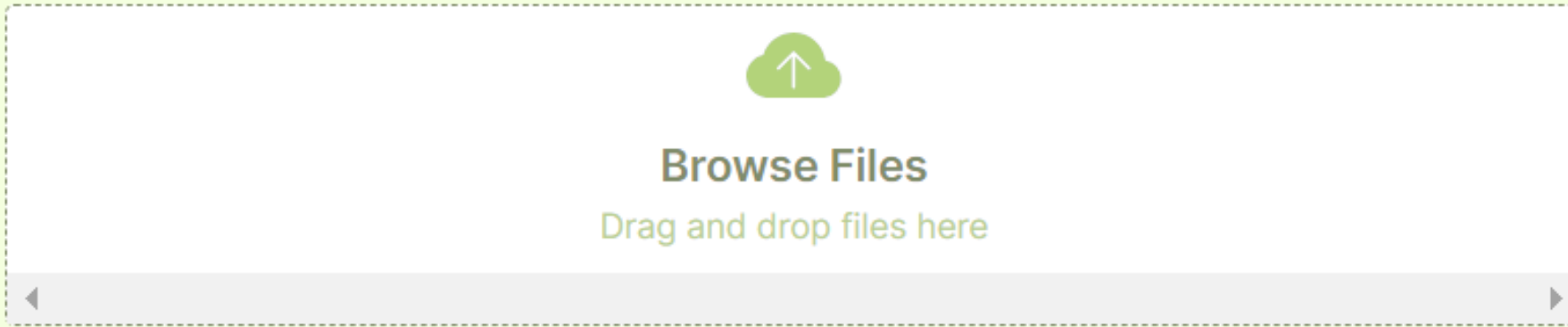
What is your role on the farm, what experience do you bring to this project, and who else is part of your project team? \*

Type here...

0/150



Upload your Business Plan (max 10 pages). There is no required format; see <https://www.pavetfarms.org/business-planning> for resources. \*


A file upload interface with a dashed border. At the top center is a green cloud icon with a white upward-pointing arrow. Below the icon, the text "Browse Files" is displayed in a bold, dark font. Underneath that, the text "Drag and drop files here" is shown in a lighter green font. At the bottom of the dashed box is a horizontal grey bar with a left-pointing arrow on the left and a right-pointing arrow on the right, indicating a scrollable area.

**Browse Files**  
Drag and drop files here

See <https://www.pavetfarms.org/business-planning> for templates and guidance.



Upload your PAVFN Budget Worksheet file here. Contracted labor is allowable only if necessary to complete your project; labor costs for Veteran, family members, or employees is not allowable.

  
**Browse Files**  
Drag and drop files here

1. Download Budget Worksheet from FMG Guidelines page:  
<https://www.pavetfarms.org/2024-fmg>.
2. Save to your computer; upload to the online application.
3. Upload quote doc to application. If you have several quotes, combine them into one pdf to upload. (Use <https://smallpdf.com/merge-pdf> free, or similar)

Budget Category	Description	Amount requested (Cost)	
Equipment	Cattle chute	\$ 8,000.00	
Supplies	Perimeter posts \$1200, hardware \$75	\$ 1,275.00	
Contracted labor	Pad prep	\$ 500.00	
Other (specify)	Miscellaneous supplies, cost overruns.	\$ 225.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>	

Budget narrative: Your total project budget may not exceed \$10,000. How did you compute your budget request? \*

Type here...

0/150

Upload quotes/bids here as one pdf. If you have multiple bids, combine them into one pdf for upload. (Use free <https://smallpdf.com/merge-pdf> or similar online pdf tool.)



**Browse Files**

Drag and drop files here



Total Amount Requested  
(\$10,000 maximum) \*

Anything else you'd like the review panel grant to know? If not, type "NA". \*

Type here...

0/100

**What reviewers are looking for:**

Budget within \$10K limit, costs are allowable, reasonable, and necessary.

Project can be completed within budget.



Sign here to attest that the information provided above is true and accurate, that you are 50% or more owner of your farm, and that you provide significant, daily effort in its operation; and that you will submit a final report as required with photo(s) and receipts, and agree to host a site visit from Grantor staff to view the completed project on your farm. Your signature also provides the Grantor permission to use your submitted photograph digitally and in print. \*

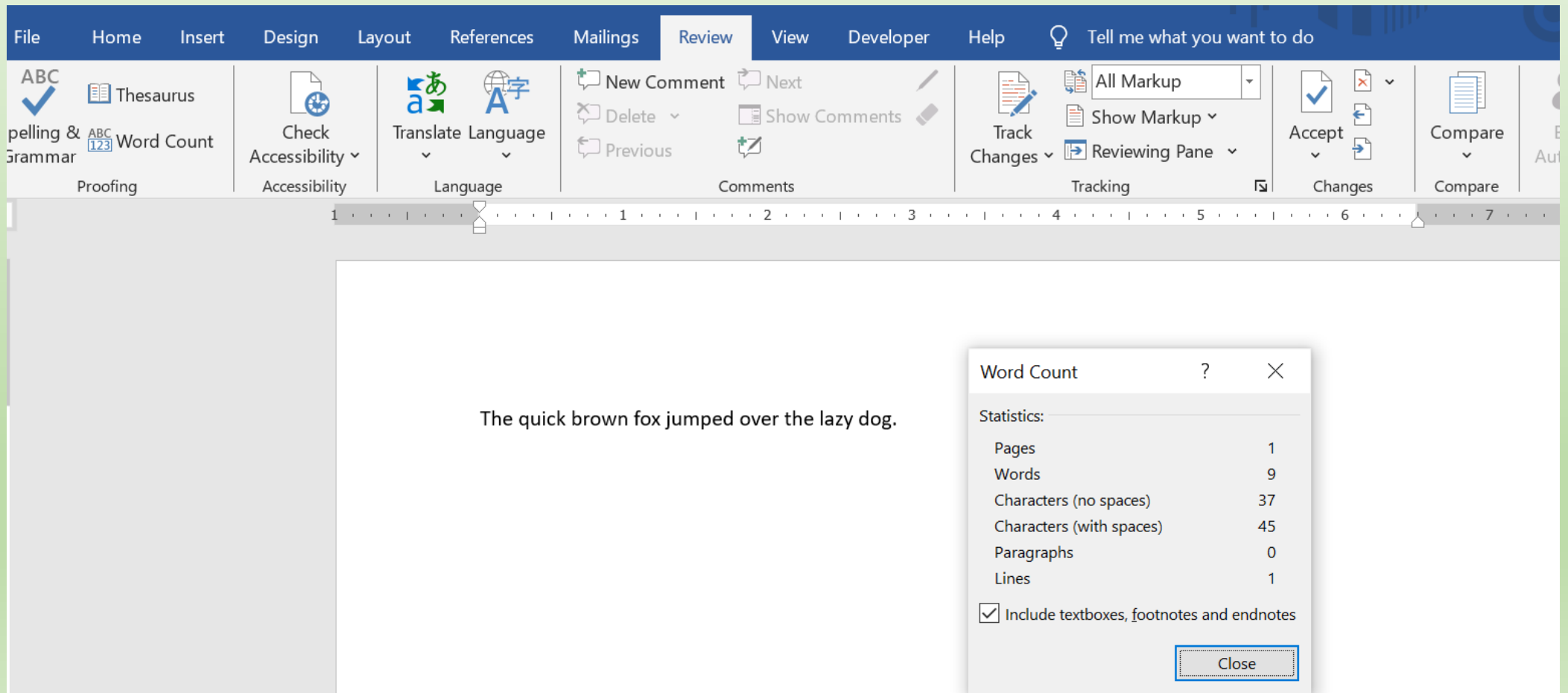


- Successful applicants will receive an award letter to sign and return. This is a legal contract.
- Changes in scope must be pre-approved.
- Failure to comply with reporting requirements or a site visit request will result in forfeiture of funds.



## Suggestion:

Type your answers in Word, then cut and paste into application. To check word counts: highlight what you've written; go to Review Tab; select Word Count.



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Word interface with the Review tab selected. The ribbon includes options for Proofing (Spelling & Grammar, Thesaurus, Word Count), Accessibility (Check Accessibility), Language (Translate Language), Comments (New Comment, Next, Delete, Previous, Show Comments), Tracking (Track Changes, All Markup, Show Markup, Reviewing Pane), and Changes (Accept, Compare). A ruler is visible below the ribbon. The main document area contains the text "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog." A "Word Count" dialog box is open in the bottom right corner, displaying the following statistics:

Statistics:	
Pages	1
Words	9
Characters (no spaces)	37
Characters (with spaces)	45
Paragraphs	0
Lines	1

The dialog box also includes a checked option for "Include textboxes, footnotes and endnotes" and a "Close" button.



## What reviewers are looking for:

Veteran farmers with a plan to succeed and evidence that state funds will be well spent

Shovel ready projects likely to realize a timely return on investment

Well written proposals—complete & concise yet thorough; correct grammar/spelling, accurate budget

*Write as if you're speaking to someone who does not necessarily do what you do.*





Program Guidelines & link to Application

<https://www.pavetfarms.org/2024-fmg>

Required attachments:

- DD214
- Concise business plan (maximum 10 pages)
- Schedule F filed with the IRS within the last 3 years
- Budget worksheet





Technical issues with FMG application?

[pavetsfarm@gmail.com](mailto:pavetsfarm@gmail.com)

