**Small Farm Water Quality Improvement Funding Application**

The small farm water quality improvement project will offer a unique funding avenue for small farms and agricultural operations to improve the state of their surrounding water quality. Farms located in any county in Utah are eligible to apply (No size/acreage limit). Awarded funding can be used for projects that help with fencing, water pumps, berms, corrals, and other best management practices that improves waste management and promotes water quality. The grant reward will be given as a reimbursement, payment must be made before award can be given. **Please note that the focus of this program is to improve water quality rather than conservation and/or efficiency. Projects that improve water conservation without improving water quality will be rejected without review.**

Applicants may apply for up to $10,000 per project. The overall awarding of funds is based on an 80% award and 20% match from the applicant. The 20% may be given in cash, in-kind labor, or in-kind materials. For questions on budgets, please feel free to reach out to Jake at Jacob.hadfield@usu.edu. Grant awards will be announced in mid November so please check your emails!

**Applications are due no later than October 30th, 2023.**

**All projects must be completed no later than June 1st, 2024.**

Please complete the following if more space is required a separate document may be submitted:

1. **Applicant Contact Info**:

 Name:

 Address:

 Phone Number:

 Email:

1. **Project Description** (please describe in detail your proposed project, how the current state of the area is contributing to poor waste management/water quality, how proposed improvements it will benefit the overall water quality, and how you plan to carry out the proposed improvements):
2. **Project Location** (please provide the location of your farm, describe the location of the project on the farm, and describe the affected water body):
3. **Project Timeline** (please give a detailed timeline for project completion, all funded projects must be completed no later than 6-1-2024):

1. **Project Evaluation / Monitoring Plan** (describe how project effectiveness will be demonstrated for example: water quality tests, nutrient management plans, etc.)

1. **Project Budget** (provide a detailed budget on the table below for the project showing all proposed expenditures (i.e., operating expenses, professional/consulting services, construction, equipment, supplies, travel etc.). Be sure to show which expenditures will be covered by the grant funding requested and what will be covered by matching funds, including the source of the match. A short budget narrative explaining costs and functions is also encouraged in the space below)

Small Farm Water Improvement Budget Template

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|  |                                               $10,000.00 |
| Materials/Supplies |  |
| Operating Expenses |  |
| Professional/Consulting Services |  |
| Construction Equipment |  |
| **Subtotal** |  |
|  |  |
| In-Kind 20% Match (labor, cash, materials) |  |
| **Subtotal** |  |
|  |  |
| **TOTAL BUDGET** |  |

Budget Narrative: