



Dairy Digester Enhancement (DDE) Grant Program 2019 Questions and Answers

All questions related to the DDE competitive process are required to be in writing to cef@commerce.wa.gov to ensure an equitable process.

If a question is posted, but not a response, the response is pending.

Some edits may have been made to avoid project-specific details in the original question, but otherwise, questions are presented as submitted.

*The most current questions and answers are at the beginning of the document in **BLUE**.*

December 9, 2019

1. Q. Does “future dairy digester” mean a digester that is already in the development stage in Washington? Could this future dairy digester be associated with a technology that is not yet in Washington?
 - A. Yes, “future” assumes a new digester is in active development, as evidenced by funding commitments, site development, permitting or other activities. An applicant requesting funds to support a “future” digester would need to document this level of activity to be considered.

 2. Q. Is the project required to be behind an existing dairy digester in WA? We only count six that are operational.
 - A. Yes, the project would need to be associated with an existing or future (see above) digester. Our understanding is there are currently nine dairy digesters in the state, with a tenth in development. Some of these are not currently operating for various reasons, so any project associated with a dormant digester would need to be part of an effort to restart digester operations.

 3. Q. Is the DeRuyter digester the only one in Eastern Washington with project potential?
 - A. Yes, at present the DeRuyter digester near Yakima is the only one east of the Cascade Mountains.
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December 6, 2019

1. Q. Is the match required to be in-kind or cash
A. *Qualifying match can be either as long as there is documentation for the cost, such as engineering payroll, etc.*

2. Q. In the RFP under budget identification of costs, there is only a section for a narrative. Do you want a table or other information?
A. *In response to item #10 in the application, you can either insert a table or provide a narrative detailing specific costs.*

3. Q. Does the term “digester” mean only biotic processes, or do other ways of converting biological waste qualify as well?
A. *The proviso language in the state budget specifies on-farm dairy digesters, which by definition in state law means an anaerobic digestion vessel and associated equipment. Distillation and other processes used to sterilize or otherwise process biological waste would not qualify.*

4. Q. Must the funding be used for projects at existing digesters, or could it be used for components at future digesters?
A. *The program is designed to address existing digesters, which could include digesters under development, but not theoretical future digesters.*

5. Q. Do we have a list of dairies that currently have digesters?
A. *Yes, to our knowledge there are nine currently in operation and a tenth in development. We will post the list at the program website.*

6. Q. Will there be any details about the digesters currently in Washington?
A. *We do not have specific technical details about the current digesters.*