DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2020 Tariff-Rate Import Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a fee of $300 to be charged for the 2020 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles, which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States.

DATES: August 8, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abdelsalam El-Farra, (202) 720–9439; abdelsalam.el-farra@fas.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Quota Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles that are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff-rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of such licenses is monitored by the Dairy Import Licensing Program, Import Policies and Export Reporting Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority to defray the Department of Agriculture’s costs of administering the licensing system under this regulation.

The regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the Federal Register. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2020 calendar year.

Pursuant to the Congressional Review Act (5 U.S.C. 801 et seq.), the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs designated this rule as not a major rule, as defined by U.S.C. 804(2).

Notice: The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system for 2020 has been estimated to be $749,300.00 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,500. Of the total cost, $479,200.00 represents staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system, and $270,100.00 represents other miscellaneous costs, including travel, publications, forms, and Automatic Data Processing (ADP) system support.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2020 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be $300 per license.

Dated: August 2, 2019.

Ronald Lord,
Licensing Authority.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Request for Applications: The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service, State and Private Forestry, Cooperative Forestry staff, requests applications for the Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program or CFP). This is a competitive grant program whereby local governments, qualified nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes are eligible to apply for grants to establish community forests through fee simple acquisition of private forest land from a willing seller. The purpose of the program is to establish community forests by protecting forest land from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits such as sustainable forest management, environmental benefits including clean air, water, and wildlife habitat; benefits from forest-based educational programs; benefits from serving as models of effective forest stewardship; and recreational benefits secured with public access.

Eligible lands for grants funded under this program are private forest that is at least five acres in size, suitable to Montgomery, Alabama 36107; or via facsimile 334–241–8111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Odell Sanders, Recreation, Engineering, Lands & Minerals Staff Officer, 334–241–8128. Information about proposed fee changes can also be found on the National Forests of Alabama website: http://www.fs.usda.gov/alabama.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Recreation Lands Enhancement Act (Title VII, Pub. L. 108–447) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to publish a six-month advance notice in the Federal Register whenever new recreation fee areas are established. Once public involvement is complete, these new fees will be reviewed by a Recreation Resource Advisory Committee prior to a final decision and implementation.

Dated: July 8, 2019.

Richard A. Cooksey,
Acting Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System.
sustain natural vegetation, and at least 75 percent forested. The lands must also be threatened by conversion to non-forest uses, must not be held in trust by the United States on behalf of any Indian Tribe, must not be Tribal allotment lands, must be offered for sale by a willing seller, and if acquired by an eligible entity, must provide defined community benefits under CFP and allow public access.

**DATES:** Interested local government and nonprofit applicants must submit applications to the State Forester. Tribal applicants must submit applications to the appropriate Tribal government officials. All applications, either hardcopy or electronic, must be received by State Foresters or Tribal governments by January 6th, 2020. State Foresters or Tribal government officials must forward applications to the appropriate Forest Service Regional office or International Institute of Tropical Forestry by February 6th, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** All local government and qualified nonprofit organization applications must be submitted to the State Forester of the State where the property is located. All Tribal applications must be submitted to the equivalent Tribal government official. Applicants are encouraged to contact and work with the Forest Service Region or International Institute of Tropical Forestry, and State Forester or equivalent Tribal government official when developing their proposal. Applicants must consult with the State Forester and equivalent Tribal government official prior to requesting technical assistance for a project. The State Forester’s member roster may be found on https://www.stateforesters.org/who-we-are/our-membership/. All applicants must also send an email to communityforest@fs.fed.us to confirm an application has been submitted for funding consideration.

State Foresters and Tribal government officials shall submit applications, either electronic or hardcopy, to the appropriate Forest Service Region/Institute contact noted below.

**Northern and Intermountain Regions**

**Regions 1 and 4**

(ID, MT, ND, NV, UT)


**Rocky Mountain Region**

**Region 2**

(CO, KS, NE, SD, WY)


**Southern Region**

**Region 7**

(AZ, NM)


**Pacific Southwest Region**

**Region 5**

(CA)


(Hawaii, Guam, American, Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia and other Pacific Islands)

Katie Friday, U.S. Forest Service, 60 Nowelo St., Hilo, HI 96720, 808–854–2620 (phone), 503–808–2469 (fax), kathleen.friday@usda.gov.

**Pacific Northwest, and Alaska Regions**

**Regions 6 and 10**

(AK, OR, WA)


**Southern Region**

**Region 8**

(AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA)

Mike Murphy, U.S. Forest Service, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Suite 700B 850S North, Atlanta, GA 30309, 404–347–5214 (phone), 404–347–2776 (fax), michael.w.murphy@usda.gov.

**International Institute of Tropical Forestry**

(PR, VI)


**Eastern Region**

**Region 9**

(CT, DC, DE, IA, IL, IN, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, WI, WV)


**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions regarding the grant application or administrative regulations, contact Scott Stewart, Program Coordinator, 202–205–1618, scott.stewart@usda.gov. Additional information about the Community Forest and Open Space Program may be obtained at https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/community-forest. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year, including holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CFDA number 10.689: To address the goals of Section 7A of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2103d) as amended, the Forest Service is requesting proposals for community forest projects that protect forest land that has been identified as a national, regional, or local priority for protection and to assist communities in acquiring forestland that will provide public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs.

Detailed information regarding what to include in the application, definitions of terms, eligibility, and necessary prerequisites for consideration can be found in the final program rule, published October 20, 2011 (76 FR 65121–65133), which is available at https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program.

**Grant Application Requirements**

1. **Eligibility Information**
   a. Eligible Applicants. A local governmental entity, Indian Tribe (including Alaska Native Corporations), or a qualified nonprofit organization that is qualified to acquire and manage land (see § 230.2 of the final rule at https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/program). Individuals are not eligible to receive funds through this program.
   b. **Cost Sharing (Matching Requirement).** All applicants must demonstrate a 50 percent match of the
total project cost. The match can include cash, in-kind services, or donations, which shall be from a non-Federal source. For additional information, please see § 230.6 of the final rule.

c. DUNS Number. All applicants shall include a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in their application. For this requirement, the applicant is the entity that meets the eligibility criteria and has the legal authority to apply for and receive the grant. For assistance in obtaining a DUNS number at no cost, call the DUNS number request line 1–866–705–5711 or register on-line at http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform.

d. System for Award Management. All prospective awardees shall be registered in the System for Award Management prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any grant resulting from this solicitation. Further information can be found at www.sam.gov. For assistance, contact Federal Service Desk 1–866–606–8220.

2. Award Information

Funds have not yet been appropriated for CFP in FY 2020. Individual grant applications may not exceed $600,000, which does not include technical assistance requests. The Federal Government’s obligation under this program is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

No legal liability on the part of the Government shall be incurred until funds are committed by the grant officer for this program to the applicant in writing. The initial grant period shall be for two years, and acquisition of lands should occur within that timeframe. Lands acquired prior to the grant award are not eligible for CFP funding. The grant may be reasonably extended by the Forest Service when necessary to accommodate unforeseen circumstances in the land acquisition process. Written annual financial performance reports and semi–annual project performance reports shall be required and submitted to the appropriate grant officer.

Technical assistance funds, totaling not more than 10 percent of all funds, may be allocated to State Foresters and equivalent officials of the Indian tribe. Technical assistance, if provided, will be awarded at the time of the grant. Applicants shall work with State Foresters and equivalent officials of the Indian Tribe to determine technical assistance needs and include the technical assistance request in the project budget.

As funding allows, applications submitted through this request may be funded in future years, subject to the availability of funds and the continued feasibility and viability of the project.

3. Application Information

Application submission. All local governments and qualified nonprofit organizations’ applications must be submitted to the State Forester where the property is located by January 6th, 2020. All Tribal applications must be submitted to the equivalent Tribal officials by January 6th, 2020. Applications may be submitted either electronically or hardcopy to the appropriate official. The State Forester’s contact information may be found at: https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/private-land/community-forest/ program.

All applicants must also send an email to communityforest@fs.fed.us to confirm an application has been submitted to the State Forester or equivalent Tribal official for funding consideration.

All State Foresters and Tribal government officials must forward applications to the Forest Service by February 6th, 2020.

4. Application Requirements

The following section outlines grant application requirements:

a. The application can be no more than eight pages long, plus no more than two maps (eight and half inches by eleven inches in size), the grant forms specified in (b), and the draft community forest plan specified in (e).

b. The following grant forms and supporting materials must be included in the application:

1. An Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424);
2. Budget information (Standard Form SF 424c—Construction Programs); and
3. Assurances of compliance with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies (Standard Form 424d—Construction Programs).

c. Documentation verifying that the applicant is an eligible entity and that the land proposed for acquisition is eligible (see § 230.2 of the final rule).

d. Applications must include the following, regarding the property proposed for acquisition:

1. A description of the property, including acreage and county location;
2. A description of current land uses, including improvements;
3. A description of forest type and vegetation;
4. A map of sufficient scale to show the location of the property in relation to roads and other improvements as well as parks, refuges, or other protected lands in the vicinity;
5. A description of applicable zoning and other land use regulations affecting the property;
6. A description of the type of community being served and the extent of community benefits, including to underserved communities (see selection criteria);
7. A description of relationship of the property within and its contributions to a landscape conservation initiative, including efforts to prevent conversion to non-forest uses, including any encumbrances on the property that prevent conversion to non-forest uses.
8. Information regarding the proposed establishment of a community forest, including:

1. A description of the benefiting community, including demographics, availability of and access to green spaces and other inequalities faced by the community;
2. A description of the associated benefits provided by the proposed land acquisition;
3. A description of community involvement, including marginalized communities, to-date in the planning of the community forest acquisition, and of community participation anticipated in long-term management;
4. An identification of persons and organizations that support the project and their specific role in establishing and managing the community forest; and
5. A draft community forest plan. The eligible entity is encouraged to work with the State Forester or equivalent Tribal government official for technical assistance when developing or updating the Community Forest Plan. In addition, the eligible entity is encouraged to work with technical specialists, such as professional foresters, recreation specialists, wildlife biologists, or outdoor education specialists, when developing the Community Forest Plan.

d. The status of due diligence, including signed option or purchase and sale agreement, title search, minerals determination, and appraisal;

f. Information regarding the proposed land acquisition, including:

1. A proposed project budget not exceeding $600,000 and technical assistance needs as coordinated with the State Forester or equivalent Tribal government official (section § 230.6 of the final program rule);
2. The status of due diligence, including signed option or purchase and sale agreement, title search, minerals determination, and appraisal;
3. Description and status of cost shares (secure, pending, commitment letter, etc.) (section § 230.6 of the final rule).
(4) The status of negotiations with participating landowner(s) including purchase options, contracts, and other terms and conditions of sale;
(5) The proposed timeline for completing the acquisition and establishing the community forest; and;
(6) Long term management costs and funding source(s).

(7) Benefits provided, including to government officials and award grants based on the following criteria:

(a) Economic benefits, such as timber and non-timber products resulting from sustainable forest management, recreation and tourism;
(b) Environmental benefits, including clean air and water, stormwater management, and wildlife habitat;
(c) Benefits from forest-based experiential learning, including K–12 conservation education programs; vocational education programs in disciplines such as forestry and environmental biology; and environmental education through individual study or voluntary participation in programs offered by organizations such as 4–H, Boy or Girl Scouts, Master Gardeners, etc.;
(d) The status of negotiations with participating landowner(s) including purchase options, contracts, and other terms and conditions of sale;
(e) The proposed timeline for completing the acquisition and establishing the community forest; and;
(f) Long term management costs and funding source(s).

6. Grant Requirements

(a) Economic benefits, such as timber and non-timber products resulting from sustainable forest management, recreation and tourism;
(b) Environmental benefits, including clean air and water, stormwater management, and wildlife habitat;
(c) Benefits from forest-based experiential learning, including K–12 conservation education programs; vocational education programs in disciplines such as forestry and environmental biology; and environmental education through individual study or voluntary participation in programs offered by organizations such as 4–H, Boy or Girl Scouts, Master Gardeners, etc.;
(d) The status of negotiations with participating landowner(s) including purchase options, contracts, and other terms and conditions of sale;
(e) The proposed timeline for completing the acquisition and establishing the community forest; and;
(f) Long term management costs and funding source(s).

(b) Forest Service must approve any amendments to a proposal or request to reallocate funding within a grant proposal. If negotiations on a selected project fail, the applicant cannot substitute an alternative site.

(c) The grant recipient must comply with the requirements in section § 230.8 in the final rule before funds will be released.

(d) After the project has closed, as a requirement of the grant, grant recipients will be required to provide the Forest Service with a Geographic Information System (GIS) shapefile: A digital, vector-based storage format for storing geometric location and associated attribute information, of CFP project tracts and cost share tracts, if applicable.

(e) Any funds not expended within the grant period must be de-obligated and reverted to the Forest Service.

(f) The proposed acquisition and establishment of the community forest must reference the sustainability plan of the state or tribal government officials and award grants based on the following criteria:

(i) Economic benefits, such as timber and non-timber products resulting from sustainable forest management, recreation and tourism;
(ii) Environmental benefits, including clean air and water, stormwater management, and wildlife habitat;
(iii) Benefits from forest-based experiential learning, including K–12 conservation education programs; vocational education programs in disciplines such as forestry and environmental biology; and environmental education through individual study or voluntary participation in programs offered by organizations such as 4–H, Boy or Girl Scouts, Master Gardeners, etc.;
(iv) Benefits from serving as replicable models of effective forest stewardship for private landowners; and
(v) Recreational benefits such as hiking, hunting, and fishing secured through public access.

(ii) Environmental benefits, including participation by marginalized communities, in the establishment and long-term management of the community forest;
(iii) Amount of cost share leveraged;
(iv) Extent to which the community forest contributes to a landscape conservation initiative, as well as any applicable environmental justice initiatives;
(v) Extent of due diligence completed on the project, including cost share committed and status of appraisal;
(vi) Likelihood that, unprotected, the property would be converted to non-forest uses; and
(vi) Costs to the Federal Government.

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.
ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a meeting of the South Dakota Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 19, 2019, in the Breakwater Room of the Arrowhead Resort at Cedar Lodge, 1500 Shoreline Drive, Oacoma, SD 57365. The purpose of the meeting is orientation and planning.

DATES: Monday, August 19, 2019. Time: 12:00 p.m. (CDT).
ADDRESSES: Extension Room of the Brule County Clerk of Courts, 300 S. Courtland Street, Chamberlain, SD 57325.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov, or 303–866–1040.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If other persons who plan to attend the meeting require other accommodations, please contact Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Persons interested in the issue are also invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office by Thursday, September 19, 2019. Written comments may be mailed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1961 Stout Street, 13–201, Denver, CO 80224, faxed to (303) 866–1050, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at ebohor@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Rocky Mountain Regional Office at (303) 866–1040.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t00000001gzm5AA, and clicking on the “Meeting Details” and “Documents” links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised