

Industrial Innovation TAP questions and answers

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Q1. I was looking at the applicant eligibility section for “Food and beverage manufacturing facility.” Does this include research & development (R&D) facilities that do not operate continuously or in high-volume batches with products that may not be intended for immediate sale/distribution?

A1. No, this Request for Proposal (RFP) defines an eligible food or beverage manufacturer as one which produces commercially distributable products at scale with the intention of wholesale, distribution, or retail sales for human or animal consumption.

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Q2. Do we need a PWA (prevailing wage act) statement from consultants on the TAP grant? Or is this only construction? How much does this apply to professional services, in relation to construction services?

A2. No, you do not need PWA statements for non-construction professional services. Prevailing wage refers to the workers who work on construction and public works projects where state or federal dollars are used to fund the construction itself. Please see [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Frequently Asked Questions Guidance Document: Davis-Bacon and Related Acts](#) and [Prevailing-wage information | Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry](#) for additional information.

Q3. Are there any criteria based on the GHG savings or impact? Tons avoided, for example.

A3. No, there are no requirements to meet a specific reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Q4. Can we apply for the main/large grant without participating in this opportunity?

A4. Yes, there is no requirement for an applicant to have applied for or received a TAP award to be considered for an Implementation award.

Q5. It seems like the focus is on scope 1 and 2 emissions. Will there be weight given to scope 3 emissions? Or priorities given to different levels of emissions?

A5. The Industrial Innovation program considers a broad range of approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and there is no priority given to different levels of emissions.

Q6. The RFP defines eligible facilities as those that produce "finished, packaged food or beverage products." Does this include facilities producing a food product that is only exiting the facility in tanker trucks rather than individual packages (like milk or grain)?

A6. More information may be needed regarding the facilities operation and manufactured product. In general, an Industrial Food or Beverage Manufacturer produces commercially distributable products at scale with the intention of wholesale, distribution, or retail sales for human or animal consumption.

Q7. What is the timeline after submittal dates on award notification? Say July 1 applications due, when will awards be announced? So no money can be spent until 120 days after the application?

A7. Technical assistance and planning applications are due on the 21st of each month. The MPCA will send out award notifications no later than 60 days after application submission due date and the signing of award contracts no later than 60 days after that. If awarded, an applicant can expect that contracts will be executed

within 120 days of application. Expenditures made prior to executing award contracts are not eligible for reimbursement.

Q8. If I'm producing a feed ingredient that is going for animal consumption, that's a qualifying facility, right?

A8. Yes, this RFP defines an eligible food or beverage manufacturer as one which produces commercially distributable products at scale with the intention of wholesale, distribution, or retail sales for human or animal consumption.

Q9. On enforcement, if you have gotten a letter from the state for an enforcement action, and am going to respond by putting in something beyond what is required by state statute and for the corrective action, would that be covered and considered at all? If the business in question is going above and beyond and putting in something that will benefit the municipality?

A9. If a project is selected for an award, there is a review of enforcement history, whereby several factors will go into the decision on whether an applicant should be awarded.

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Q15. Would a pet food manufacturing facility qualify to apply for a TAP or implementation grant?

A15. Yes.

Q16. If we are currently working on a project that fits this description for this grant very well and is thoroughly planned, can we still fill out an application after some work has been done? The project will not be completed until August to September 2026, but I am curious when the cut off date is for something that has technically started but is nowhere near finished yet.

A16. Yes. However, the MPCA cannot reimburse any costs incurred prior to the signing of the grant contract agreement, nor can costs incurred prior to grant signing be used as match by the grantee.