

## **CRAFT Existing Tree Therapy (ETT) Cycle Three Program Rules and Requirements**

### **Application Requirements**

1. Applicants must complete the online application through the CRAFT portal available at [www.craftfdn.org](http://www.craftfdn.org). Applications will be accepted beginning August 1, 2024. All applications must be confirmed in the online portal system by November 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (EST). Applications will be date and time stamped upon receipt and a confirmation email will be sent to the applicant. Applicants should contact CRAFT Assistant Program Manager Tina Buice ([Tina@craftfdn.org](mailto:Tina@craftfdn.org)) if they do not receive a confirmation email.
2. Applicants must be the grower/entity listed by the county property appraiser as the owner of the intended CRAFT project property. Applicants will be required to certify their total ownership of the property by providing Parcel ID information.
3. Applicants will be required to certify their total acreage of owned citrus groves. If an applicant owns more than one entity, only acreage totals related to the tax ID applying for participation should be reported.
4. Applicants must be a commercial grower and the proposed project may be from any citrus-producing region in the state of Florida.
5. Applicants must have an FDACS, Division of Plant Industry, Grower/Caretaker Compliance Agreement that includes all proposed project groves.
6. A proposed project grove must be enrolled in the FDACS BMP Program for Florida Citrus prior to application submission. Information about enrollment in the BMP program is available at: <https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Water/Agricultural-Best-Management-Practices>.
7. A participant with an existing CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement must be up to date with all data submission requirements related to their existing CRAFT projects by November 1, 2024, for their ETT Cycle Three applications to be eligible for consideration. Applicants should contact CRAFT Assistant Program Manager Tina Buice ([Tina@craftfdn.org](mailto:Tina@craftfdn.org)) for questions about their data submission status.

### **Proposed ETT Project Minimum Requirements**

1. Proposed project grove blocks must be at least 10 acres and may not exceed 250 acres per application.
2. Applicants may have multiple approved projects with no cumulative acre maximum.
3. For growers owning less than 2,500 acres, proposed projects of less than 10 acres will be considered on a case-by-case basis where there is scientific merit and value to CRAFT.
4. Proposed treated grove blocks must not have received approved treatment/therapy prior to January 1, 2023, and must receive first approved treatment/therapy no later than December 31, 2025.
5. Proposed projects must be completed on existing plantings.

6. Proposed project treated grove blocks may not be currently enrolled in a solid-set project in any cycle of CRAFT or a prior round of the Existing Tree Therapies program.
7. A proposed project grove must be enrolled in the FDACS BMP Program for Florida Citrus prior to application submission. Applicants may visit <https://www.fdacs.gov/Agriculture-Industry/Water/Agricultural-Best-Management-Practices> for more information about the BMP program.

### **ETT Project Design**

1. The approved Existing Tree Therapies for Applicant selection include:
  - a. Gibberellic Acid;
  - b. 2,4-D;
  - c. Brassinosteroids;
  - d. Direct systemic injection of approved antimicrobials (Oxytetracycline); and
  - e. Any labeled and approved therapies identified through approved Stage Two ‘Grove First’ trials.
2. Other HLB therapies may be suggested by the applicant.
3. All treatments used under the program, including bactericides used for HLB disease management containing antibiotics as active ingredients, must and will be applied in the manner, frequency and at concentrations in accordance with the maximum label rate and will follow all other requirements on the label for use of such treatment(s).

### **Application Approval Process**

1. Applicants should complete the online application through the CRAFT portal available at [www.craftfdn.org](http://www.craftfdn.org). Applications will be accepted beginning August 1, 2024. All applications must be confirmed in the online portal system by November 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (EST). Applications will be date and time stamped upon receipt and a confirmation email will be sent to the applicant. Applicants should contact CRAFT Assistant Program Manager Tina Buice ([Tina@craftfdn.org](mailto:Tina@craftfdn.org)) if they do not receive a confirmation email.
2. CRAFT staff will contact all applicants regarding their project design following application submission. Applicants must respond to CRAFT staff within 30-days of contact regarding the project design. The project details and requirements will vary between projects based on the applications selected and will be specified in the CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement.
3. Following staff review for eligibility requirements, a random lottery is conducted by third party to determine the cycle participants relative to available funding. The CRAFT Board of Directors will then formalize the randomized approvals in a blind process and award agreements to those applications that comply with these rules.

**Participation Deliverables and Payments**

1. Participants must sign and comply with the CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement.
2. Participants will be required to follow the project design provided in the CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement including data collection by CRAFT or its contractors at the project site and participant data submission to CRAFT.
3. Participant's data submission will include the prior three years' historical production data (including fruit yield and quality) and submission annually, for three-years, of information related to the approved treatment/therapy being used on the project (including fruit yield and quality that is supported by trip tickets or run sheets). This information will be submitted utilizing an online survey provided by CRAFT upon project approval.
4. CRAFT may provide assistance with the data input process for a fee utilizing a participant's existing business and production records.
5. The CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement will contain a participant's performance deliverables and payment schedule.
6. Payments will be made in the name of the person or entity identified in the CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement unless CRAFT receives a notarized letter of authorization from the owner providing the name of the alternate intended recipient.
7. Participants must notify CRAFT of any property ownership changes for participating property.
8. Participation payments will be distributed in accordance with the payment schedule as provided in the Participant's fully executed CRAFT Grower Participation Agreement.