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PROPOSED PROGRAM NOTICE
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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

AGACNorthCarolina Forestry AdvancementGrant2026/2027

Proposed funding request range: $50,000–$1,000,000

Supporting Forestry Operations. Advancing Sustainable Growth.

Issuing organization	American Grant Advancement Council (AGAC)
Program cycle	2026/2027
Geographic focus	North Carolina, United States
Proposed funding range	$50,000–$1,000,000 per proposed request; actual awards, if authorized, are subject to final terms and review.
Application method	AGAC Member Portal, when the program is formally activated and application instructions are published.
Opening / closing dates	November 5th, 2026
Assistance / contact	ncagr@grantadvancement.org

1. Program Overview

TheAmerican Grant Advancement Council (AGAC) has outlined the proposed North Carolina Forestry Advancement Grant 2026/2027 to support qualifying businesses whose operations are directly connected to forestry and forest services. The proposed initiative is intended to help eligible businesses consider projects involving equipment modernization, timber harvesting, wood processing, reforestation, forest restoration, transportation, worker safety, and operational development. The supplied program brief describes a proposed funding request range of $50,000 to $1,000,000. This range is not evidence that funds have been appropriated, committed, or made available. No applicant should treat this notice as an award commitment or incur expenses in reliance on anticipated funding.

2. Program Objectives

• Strengthentheoperationalcapacity of forestry and forest-services businesses in North Carolina.

• Support potential acquisition or modernization of forestry equipment and machinery.

• Improve timber harvesting, logging, wood processing, and forestry logistics capabilities.

• Encourage responsible forest management, reforestation, restoration, and conservation-related work.

• Support worker safety, operational improvements, and sustainable business development.

3. Eligible Applicants — Proposed

The proposed target applicants are legally established businesses operating in North Carolina with direct, documentable involvement in forestry or related forest services. Potential applicant types include:

• Forestry management, timber planning, and forest inventory businesses.

• Timber harvesting and logging contractors.

• Sawmills, lumber manufacturers, and wood-processing businesses.

• Reforestation, forest restoration, and erosion-control service providers.

• Commercial forestry equipment and machinery service providers.

• Forest conservation and land-management businesses.

• Timber transportation and forestry logistics operators.

A business category listed here does not automatically establish eligibility. Final applicant definitions, exclusions, geographic tests, and documentation requirements must be approved and published in the final program guidelines.

4. Proposed Project Activities and Uses

Subject to final written guidelines and allow ability determinations, proposed projects may include the following:

Forestry equipment and machinery: harvesters, forwarders, skidders, log loaders, wood chippers, stump grinders, forestry excavators, timber-handling equipment, and related operational tools.

Timber harvesting and logging: approved site preparation, timber-handling systems, production equipment, and improvements that address documented operational needs.

Wood processing and lumber production: sawmill machinery, processing systems, material-handling equipment, wood-drying systems, production technology, and eligible facility improvements.

Reforestation and forest restoration: tree-planting operations, restoration equipment, site rehabilitation, forest regeneration, erosion-control activities, and related eligible machinery.

Forestry transportation and logistics: eligible transportation vehicles, timber trailers, loading and unloading systems, and logistics improvements directly supporting forestry operations.

Worker safety and operational improvements: protective equipment, machinery safety systems, operator training, and other approved safety measures.

Forest management and conservation services: forest inventory tools, land-management technology, monitoring systems, and conservation-related equipment.

The final program guidelines must identify allowable and unallowable costs, procurement rules, treatment of used equipment, pre-award costs, taxes, delivery, installation, construction, working capital, and any required cost share. None of these details was finalized in the supplied brief.

5. Funding Information

Funding element	Proposed description
Minimum request	$50,000
Maximum request	$1,000,000
Program cycle	2026/2027
Geographic focus	North Carolina, USA
Funding characterization	Proposed non-repayable grant award structure; subject to authorization and final award terms.

The program brief describes awards as non-repayable grants. This description must be confirmed in the final award agreement, including any matching contribution, reimbursement arrangement, administrative charge, reporting duty, repayment trigger, or other condition. No award amount is guaranteed.

6. Proposed Eligibility and Readiness Considerations

Applicants shouldbepreparedto demonstrate:

• A legally established business and a genuine operating connection to North Carolina.

• Direct involvement in forestry, timber, logging, wood processing, restoration, conservation, or related forest services. •

A specific, documented business-development project and clear explanation of need.

• A realistic, itemized project budget supported by vendor quotations or cost estimates.

• Operational capacity, personnel, experience, and a feasible implementation plan.

• Applicable licenses, permits, certifications, land access, and regulatory compliance.

• Accurate business identity, tax identification, financial, and banking information where lawfully and appropriately required. These are proposed readiness considerations, not a complete or final eligibility determination. The final program must publish eligibility definitions, exclusions, verification procedures, and any applicant-specific requirements before accepting applications.

7. Documents to Prepare

• Business registration and tax identification documentation.

• Business overview and description of forestry-related operations.

• Project narrative, objectives, activities, and implementation timeline.

• Itemized project budget and supporting equipment/vendor quotations.

• Relevant financial statements and cash-flow information, if required.

• Equipment specifications, photographs, and purchase estimates, where applicable.

• Relevant forestry licenses, permits, insurance, and landowner authorization, where applicable.

• Other documents expressly identified in the final application instructions.



8. Application and Review Process — Proposed Workflow

The supplied program brief describes an AGAC Member Portal workflow. The following sequence is a planning outline and should not be treated as a final operational instruction until the program is formally activated:

Step 1 — Review the official program notice. Confirm program status, final eligibility rules, opening and closing dates, allowable costs, application instructions, and any required disclosures.

Step 2 — Access the AGAC Member Portal. When the opportunity is formally activated, applicants may select the program through the portal and review the current instructions.

Step 3 — Eligibility Profile Code. The proposed workflow references a program-specific Eligibility Profile Code. Any fee, payment, verification requirement, refund policy, and the purpose of the code must be plainly disclosed in advance in the official program terms. Do not pay an intermediary or rely on an informal payment request.

Step 4 — Complete the application. Provide accurate business information, describe the project, identify the requested amount, and answer all required questions.

Step 5 — Submit supporting records. Upload the required business, project, budget, financial, and regulatory documents through the designated secure process.

Step 6 — Review and verification. The proposed review may include business identity verification, eligibility review, budget assessment, project feasibility, and supporting-document review.

Step 7 — Written decision. Applicants should receive a written notice of the decision and, if approved, the proposed award amount and conditions.

Step 8 — Award agreement and administration. No project should proceed on the assumption of grant funding until an authorized written agreement is executed. Approved recipients must follow the final agreement, reporting, recordkeeping, and disbursement requirements.

9. Application Dates and Submission Details

Item	Status in supplied brief
Funding opportunity opening date	5th November, 2026
Application deadline	28th January, 2027
Expected decision date	3 - 7 days after application submission
Award start / end dates	3 - 7 days after application approval
Program-specific contact	ncagr@grantadvancement.org
Application URL	AGAC Member Portal

The AGAC North Carolina Forestry Advancement Grant 2026/2027 supports qualifying forestry and forest-services businesses with proposed funding ranging from $50,000 to $1,000,000. Funding may support forestry equipment acquisition, timber harvesting, logging operations, wood processing, reforestation, forest restoration, transportation, safety improvements, and sustainable forestry business expansion.

10. Review Standards and Award Determination

Thesupplied briefidentifiesgeneralconsiderations suchasbusiness size and capacity, project scope, equipment requirements, budget support, anticipated operational improvements, employment and economic development benefits, environmental considerations, financial feasibility, and implementation readiness.

It does not provide a formal scoring rubric, reviewer composition, minimum score, tie-breaking process, appeal procedure, award ceiling for the overall program, or source of committed funds. Those elements must be established in approved program rules before applicants are told how decisions will be made.

11. Reporting, Compliance, and Award Conditions

Ifawards are authorized,final terms shouldstate how recipients mayusefunds; whether payments are advances or reimbursements; procurement and conflict-of-interest standards; record-retention requirements; progress and financial reporting; site or document monitoring; treatment of unspent funds; and conditions that may result in suspension, termination, or repayment.

Recipients should maintain accurate records and obtain all permits and approvals required for their projects. No expenditure should be considered allowable unless the final award agreement and program rules expressly permit it.

12. Questions and Program Information

Program-specificcontact information was not included in the supplied program brief. Applicants should use contact details published on AGAC's verified official website and should confirm that any communication or payment instruction is authentic before sharing sensitive information or transferring money.



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