Date of Application: _____

Section 6. Input Costs

A farm proposing to convert its operations to accommodate new products and/or production methods due to PFAS can apply for funding for related input costs (e.g., seed, plantings, or soil amendments) required to implement the changes.

Questions about input costs may be directed to Meagan Hennessey, PFAS Response Director, at Meagan.Hennessey@maine.gov or (207) 592-3795, or directly to the PFAS Response Program at PFAS.DACF@maine.gov or (207) 287-4515.

Required Documentation – Section 6

The following information must be submitted with this Section of the application:

A. Section 1. Applicant General Information with all specified attachments

B. Narrative – A statement, one page or less, describing and explaining:

- The impacts PFAS contamination has had on the farm as it relates to the need for new input costs;
- The proposed inputs and how they will address the impacts stated above;
- A justification of inputs chosen (including the type and specific product chosen); and,
- The anticipated result/outcome achieved by receiving this assistance from DACF.

C. An estimate, invoice, or receipt from a provider describing the input costs, and amount, including any taxes or transportation fees

D. If requesting a direct reimbursement, provide proof of payment

E. Supporting documentation, such as:

- Cost quotes or estimates with relevant details and input cost details from at least three separate vendors.

F. Any additional supporting documentation requested by DACF that DACF determines is necessary to review the request.

Additional Information Requested – Section 6

1. TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUPPORT REQUESTED FOR SECTION 6 COSTS: $_____

2. **Payment Options –** Please check which one is requested:

☐ Applicant will pay costs and DACF will reimburse upon proof of purchase

☐ DACF contracts with and pays applicant's approved vendors/contractors

☐ DACF reimburses a nonprofit for payment of approved costs made on the applicant's behalf

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DACF will consider the total cost and whether the inputs are essential to the viability of the farm. This could include the likelihood of success or return on investment and other relevant factors.

Other criteria for consideration include: total cost, timing, alternative options, level of risk, producer's demonstrated lack of available financial capacity, number of other requests for DACF support by other producers.

DACF reserves the right to request a business plan first be developed for the farm and submitted to DACF to support an input costs application. Business plan assistance can be applied for via the Technical Assistance Grant (Section 4).

DACF reserves the right to cap funding for all requests based on available resources and other factors.

Signature Block – Section 6

I certify that the information given in this Input Costs application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I acknowledge that payments may represent reportable income for tax purposes.

Applicant's Signature	Date
Applicant's Name (printed)	Title
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Please complete if someone assisted the applicant to complete this form:

Preparer Name (If not applicant)	Preparer's relationship to applicant

Permission to discuss application with Preparer: ☐ YES ☐ NO