



The University of Vermont

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Crop Protection and Pest Management  
Competitive Grants Program

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to approve this submission of “The Vermont IPM Extension Implementation Program: 2024-2027” as the official application from University of Vermont for the Crop Protection and Pest Management Competitive grants program.

The Vermont IPM Program’s areas of emphasis are critical to Vermont agriculture and communities: IPM in Agronomic Crops; IPM in Animal Health, IPM in Specialty Crops (Fruit, Greenhouse/High Tunnels); IPM in Communities; IPM support for Pest Diagnostic Facilities and IPM Education for Pesticide Applicators. These areas are extremely well-matched with the expertise and capacity at the University of Vermont. In addition, these specific IPM programs will involve extensive collaboration with grower associations, state/federal agencies, and regional and national institutions to improve the adoption and implementation of IPM practices to benefit a wide variety of Vermont stakeholders.

Because Extension has been level-funded for many years, and Vermont is a small state that has no commodity-based funding, these IPM funds are critical to ensuring our successful outreach IPM efforts. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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