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Dear Chiara,

Thank you for recently submitting your application to the AGRI Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration Grant Program. Most of the applications submitted in this round were excellent, with grant projects that could greatly benefit Minnesota's farm businesses. I am sorry, but your application was not approved by the review committee and the MDA Commissioner's Office.

As promised, we will compile the review panel's comments as they evaluated your Sustainable Agriculture Demonstration grant application. We hope that this feedback will help you to develop a successful application in the future. Since it takes quite a bit of time to gather and present the reviewer's comments in a coherent manner, I am only informing you of the grant review decision in this letter. My goal is to notify all applicants as quickly as possible, so they can make informed and timely business decisions.

Please respond to me how you would like the reviewer's comments to be given to you: by e-mail, mail, or over the phone.

Though your proposal wasn't funded during this round, we invite you to apply for the next round of grants, which will be opened in August, 2018 and due to be submitted by early December, 2018 and for on-farm research and demonstration projects that will be started in March of 2019. The application can be accessed, when the next round is open, from the MDA website at:

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/grants/grants/demogrant.aspx>.

I wish you the best at pursuing answers to your agricultural questions and in the success of your agricultural business.

Kind Regards,



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