

Applicant Instructions

Please fill out the application form completely. You can save your work and return to it later.

Don't forget to download a copy of your submitted application. If you are selected as a finalist, you will need some of the same information.

Your deadline for Letter of Intent submission is:

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:59 p.m. PST

If you encounter technical difficulties, please contact

info@fruitguyscommunityfund.org

Thank you for applying and good luck!

2024 Grant Cycle

Finalists will be notified by late February to provide a full application. Grantees will be notified in April 2024. Award checks issued to grantees in early May. Awarded projects should be implemented over the remainder of 2024 and successfully completed by December.

Eligibility

- U.S. Farms only are eligible to apply
- Grant awards are up to \$5,000 maximum
- Applicant is an owner/operator of the farm or has long-term, legal access to the land. Note: If farming on leased land, a letter of support from the landowner specifying length of the lease agreement must be provided with the grant application.
- 501(c)(3) agricultural nonprofits are also encouraged to apply. Note: You will be required to upload 501(c)(3) document as well as a complete list of board of directors.
- The applicant farm must be an established working farm with at least 2 years in operation.
- We welcome farms to re-apply for the same project or a different one if you have not been funded in an earlier grant cycle.
- Farm is small to medium-sized as determined by acreage in agricultural production. Farms with more than 300 acres in agricultural production are ineligible to apply.

Preferences for 2024

Projects are scored on their impact to help farms operate more sustainably as well as strengthen community, including but not limited to:

- Water Conservation (for example, drip irrigation & rainwater catchment)
- Natural Pest Control (for example, owl or bat boxes)
- Pollination (for example, beehives & pollinator hedgerows)
- Soil Health (for example, cover crops & minimizing tillage)
- Energy Efficiency (for example, renewable energy options like solar, geothermal & wind)
- Heirlooms (for example, not using GMO seed, saving heirloom seeds, using heritage varieties)
- Increase Low-Income Consumers' Access to food (for example, expanding free or low-cost CSA shares)
- Equity, Community Building & Education (for example, sustainability education for new farmers, students, refugees, etc.)
- Support beginning and under-represented farmers including BIPOC and women

For examples of past grantees' projects, visit the Alumni Grantees page of our website: fruitguyscommunityfund.org/alumni-grantees

Your Chances

We receive applications for many worthy projects but have limited funding available. Up to twenty-five (25) finalists will be invited to submit full applications.

Remember We Will Not Fund

- Farms located outside of the U.S.
- Non soil-based farming operations (i.e. hydroponic/aquaponic growing systems)
- Land purchases
- Project costs associated with labor
- Consultants or administrative costs
- Requests that are dependent upon receiving funding from a larger grant
- General marketing costs

- We're not currently considering applications from farms that have already received a FGCF grant

Applicant Information

First Name

Test 2

Last Name

Test 2

Mailing Address

5678 Test Street

Address 2

City

Test

State

Alabama

ZIP/Postal Code

89054

Applicant Email Address

test@test.com

Applicant Phone Number

1234567890

Farm Information

Farm Name

Test Farm 2

Farm Address

5678 Test Street

City/Town

Test

State

Alabama

ZIP/Postal Code

89054

Farm Website

Farm2@test.com

Social Media Site(s). Please provide URL's for each channel, if applicable.

@farmtest2

Is the farm classified as a for-profit business or a 501(c)(3) agricultural nonprofit organization?

501(c)(3) Nonprofit

Entity EIN

XX-XXXXXXX

Please upload 501(c)(3) IRS Determination Letter

2024 Initial Application Total Points Calculation (1).docx

Please upload list of board of directors

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Is the farm's setting urban, suburban, or rural?

Rural

Please specify whether you are the owner/operator of the farm or if you have long-term, legal access to the land. If farming on leased land, we will ask you to submit a letter of support from the landowner specifying length of the lease agreement.

Long-term Lease (5 years +) but not owner

If farming on leased land, please upload a letter of support.

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What is the total acreage of the farm?

2-50

How many acres are in agricultural production?

10

Tell us about your farm leadership composition:

Women leadership

Yes

Person of color leadership

Yes

L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+ leadership

Yes

Is your farm experiencing financial distress?

Yes

Have you had difficulty in accessing funding from traditional sources i.e loans?

Yes

Does your farm operate in an economically distressed area? You can use the Distressed Communities map to determine:

<https://eig.org/distressed-communities/2022-dci-interactive-map/>

Yes

Are you a beginning farmer? (10 years or less of farming experience)

Yes

Are you a legacy farmer? (ie. multi-generational and/or 25 years+)

No

How long have you been farming this particular farm? Eligible applicants must be an established working farm with at least 2 years in operation.

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What type of crops and/or products are produced and how/where are they sold/distributed?

Mixed seasonal vegetables, flowers, eggs, and honey.

Tell us about your farming practices:

Are you certified organic?

No

Are you organic practicing but not certified?

Yes

Are you using Integrated Pest Management or alternative pest practices?

Yes

Are you growing heirloom crops?

Yes

Are you selling or distributing local?

Yes

Are you contributing to low-income food access?

Yes

Tell us about any other farming practices or mission objectives of your farm.

Our mission is to serve the youth in our community through agriculture.

Project Information

Please specify what sustainability project(s) you intend to do on the farm in 300 words or less.

Our goal is to build innovative growing spaces that encourage soil renewal through composting and managing small growing areas with vertical growing. We are seeking funds to purchase materials to build 4 raised garden beds and heirloom seeds to practice seed preservation. This project will address soil health, composting, growing in small areas, and water conservation.

Example: Turtle Creek Gardens is seeking funding to buy 4 more hives, bees, tools, supplies, protective gear, and to develop the beekeeping curriculum for our Beginning Farmer Training program. Having 6 hives would increase our educational capacity, diversify our farming operation, enhance the presence of pollinators on the farm, and boost the overall profitability of the farm. Adding a hands-on beekeeping element to our beginning farmer training program extends the reach of this project by giving the next generation of organic farmers the knowledge and tools they need to incorporate beekeeping into their own operations.

Tell us about your project focus area(s):

Water Conservation (for example, drip irrigation & rainwater catchment)

Yes

Natural Pest Control or IPM (for example, owl or bat boxes)

No

Pollination (for example, beehives & pollinator hedgerows)

Yes

Soil Health (for example, cover crops & minimizing tillage)

Yes

Energy Efficiency (for example, renewable energy options like solar, geothermal & wind)

No

Heirlooms (for example, not using GMO seed, saving heirloom seeds, using heritage varieties)

Yes

Low-Income Food Access (for example, expanding free or low-cost CSA shares)

Yes

Equity, Community Building & Education (for example, sustainability education for new farmers, students, refugees, etc.)

Yes

What is the total funding amount you are requesting? (\$5,000 Max)

\$2,524.46

Please include your budget for your project here. Be as detailed as possible and include what you intend to spend the funds on. You can either use the text box or upload a file.

We are requesting a total of: \$2524.46

Bricks/ Home Depot/ 40 bricks/ \$325

Top Soil/ Home Depot/ 50 bags/ \$120

Rope/ Home Depot/ 3/8 in. x 50 ft. Polypropylene/ \$14.98

Spray Paint/ Home Depot/ Rust-Oleum Professional 15 oz \$10.48

Chicken Wire/ Home Depot/ 3/8 in. x 50 ft. Polypropylene/ \$28.79

Subtotal \$512.75 (x 4= \$2,051.00)

Heirloom Seeds= \$125.47

Peppers, tomatoes, okra, black-eyed peas, herbs

Seed Storage: \$33.99

90 Slots Plastic Seed Storage Box Clear Seed Storage Organizer with Label Stickers Planting Seed Container with Lid Garden Seed Organizer with Stickers for Flower Plants Vegetable Seeds (1)

Worm Farm: \$104.95 (x3 = \$314.85)

VermiHut Plus 5-Tray Worm Compost Bin – Easy Setup and Sustainable Design