

## 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](mailto: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](http://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**

First Name

**Last Name**

Last Name

**Mailing Address**

1234 Test Ave.

**Address 2**

**City**

Test

**State**

California

**ZIP/Postal Code**

12345

**Applicant Email Address**

test@test.com

**Applicant Phone Number**

1234567890

## Farm Information

**Farm Name**

Test Farm 1

**Farm Address**

1234 Test Ave.

**City/Town**

Test

**State**

California

**ZIP/Postal Code**

12345

**Farm Website**

testfarm.com

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

@testfarm

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

For-profit business

**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.

Owner/Operator

**What is the total acreage of the farm?**

2-50

**How many acres are in agricultural production?**

10

**Tell us about your farm ownership composition:**

- **Women ownership;** includes co-ownership where 50% or more owned by women
- **Person of color-ownership;** includes ownership where 50% or more owned by POC
- **Family ownership;** includes sole proprietorship, partnership, or family corporation
- **L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+ ownership;** includes co-ownership where 50% or more owned by person identifying as L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+

**Women ownership**

Yes

**Person of color ownership**

Yes

**Family ownership**

Yes

**L.G.B.T.Q.I.A.+ ownership**

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)**

No

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

Yes

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

20+

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

Seasonal vegetables, flowers, and olive oil.

**Tell us about your farming practices:**

**Are you certified organic?**

Yes

**Are you organic practicing but not certified?**

No

**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 veggies and flowers are grown without the use of any chemicals, just lots of hard work. Our olives are all grown on site and pressed locally.

## Project Information

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

Test Farm is seeking funding to increase biodiversity on the farm by adding an 100 ft hedgerow alongside our primary growing field. The hedgerow will contain native and drought tolerant plants, shrubs, and trees. The plantings will support pollinators and other beneficial insects.

**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)**

No

**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)**

No

**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.)**

No

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

\$3,230.00

**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 the following materials to establish our hedgerow project:

*Achillea millefolium* (Common Yarrow) x 10 = \$350

*Arctostaphylos densiflora* 'McMinn' (McMinn manzanita) x 10 = \$650

*Asclepias speciosa* (Showy milkweed) x 15 = \$400

*Baccharis pilularis* (Coyotebrush) x 10 = \$280

*Cercis occidentalis* (Western redbud) x 10 = \$550

*Clarkia unguiculata* (Elegant clarkia) x 10 = \$350

*Agastache urticifolia* (Nettleleaf giant hyssop) x 10 = \$350

Taxes & Shipping = \$300

Total = \$3,230