

Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Anastasia Overton
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Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. Please include the parcel number.	12615 SW 143rd St Archer FL 32618
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$5,000
My operation's total Gross Cash Income per year is between \$1,000 and \$250,000 (yes / no) AND (Please select one below) Between \$1,000 and \$75,000. YES Between \$75,001 and \$150,000. Between \$150,001 and \$250,000.	
The owner and operator of the farm has not received the Small Farmer Grant in the past two years (yes / no) Yes, I have not received this grant previously	
The owner and operator of the farm/small producer operation is a black, women, indigenous, and or persons-of-color. (yes / no) YES	
The owner and operator of the farm is a first-time applicant OR has not received a Small Farmer Grant award in the past two years. (yes/no) YES	
If awarded the funding will only be used to purchase equipment or other capital investments that enhance the economic productivity of my operation. (yes / no)YES	

<p>Explain what equipment is needed, its cost, how it will be utilized, and economic return to your operations.</p> <p>If you have taken the Extension Office's Agricultural Entrepreneurial Series, please attach your Farm Plan. (5 bonus points)</p>	<p>Three years ago I purchased a 2+acre lot outside the town of Archer for development as a nursery and garden. Through tireless soil amendment, planting, and management I have developed Lorentz Field, a productive farm that feeds almost a hundred people in Archer, Gainesville, and Cedar Key.</p> <p>My nursery is focused on native and locally adapted fruit trees, and my garden grows a few thousand quarts of seasonal produce every year. After three years of tireless research and labor it's time to grow, with capital improvements.</p> <p>Florida's variable climate and intense pest pressure results in crop loss every year.</p> <p>With better irrigation and sun protection I would be able to quadruple my saleable yield from the same plants, increasing my profit potential across the five months from May to June from \$300 a week to \$1200 a week.</p> <p>Heavy duty wire and electrical equipment -\$500</p> <p>Hoop house material- framing and shade cloth-\$600</p> <p>A new well pump- \$2,000</p> <p>Irrigation line and fittings -\$400</p> <p>With climate controlled storage I would be able to harvest and sell produce on consecutive, rather than concurrent days without the risk of spoil. This would also reduce loss of what I'm already capable of producing by about a third, increasing my earning potential from \$300 to \$400 a week</p> <p>Lumber, insulation, and carpentry incidentals-\$1000</p> <p>Refrigeration unit for closed space-\$500</p>
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I certify that I am an Alachua County resident, have an agricultural exemption, and that all information in this grant application is true and correct. I understand that any errors, misrepresentations, or omissions in this application may result in the application not being considered, points reduced, or if discovered after the award, that the grant funds may be reimbursed to Alachua County.