


Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	GP Farms LLC/Eyad Shuker
Email:	ed.shuker@gpspecialty.com
Phone Number:	(352) 219-8716
Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. Please include the parcel number.	20065 SE Hawthorne road, Hawthorne, FL 32640 19843-004-000 and 19843-008-000
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$5,000.00
<p>My operation's total Gross Cash Income per year is between \$1,000 and \$250,000 (yes / no) Yes</p> <p>AND (Please select one below)</p> <p>Between \$1,000 and \$75,000.</p> <p>Between \$75,001 and \$150,000 <input checked="" type="radio"/></p> <p>Between \$150,001 and \$250,000.</p>	
<p>The owner and operator of the farm has not received the Small Farmer Grant in the past two years (yes / no) No</p>	
<p>The owner and operator of the farm/small producer operation is a black, women, indigenous, and or persons-of-color. (yes / no) Yes, socially disadvantaged farmer</p>	
<p>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, first time applicant and/or not received a small farmer grant in the past two years</p>	
<p>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>	

<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>Attach additional pages if needed.</p> <p>We will use this grant to manage the weeds between rows throughout the farming year. We believe that by using a row/bed cultivator, we will save \$1,250 on the chemical cost and \$1,000 on the labor cost per season at our farm.</p> <p>This funds will be used to purchase a customized row cultivator that costs around 8k where it ranges between 5k-10k. It depends on how many rows it would cover. This equipment is made by Kennco Manufacturing Inc in Ruskin, FL. According to the Kennco company, growers who have used the is equipment, they will be able to notice a significant increase in the yield production, and a reduction in the labors cost, and the chemical usage.</p> <p>I have taken the extension office's Ag Entrepreneurial series, but I could not find the farm plan due to some technology issues. I attached the certificates of completion to this email.</p>
 <p>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.</p>	

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Eyad Shuker

has completed the UF/IFAS Extension course

Farm Business Planning

for the program

Ag Entrepreneurship

on this date

October 4, 2021

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Florida Cooperative Extension Service



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Eyad Shuker

has completed the UF/IFAS Extension course

Marketing for Your Small Farm

for the program

Ag Entrepreneurship

on this date

December 16, 2021

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Florida Cooperative Extension Service*



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

Eyad Shuker

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Starting a Farm

for the program

Ag Entrepreneurship

on this date

September 3, 2021

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