

Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Gainesville Giving Garden
Email:	contact@gainesvillegivinggarden.org
Phone Number:	603-828-2110
Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. Please include the parcel number.	225 NW 12 Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601, Parcel ID: 09791-000-000
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$4,600.00
My operation's total Gross Cash Income per year is between \$1,000 and \$250,000 (<u>yes</u> / no) Yes	
AND (Please select one below)	
<u>Between \$1,000 and \$75,000.</u> * The Gainesville Giving Garden's total Gross Cash Income is between \$1,000 and \$75,000.	
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 (<u>yes</u> / no) Yes, we have <u>not received</u> the Small Farmer Grant before.	
The owner and operator of the farm/small producer operation is a black, women, indigenous, and or persons-of-color. (<u>yes</u> / no) Yes, this is a women-owned operation.	
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. (<u>yes</u> /no) We are a <u>first-time applicant</u> and we have not received the Small Farmer Grant before.	
If awarded the funding will only be used to purchase equipment or other capital investments that enhance the economic productivity of my operation. (<u>yes</u> / 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>The Gainesville Giving Garden is a nonprofit urban farm committed to addressing food insecurity in Alachua County. We achieve this by growing and donating organic produce to individuals and families who lack access to fresh, nutritious food. Additionally, the Giving Garden serves as an educational hub where marginalized youth can develop leadership and vocational skills within our local food system.</p> <p>Our Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program is a crucial source of recurring revenue, projected to generate 40% of our annual fundraising goal next season. This program allows us to sell approximately one-fourth of our crops, providing essential funds to sustain our operations. This financial model enables us to donate the majority of our produce to those experiencing food insecurity and offer food system leadership training to underserved youth.</p> <p>To effectively grow organic crops for our CSA and donation programs, we require several key farming materials. These include composted humus, seeds, a greenhouse, organic fertilizer, seedling soil mix materials, and organic hay for mulch. We are requesting \$4,600 from the 2024 Small Farmer Grant Program to purchase these materials for the upcoming growing season, spanning from September 2024 to June 2025. Below is a detailed budget outlining the allocation of these funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compost: Applied to vegetable beds to increase productivity at three points throughout the season - \$2,000• Greenhouse: Required by September to grow seedlings, as our previous greenhouse was destroyed by weather this past May - \$1,000• Seeds: \$500• Potting Mix Supplies: For seedlings - \$500• Organic Fertilizers: \$300• Organic Hay: For mulch - \$300 <p>Total Cost of Farming Materials for the 2024-2025 Season: \$4,600</p> <p>We anticipate earning approximately \$20,000 from our CSA Program next season, made possible through effective farming from fall through early summer. If awarded the \$4,600 grant, the Giving Garden will be able to procure the necessary materials to generate substantial funds, enabling us to make a significant positive impact in our community.</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. Yes.