

## Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Gregoria Calderon Adler / James H. Adler
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Phone Number:	863-781-1451
Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. <b>Please include the parcel number.</b>	23424 NW 43rd St. Alachua, FL 32615 Parcel ID: 05416-001-007
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$4978.34
My operation's total Gross Cash Income per year is between \$1,000 and \$250,000 ( <u>yes</u> / no) Yes	
<p><b>AND (Please select one below)</b></p> <p><b><u>Between \$1,000 and \$75,000. **</u></b></p> <p>Between \$75,001 and \$150,000.</p> <p>Between \$150,001 and \$250,000.</p>	
The owner and operator of the farm has not received the Small Farmer Grant in the past two years ( <u>yes</u> / no) Yes	
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 -- Gregoria (Female Hispanic)	
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) Yes	
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	

Explain what equipment is needed, its cost, how it	<p>Attach additional pages if needed.</p> <p>My husband and I have a small herd of Angus cross cows. We</p>
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<p>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>have both been in agriculture our whole lives. My husband grew up on a cattle ranch in Central Florida and I grew up in a migrant farmworker family and traveled across the US picking crops. Since moving to Alachua County we have worked to start our own ranch. Purchasing cattle and equipment for a ranch operation is expensive with over a year lag time before a return on investment is seen. (due to breeding and raising the calves to a profitable selling weight.) We are currently in the beginning stages with a set of Angus cross heifers. Our current plan utilizes Artificial Insemination (AI) for breeding. AI allows us to have more cows on our property and also allows us to choose better genetics from a variety of sire options. Utilizing AI will enable us to retain some heifers for replacement and expansion.</p> <p>However proper AI implementation on our ranch requires a quality corral. Additionally we need a squeeze chute, as our rental agreement on our current squeeze chute is about to end. We are also using a small set of cowpens that need to be expanded for better handling of the cattle.</p> <p>At this time the cost of a new chute and quality corral panels would place a severe financial burden on the operation. Portable corral panels will allow us to expand our current handling area and will empower us to expand in the future as we continue to increase our herd size. Future plans for the operation include securing leased land around Alachua County to house more cattle and the portable corrals will save costs through their portability as they can be moved from pasture to pasture. Continued AI practice will allow for a higher quality calf crop with the possibility of producing show quality cattle for local youth fairs.</p> <p>If given the opportunity for this grant, funds will be used to purchase the following items:</p> <p><b>1 Tartar brand squeeze chute - \$2,849.99</b></p>
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**1 Corral Gate - \$199.99**

**8 12 foot Corral Panels - \$883.92**

**Shipping - \$749.40**

**Taxes - \$295.04**

**Total Costs -- \$4,978.34**

\*\* Cost estimate utilized High Springs Tractor Supply for all equipment. \*\*

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.