

Application for the Alachua County Small Farmer Grant

Grant Due 5 PM June 28, 2024

Name of Applicant:	Kelli Sand
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Address of Farm/Small Producer Operation. Please include the parcel number.	28551 NW 46 th Avenue, Newberry, FL 01834-006-000
Total Funding Requested (request may not exceed \$5,000):	\$ 5000.00
My operation's total Gross Cash Income per year is between \$1,000 and \$250,000 (yes / no) Yes	
AND (Please select one below)	
Between \$1,000 and \$75,000.	
Between \$75,001 and \$150,000.	
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The owner and operator of the farm has not received the Small Farmer Grant in the past two years (yes / no) Yes	
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>Attach additional pages if needed.</p> <p>Manual Cattle Squeeze Chute is needed for the farm. I would like to purchase a Arrowquip 55 with a vet cage and head holder which is approximately \$ 8850.00. The squeeze chute will properly restrain the cattle for health care, training, breeding and demonstrations. Currently, my son and I have a small herd of registered Simmental and commercial cattle with hopes to expand to registered Angus cattle. The cattle are currently being housed on borrowed land which we will be moving them to our property after we get our first cutting of coastal hay off the property this year.</p> <p>The chute will allow a single person to work the herd safely for both the person and the cattle. The squeeze function insures the cattle don't make sudden movements and will allow for greater control with less harm then other methods. Vaccinations and antibiotics would not be wasted while procures can be done without injury. Additionally, the chute will let our veterinarian more accurately diagnose and treat our livestock and perform procedures which will reduce loss. A cattle chute is the safest way to safely, effectively, and efficiently maintain a quality herd of beef cattle.</p> <p>Being an active 4-H leader and a mother of a son that shows cattle competitively locally and around the state, the chute will assist in halter breaking and training the heifers, steers, and bulls into highly competitive show calves which will add value and allow us to sell them as such. Moreover, the chute will allow us to assist other youth with the development of their cattle knowledge, herd improvement, and beef cattle management skills with hope to get more youth into agriculture specifically beef cattle. Ideally I would like to be a resource for youth just starting out and encourage there involvement in agriculture.</p> <p>The economic return to our farm would be substantial. The cattle would be timely treated for injury and illness. This would result in greater health, weights, and calmer cattle. The value of the cattle would be increased and open more sales opportunities. Our loss would remain extremely low and hopefully drop to zero. In addition, our artificial insemination (AI) rates will increase which will result in more income for the farm. Furthermore, the chute will be used in various educational opportunities and promotion of beef cattle.</p>
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Yes

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.