

# FOOD, FAITH AND FARMING NETWORK Strengthening Connections in Rural Southwest Wisconsin Application for Seed Money for 2022

When we plant seeds, we have faith that a crop will be forthcoming. Food, Faith and Farming Network is offering Seed Money for new initiatives that extend our mission in Southwest Wisconsin and address the issues raised in our Rural Listening/Networking Sessions held in 2018. While we highly recommend applying for projects that are stated as priorities below, other worthy initiatives will be considered. *Please be aware that we will not fund projects for more than two consecutive years.* In addition to evaluating whether a project meets our mission and our priorities, the following criteria will be considered: the project 1) addresses a significant community issue; 2) outlines a thoughtful, innovative plan to confront the issue; 3) builds a network of individuals/groups to collaborate on the issue and 4) demonstrates energy and commitment to achieve stated goals.

#### **Priorities are:**

- Fostering faith connections between land and people
- Fostering production/sale of local foods
- Fostering sustainable/regenerative farming
- Creating/enhancing farmers' markets
- Creating/enhancing local food systems

#### **Expectations of Project**

Aligns with mission of the Network Addresses one or more of our prioritized areas Is supported by a network of interested parties Has clearly defined actions and outcomes Informs the Network of project progress

- Creating/enhancing agricultural processing facilities
- Transitioning farms to the next generation
- Training farm and/or non-farm labor
- Promoting rural community development initiatives
- Stewarding our sacred land and water

#### **Expectations of the Network**

Provides seed money to advance projects Serves as a sounding board for projects Provides input on networking possibilities Publicizes projects on our website Provides help in publicizing projects

Size of available Seed Money project funding: Maximum of \$1500

Deadline: January 28, 2022 Awardees notified: February 25, 2022 Submit application forms via email to: foodfaithandfarmingnetwork@gmail.com Forms may also be mailed to: Roger Williams 3768 Bohnsack Lane Cottage Grove, WI 53527

Questions: Contact Roger Williams at <u>rtwillia@wisc.edu</u> or 608-839-4758.

### **Project Description**

Name of Project

**Sponsoring Organization** 

Issue to be addressed

County/location of the project

Desired outcomes of the project

Actions planned to reach outcomes

**Timeline for planned actions** 

Budget showing how the Seed Money will be used

Working Group (Check One): \_\_\_\_\_ Group already exists \_\_\_\_\_ Group is being formed

Agencies/organizations involved in Working Group

Names of other sources of support, whether financial or in-kind

Names, affiliations, emails and phone numbers of persons currently involved in the project

## **Project Contact and Essential Information**

**Primary Contact** 

Affiliation

Email

Phone

Address

Amount of funding requested

Date funds are needed

Organization for which the check should be written

Address the check should be sent to

Organization website/Facebook page (if available)