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**FOOD, FAITH AND FARMING NETWORK**

**Strengthening Connections in Rural Southwest Wisconsin**

**Application for Seed Money for 2021**

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 support our mission and address the issues raised in our Rural Listening/Networking Sessions held in early 2018. While we highly recommend applying for projects that are stated as priorities below, other worthy initiatives will be considered. In addition to evaluating whether a project meets our mission and our priorities, the following criteria will be considered. Does the project: 1) address a significant community issue; 2) build a network of individuals/groups to collaborate on the issue and 3) demonstrate energy and commitment to achieve stated goals?

**Priorities are:**

* Fostering production/sale of local foods
* Fostering faith connections between land and people
* Fostering sustainable/regenerative farming
* Creating/enhancing farmers’ markets
* Creating/enhancing local food systems
* Creating/enhancing agricultural processing facilities
* Transitioning farms to the next generation
* Training farm and/or non-farm labor
* Promoting rural community development initiatives

**Expectations of Project Expectations of the Network**

Aligns with mission of the Network Provides seed money to advance projects

Addresses one or more of our prioritized areas Serves as a sounding board for projects

Is supported by a network of interested parties Provides input on networking possibilities

Has clearly defined actions and outcomes Publicizes projects on our website

Informs the Network of project progress Provides help in publicizing projects

**Size of available seed money project funding:** $1200 --$1500

**Extended Deadline:** January 29, 2021

**Awardees notified:** February 26, 2021

**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 rtwillia@wisc.edu 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**