



FOOD, FAITH AND FARMING NETWORK

Fostering Rural/Urban Connections in Southeastern Wisconsin

Application for Seed Money for 2023

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 foster rural/urban connections in Southeastern Wisconsin and address the issues raised in our fall 2022 Rural Listening/Networking Sessions. While we recommend applying for projects that address priority issues listed below, other worthy initiatives will be considered. In addition to evaluating whether a project meets our mission and priorities, we will consider these criteria: Does it: 1) address a significant community issue; 2) outline an innovative solution to confronting the issue; 3) build a network of individuals/groups to collaborate on the issue and 4) demonstrate energy and commitment to achieve the stated goals?

Priority Issues

- Educating rural and urban consumers on sources of local food
- Informing consumers of benefits of local and sustainably produced food
- Involving urban youth in urban agriculture and food preparation programs
- Creating directories to connect producers and consumers of local foods
- Connecting farmers with rural and urban food deserts
- Initiating food gleaning/distribution programs
- Identifying and providing quality, culturally appropriate foods to urban consumers
- Addressing nutritional needs of school-age youth, seniors, economically disadvantaged
- Supporting affordable access to land and equipment for young aspiring farmers
- Mentoring and providing educational resources for start-up farmers
- Initiating and developing slaughtering facilities for small scale meat animal farmers
- Addressing disappearing farms and competition from industrial farms
- Providing fair wages to producers and affordable prices for consumers
- Reducing environmental impacts of pesticides and monoculture farming
- Reducing food waste through education and creation of composting programs
- Creating a shared forum for discussing and addressing food system issues
- Fostering trusting relationships between rural and urban people.

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

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 30, 2023

Awardees notified: February 27, 2023

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

Organization website/Facebook page (if available)