

## 2022-2023 Oregon Producers Feeding Oregon Communities Grant FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

- **Where does the funding for this grant come from?**
  - Oregon Department of Human Services was awarded a USDA Local Food Purchasing Cooperative Agreement grant and is partnering with Oregon Food Bank, who will administer and distribute the funds.
- **Who was involved in the creation of this grant?**
  - Oregon Department of Human Services (Grant Recipient and final reporting agency. Funding had to go to a State Agency or Tribal Government)
  - Oregon Department of Agriculture: (State agency partner, Grant program support)
  - Oregon Food Bank (Sub-awardee and administering program and funds)
- **What is the purpose of this funding?**
  - To support local and socially disadvantaged producers through building and expanding economic opportunities while creating healthy food access opportunities for underserved communities.
- **Who are the intended audiences for this grant?**
  - The intent of the program is to uplift and support socially disadvantaged producers. For the purpose of this program, socially disadvantaged, as defined by the USDA, is a producer who is a member of a Socially Disadvantaged Group; whose members have been subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and, where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.
  - While purchasing from socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers is not a requirement, we are making it a preference in our scoring rubric.
  - The intended recipient of this grant will also be a *producer who is distributing to underserved communities*.
- **What size farm am I considered? This is Gross Sales**
  - Micro or Low-sale farm: Less than \$150,000
  - Small or Moderate farm: \$150,000 to \$349,999
  - Midsize Farm: \$350,000 to \$999,999
  - Large Farm: \$1,000,000 to \$4,999,999
- **What is the minimum and maximum a producer can ask for?**
  - We will offer tiered option for this process:
    - Tier 1: \$500 minimum up to \$5,000 (paid up front in full)
    - Tier 2: \$5,001 minimum up to \$25,000 (paid up front in full)
    - Tier 3: \$25,001 minimum up to \$50,000 (paid half up front and half mid-season)
- **Is there a requirement to have a distribution outlet before submitting?**
  - Yes. The applicant will need to have distribution outlet(s) outlined that correspond with their narrative and distribution timeline.



the original scope of work and how we can support other ways for them to fulfill the MOU.

➤ **What if I need help with Food Safety Planning?** Here are Resources depending on where you are.

- Do you run a food business and have questions about licensing requirements for food safety? Contact your local food safety inspector for more information.  
<https://mylicense.oda.state.or.us/plsapex/f?p=250:15>
- Are you a seafood harvester and need a HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points) Plan? Find out more here.  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/shared/Documents/Publications/FoodSafety/SeafoodHACCPPlan.pdf>
- Are you a farmer producing crops and selling to wholesale and retail markets (like grocery stores, schools and hospitals)? You may be covered under the Produce Safety Rules. Find out more here.  
<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/MarketAccess/PSR/Pages/AreYouCovered.aspx>
- Are you a small-scale farmer who mostly sells produce directly to consumers in your community? This guidebook will help you improve your produce safety practices on the farm.  
<https://www.youngfarmers.org/resource/foodsafetyguide/>

➤ **Who do I contact if I have more questions?**

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