 HR 133 Specialty Crop Block Grant-application – Stimulus funding

idaho state department of agriculture

Please fill out as thoroughly as possible, directly in the space provided. Each applicant may submit up to four applications. University research projects will not be considered within the HR 133 program. All research projects should be submitted to the traditional Farm Bill funded SCBG program. **DEADLINE** for submitting application is **~~Sunday, May 15, 2022~~ -**  **REOPENED until Sunday, July 31, 2022.** The acceptable font size for the narrative is 11 or 12 pitch with all margins at 1 inch. Type answers into space provided. Limit is fifteen (15) pages or less (not including application cover sheet, line item budget or letters of support).

# Project Title

Provide a descriptive project title in 15 words or less

# Duration of Project

**Start Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **End Date**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Project Summary

Include a project summary of 250 words or less suitable for dissemination to the public. A Project Summary provides a very brief (one sentence, if possible) description of your project. A Project Summary includes:

1. The name of the applicant organization that if awarded a grant will establish an agreement or contractual relationship with the State department of agriculture to lead and execute the project,
2. The project’s purpose, deliverables, and expected outcomes and
3. A description of the general tasks to be completed during the project period to fulfill this goal.

For example:

In response to COVID-19, Community Farmers Market will make market adaptations to provide safe produce handling supplies, online ordering, curbside pickup and direct to wholesale market strategies to assist farmers in expanding sales of specialty crops through direct to consumer and wholesale channels.

# Project Purpose

## Provide the Specific Issue, Problem or Need that the Project will Address

*Describe how your organization was impacted by COVID-19 and how this project will mitigate COVID related issues and impacts.*

## Provide a Listing of the Objectives that this Project Hopes to Achieve

Add more objectives by copying and pasting the existing listing or delete objectives that aren’t necessary.

**Objective 1**

**Objective 2**

**Objective 3**

**Objective 4**

**Add other objectives as necessary**

## Project Beneficiaries

**Estimate the number of project beneficiaries**: Enter the Number of Beneficiaries

**Does this project directly benefit socially disadvantaged farmers as defined in the RFA? (*Definition of socially disadvantaged farmer: a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. A "Socially Disadvantaged Group" is a 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. .)***

**Yes**  **No**

**Does this project directly benefit beginning farmers as defined in the RFA? (*Definition of beginning farmer - an individual or entity who has not operated a farm or ranch for more than 10 years and substantially participates in the operation.* )**

**Yes**  **No**

## Statement of Enhancing Specialty Crops

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| By checking the box to the right, I confirm that this project enhances the competitiveness of specialty crops in accordance with and defined by the Farm Bill. Further information regarding the definition of a specialty crop can be found at [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp). |  |

## Continuation Project Information

**Does this project continue the efforts of a previously funded SCBGP project? Yes**  **No**

If you have selected “yes”, please address the following:

### Describe how this Project will differ from and build on the Previous Efforts

### Provide a Summary (3 to 5 sentences) of the Outcomes of the Previous Efforts

### Provide Lessons Learned on Potential Project Improvements

**What was previously learned from implementing this project, including potential improvements?**

**How are the lessons learned and improvements being incorporated into the project to make the ongoing project more effective and successful at meeting goals and outcomes?**

### Describe the Likelihood of The Project becoming Self-Sustaining and not Indefinitely Dependent on Grant Funds

## Other Support from Federal or State Grant Programs

The SCBGP will not fund duplicative projects. Did you submit this project to a Federal or State grant program other than the SCBGP for funding and/or is a Federal or State grant program other than the SCBGP funding the project currently?

**Yes**  **No**

### If Your Project is receiving or will Potentially receive Funds from another Federal or State Grant Program

**Identify the Federal or State grant program(s).**

**Describe how the SCBGP project differs from or supplements the other grant program(s) efforts.**

# External Project Support /Letters of support

1. Describe the specialty crop stakeholders who support this project and why (other than the applicant and organizations involved in the project).
2. Attach letters of support as separate documents, if applicable

# Expected Measurable Outcomes

## Select the Appropriate Outcome(s) and Indicator(s)/Sub-Indicator(s)

You **MUST** choose at least one of the eight outcomes listed in the [SCBGP Performance Measures](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/SCBGP%20FY15%20PerformanceFINAL_10272015.pdf), which were approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to evaluate the performance of the SCBGP on a national level.

### Outcome Measure(s)

Select the outcome measure(s) that are applicable for this project from the listing below. DO NOT change the measures or edit the text.

**Outcome 1**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through increased sales **(required for marketing projects)**

**Outcome 2**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through increased consumption

**Outcome 3**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through increased access and awareness

**Outcome 4**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops though greater capacity of sustainable practices of specialty crop production resulting in increased yield, reduced inputs, increased efficiency, increased economic return, and/or conservation of resources

**Outcome 5**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through more sustainable, diverse, and resilient specialty crop systems

**Outcome 6**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through increasing the number of viable technologies to improve food safety

**Outcome 7**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through increased understanding of threats to food safety from microbial and chemical sources

**Outcome 8**: Enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops through enhancing or improving the economy as a result of specialty crop development

### Outcome Indicator(s)

Provide at least one indicator listed in the [SCBGP Performance Measures](http://www.ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/SCBGP%20FY15%20PerformanceFINAL_10272015.pdf) and the related quantifiable result. Cut and poste relevant indicators EXACTLY and then fill in the blanks. If you have multiple outcomes and/or indicators, repeat this for each outcome/indicator. Performance Measures can be found in the “Application Outcome Measures and Indicators” document on the ISDA SCBG website under the HR133 program: https://agri.idaho.gov/main/marketing/financial-assistance/idaho-specialty-crop-block-grant-program/

For example:

**A. Outcome 1, Indicator ALWAYS sales dollars:**

Sales increased from $100,000 to $150,000 and by 50 percent, as result of marketing and/or promotion activities

## Miscellaneous Outcome Measure

In the unlikely event that the outcomes and indicators above the selected outcomes are not relevant to your project, you must develop a project-specific outcome(s) and indicator(s) which will be subject to approval by AMS. Please consult with ISDA before choosing this outcome measure.

## Data Collection to Report on Outcomes and Indicators

Explain how you will collect the required data to report on the outcome and indicator in the space below.

# Budget Narrative \*Also attach Exhibit B – Line item Budget

All expenses described in this Budget Narrative must be associated with expenses that will be covered by the SCBGP. Applicants should review the Application Guidelines Appendix A section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities prior to developing their budget narrative.

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| **Budget Summary** | |
| **Expense Category** | **Funds Requested** |
| **Personnel** |  |
| **Fringe Benefits** |  |
| **Travel** |  |
| **Equipment** |  |
| **Supplies** |  |
| **Contractual** |  |
| **Other** |  |
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| **Total Budget** |  |

## Personnel

List any of the organization’s employees whose time and effort will be specifically identified and easily and accurately traced to project activities that enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. See the Request for Applications section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities for further guidance.

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| **#** | **Name/Title** | **Level of Effort (# of hours OR % FTE)** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Personnel Subtotal** |  |

### Personnel Justification

For each individual listed in the above table, describe the activities to be completed by name/title including approximately when activities will occur. Add more personnel by copying and pasting the existing listing or deleting personnel that aren’t necessary.

**Personnel 1:**

**Personnel 2:**

**Personnel 3:**

**Add other Personnel as necessary**

## Fringe Benefits

Provide the fringe benefit rates for each of the project’s salaried employees described in the Personnel section that will be paid with SCBGP funds.

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| **#** | **Name/Title** | **Fringe Benefit Rate** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Fringe Subtotal** |  |

## Travel

Explain the purpose of each Trip Request. Please note that travel costs are limited. In the case of air travel, project participants must use the lowest reasonable commercial airfares. Travel expenses must comply with the State of Idaho travel regulations found at [www.sco.idaho.gov](http://www.sco.idaho.gov) .

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| **#** | **Trip Destination** | **Type of Expense (airfare, car rental, hotel, meals, mileage, etc.)** | **Unit of Measure (days, nights, miles)** | **# of Units** | **Cost per Unit** | **# of Travelers Claiming the Expense** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Travel Subtotal** |  |

### Travel Justification

For each trip listed in the above table describe the purpose of this trip and how it will achieve the objectives and outcomes of the project. Be sure to include approximately when the trip will occur. Add more trips by copying and pasting the existing listing or delete trips that aren’t necessary.

**Trip 1 (Approximate Date of Travel MM/YYYY):**

**Trip 2(Approximate Date of Travel MM/YYYY):**

**Trip 3(Approximate Date of Travel MM/YYYY):**

**Add other Trips as necessary**

### Conforming with Your Travel Policy

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| By checking the box to the right, I confirm that my organization will adhere to the State of Idaho travel regulations at [www.sco.idaho.gov](http://www.sco.idaho.gov) |  |

## Equipment

Describe any special purpose equipment to be purchased or rented under the grant. ‘‘Special purpose equipment’’ is tangible, nonexpendable, personal property having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost that equals or exceeds $5,000 per unit and is used only for research, medical, scientific, or other technical activities. See the Application Guidelines Appendix A section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities, Equipment - Special Purpose for further guidance

Rental of "general purpose equipment’’ must also be described in this section. Purchase of general purpose equipment is not allowable under this grant. See Application Guidelines Appendix A section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities, Equipment - General Purpose for definition, and Rental or Lease Costs of Buildings, Vehicles, Land and Equipment.

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| **#** | **Item Description** | **Rental or Purchase** | **Acquire When?** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Equipment Subtotal** |  |

### Equipment Justification

For each Equipment item listed in the above table describe how this equipment will be used to achieve the objectives and outcomes of the project. Add more equipment by copying and pasting the existing listing or delete equipment that isn’t necessary.

**Equipment 1:**

**Equipment 2:**

**Equipment 3:**

**Add other Equipment as necessary**

## Supplies

List the materials, supplies, and fabricated parts costing less than $5,000 per unit and describe how they will support the purpose and goal of the proposal and enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. See Application Guidelines Appendix A section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities, Supplies and Materials, Including Costs of Computing Devices for further information.

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| **Item Description** | **Per-Unit Cost** | **# of Units/Pieces Purchased** | **Acquire When?** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Supplies Subtotal** |  |

### Supplies Justification

Describe the purpose of each supply listed in the table above purchased and how it is necessary for the completion of the project’s objective(s) and outcome(s).

## Contractual/Consultant

Contractual/consultant costs are the expenses associated with purchasing goods and/or procuring services performed by an individual or organization other than the applicant in the form of a procurement relationship. If there is more than one contractor or consultant, each must be described separately. (Repeat this section for each contract/consultant.)

### Itemized Contractor(s)/Consultant(s)

Provide a list of contractors/consultants, detailing out the name, hourly/flat rate, and overall cost of the services performed. For pass-through entities, provide an itemized budget (personnel, fringe, travel, equipment, supplies, other, etc.) with appropriate justification.

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| **#** | **Name/Organization** | **Hourly Rate/Flat Rate** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Contractual/Consultant Subtotal** |  |

### Contractual Justification

*Provide for each of your real or anticipated contractors listed above a description of the project activities each will accomplish to meet the objectives and outcomes of the project. Each section should also include a justification for why contractual/consultant services are to be used to meet the anticipated outcomes and objectives. Include timelines for each activity. If contractor employee and consultant hourly rates of pay exceed the salary of a GS-15 step 10 Federal employee in your area, provide a justification for the expenses. This limit does not include fringe benefits, travel, indirect costs, or other expenses..* See Application Guidelines Appendix A section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities, Contractual and Consultant Costs for acceptable justifications. Contracts must also conform to State of Idaho procurement standards. That information can be found at <https://purchasing.idaho.gov/>

**Contractor/Consultant 1:**

**Contractor/Consultant 2:**

**Contractor/Consultant 3:**

**Add other Contractors/Consultants as necessary**

### Conforming with your Procurement Standards

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| By checking the box to the right, I confirm that my organization followed the same policies and procedures used for procurements from non-federal sources, which reflect applicable State and local laws and regulations and conform to the Federal laws and standards identified in [2 CFR Part 200.317 through.326](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=988467ba214fbb07298599affd94f30a&n=pt2.1.200&r=PART&ty=HTML#sg2.1.200_1316.sg3), as applicable. If the contractor(s)/consultant(s) are not already selected, my organization will follow the same requirements.  See Idaho specific procurement standards at <https://purchasing.idaho.gov/> pass-through entity designatioN  |  | | --- | | By checking the box to the right, I confirm that my organization will be acting as a pass-through entity as defined by[2 CFR Part 200.74](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2015-title2-vol1/pdf/CFR-2015-title2-vol1-sec200-74.pdf) . If you need assistance in determining if your entity will be acting as a pass-through entity and whether you will have a Subrecipient or a Contractor for your project please review this checklist for guidance: <https://osp.finance.harvard.edu/subrecipient-vs-contractor-guidance> | |  |
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## Other

Include any expenses not covered in any of the previous budget categories. Be sure to break down costs into cost/unit. Expenses in this section include, but are not limited to, meetings and conferences, communications, rental expenses, advertisements, publication costs, and data collection.

If you budget meal costs for reasons other than meals associated with travel per diem, provide an adequate justification to support that these costs are not entertainment costs. See Request for Applications section 4.7.2 Allowable and Unallowable Costs and Activities, Meals for further guidance.

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| **Item Description** | **Per-Unit Cost** | **Number of Units** | **Acquire When?** | **Funds Requested** |
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| **Other Subtotal** |  |

### Other Justification

Describe the purpose of each item listed in the table above purchased and how it is necessary for the completion of the project’s objective(s) and outcome(s).

## Program Income

Program income is gross income—earned by a recipient or subrecipient under a grant—directly generated by the grant-supported activity, or earned only because of the grant agreement during the grant period of performance. Program income includes, but is not limited to, income from fees for services performed; the sale of commodities or items fabricated under an award (this includes items sold at cost if the cost of producing the item was funded in whole or partially with grant funds); registration fees for conferences, etc.

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| **Source/Nature of Program Income** | **Description of how you will reinvest the program income into the project to solely enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops** | **Estimated Income** |
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| **Program Income Total** |  |