

OVERVIEW

2022 Farm Bill Specialty Crop Block Grant

The following information provides an overview of our 2022 request for applications (RFA). Please review this information before applying and contact Calli Forsyth at callinielsen@utah.gov with any questions.

Award

- ❖ **\$313,859.52** is available to be awarded
- ❖ Applications will be open from **Tuesday, February 22nd - to Friday, April 1st**

Overview

Selected projects will run from September 30th, 2022 - to September 29th, 2025.

Projects must fit within one or more of the following categories. If you have a project idea that doesn't fit in one of the categories below, please contact Calli for pre-approval.

- For 2022, priority will be placed on projects that respond to opportunities and challenges with specialty crop production, processing, distribution, and/or marketing in Utah with respect to our unique climate and growing season
- Specialty crop workforce training and development
- Increase consumer knowledge, awareness, and consumption of Utah specialty crops
- Improving efficiency and reducing costs of Utah specialty crop distribution systems

The Individual project funding request cannot exceed \$90,000. We encourage applicants to consider this as the project and budget are formed. Please be sure to review the terms and conditions before putting a project proposal together to ensure the proposed project meets USDA guidelines and all expenses requested are allowable under this grant.

Eligibility

The grant is open to the following applicants headquartered in Utah*:

- Producers
- Private Businesses
- Schools

- Trade Associations
- Non-Profits
- Farmers Markets
- Farming and Ranching Co-Ops
- *Additional applicant types may be eligible, contact Calli for additional details*

**Please note that all projects must benefit more than one applicant and should enhance the specialty crop industry in Utah.*

Ineligible grant costs include but are not limited to:

- ❖ Acquisition of land or buildings
- ❖ Lease-to-own equipment
- ❖ Equipment for purchase (unless it qualifies as special-purpose equipment)
- ❖ *Review the USDA SCBGP Terms and Conditions for more information on allowable and unallowable costs.*

Review Process

The review process for this round of funding has two stages 1.) an initial eligibility review and 2.) a selection committee review. Applicants who make it through stage 1 will be sent to a selection committee for stage 2.

Stage 1: Considerations

- Projects that only benefit one applicant will be automatically disqualified
- Applications with project managers that do not currently have active SCBGP funding will be prioritized
- Projects centered on ineligible crops will be automatically disqualified
- Incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified
- Funds requested must be for allowable expenses
- The project must have clear, measurable, and attainable outcomes

Stage 2: Considerations

- Review the attached ranking and rating document for more detail