

AgSHOP Local Soil Health Workshop Grant

Overview:

Funding will be made available for the conservation district to host local workshops / conferences focused on soil health. Funding cap will be \$10,000 per application, with focus on holding workshops in the 2025 calendar year. The grants will be reimbursement based. Funding will be used for rental of facility, speaker fees, supplies, advertisements, and meals (within per diem rate)

Parameters:

Grant opening date: May 6th, 2024

Grant closing date: June 14th, 2024

Grant Cycle Total Funding Available: \$30,000

Award Ceiling: \$10,000

Award Floor: \$1,500

Minimum Awards to be Granted: 3

Match Requirement: None Required. Cash-Only Match Allowed

Eligibility:

Organizations that work with agriculture producers in the state of Utah.

Organizations with the capacity and experience to host high quality local events.

Organizations with experience in grant management, project implementation.

Must be for a new event or significantly expanding the scope of existing events.

Eligible Costs:

- Event space rental
- Speaker Fees
- Meals (within state per diem rates)
- Printed Materials / Supplies
- Advertisements
- Administrative Costs (5% max)

Objectives:

- Expand localized knowledge of soil health principles and practices across the state through smaller community sized education and outreach events across the state.
 - Conferences / Workshops
- Provide resources to cover expenses that
 - Pay for expert speakers
 - Pay for soil practitioner presenters from around the state to present
 - Supplies, advertisements, event rental to host the events
- Provide a support network for producers implementing soil health.
- Increase implementation of soil health practices through knowledge sharing.
 - Field days / Demonstration Events

Applications:

<https://udafgrants.utah.gov/submit>

Contact Information:

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Program Manager:

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Ranking Criteria:

Applicant Questions:

- Total number of events to be held with the grant (*One, Two to Four, or Five+. 10 pts max*)
- Estimated number of total attendees (*25 or Less, 26-49, or 50+. 10 pts max*)
- Total Grant Cost for the event(s) (*10 pts max*)
- Total Grant Cost per attendee (*10 pts Max*)
- Number of Partners Involved (Signed Letters of Support Required) (*1 Partner 5 pts, 2+ 10 pts*)
- Is this your first time for your organization hosting a **soil health** event (*Yes - 5 pts*)
- Amount of cash matching funds (*2 pts per 10% match - 10 pts max*)

Ranking Committee Questions:

- Organization experience in hosting events (*0 pts - Little Experience, 5 pts - Highly Experienced*)
- Organization experience in managing and implementing grants (*0 pts - Little Experience, 5 pts - Highly Experienced*)
- Event layout and Plan - Quality of Agenda (*1-10 pts*)
- Potential Impact of the event (*1-10 pts*)

Application Questions:

Organization Name:
Organization Address:
Organization Phone #:
Organization Email:

Organization Application Contact
Contact First Name:
Contact Last Name:
Contact Email:
Contact Phone #:

Total Grant Request: (\$1,500 floor, \$10,000 ceiling):

Details:

- Project Overview: Please provide a description of the proposed project, including activities planned, target audience, locations, and goals.
- Please describe your organization's experience working with agriculture producers.
- Please describe your organization's experience planning/hosting educational events.
- Please describe your organization's experience receiving and implementing grants.
- Please list all partners involved in the project, each partner's role and contributions to the project, and each organization's relevant expertise.
- How many events will be held under this project?
- How many estimated total attendees? (all events combined)
- Is this your organization's first time hosting a soil health-related event?

Budget Categories:

Total Projected Cost:

- Event Space Rental Cost:
- Speaker Fee Costs:
- Event Meal Costs:
- Supplies / Material Costs:
- Advertising Costs:
- Administrative Costs (maximum 5% of request total):

Total Grant Request:

Total Match Amount:

- Match Amount (Cash Only) (\$0 or more):

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