

Project Coordinator	Project Name and Description	Amount of Project
Rebecca Singer, CIFT 419-535-6000 ext. 109 <a href="mailto:rsinger@ciftinnovation.org">rsinger@ciftinnovation.org</a>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>High Pressure Processing of Ohio Grapes and Hops</i></p> The project will draw on work previously completed in the wine and juice industries and will demonstrate that high quality, high value added products can be produced from Ohio grapes.	\$ 44,512
Carol Goland, OEFFA 614-421-2022 <a href="mailto:cgoland@oeffa.org">cgoland@oeffa.org</a>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Increasing Ohio Specialty Crop Competitiveness with Organic Production and Food Safety Comp</i></p> The purpose of this project is to increase the competitiveness of Ohio's organic and transitioning to organic specialty crop producers with specific objectives of (1) providing technical assistance with certified organic production and marketing to beginning and existing farmers; (2) helping beginning farmers and farmers transitioning to organics understand the organic certification process and requirements; and (3) providing resources and working with organic specialty crop farmers to develop and implement food safety plans on their farms.	\$ 43,960
Brad Bergefurd, OSU 740-289-2071 ext. 136 <a href="mailto:bergefurd.1@osu.edu">bergefurd.1@osu.edu</a>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Development and Delivery of Resource-Efficient, Ecologically Sustainable Strawberry Production</i></p> This project will develop strawberry production in Ohio, a crop in great demand by Ohio consumers. Ohio growers are poised to capture some of the \$168 million dollars in annual strawberry sales and related jobs currently sourced out of state by Ohio's retail and wholesale produce buyers.	\$ 78,427
Gary Y. Gao, OSU 740-289-2071 Gao.2@osu.edu	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Container Production and Chemigation of Berries for Season Extension and Risk Mitigation</i></p> Polar Vortex have nearly destroyed 352 acres of blackberry production, decreased yields in the 400 acres of raspberry production by about 20% and 20% in 381 acres of blueberries in 2014 and 2015. Container production of these crops will help protect potted plants from cold temperatures; improve container production; and help grower extend the season and expand acreage.	\$146,730
Sanja Ilic, OSU 614-292-4076 <a href="mailto:ilic.2@osu.edu">ilic.2@osu.edu</a>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Implement New On-Farm Produce Safety Education Models</i></p> Since its inception in 2007, The OSU Fruit & Vegetable Safety Team has aspired to provide produce safety educational outreach service to Ohio's estimated 3,000 produce growers on on-farm produce safety. The educational program closely follows content within the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act Produce Safety Rule.	\$100,000
Lee Lauren Truesdale, The Foodbank, Inc. 937-461-0265 ext. 13 <a href="mailto:lalder@thefoodbankdayton.org">lalder@thefoodbankdayton.org</a>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Increasing Access to Specialty Crops for Underserved Families in the Miami Valley</i></p> There are currently 130,200 food insecure people living in the organization's service territory, many of which reside in one of the 34 different food deserts in the Miami Valley. This project will develop a two acre community garden to produce a variety of high demand specialty crops. These crops will be made available to over 70,000 unduplicated clients each year.	\$ 50,000
Darren Hamm, The Refugee Response 216-533-3878 <a href="mailto:Darren@refugeeresponse.org">Darren@refugeeresponse.org</a>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Growing EthniCity: Expanding the Market for Locally Grown Ethnic Specialty Crops</i></p> This project will support The Refugee Response in increasing the availability of locally grown ethnic specialty crops in the Cleveland market and providing the opportunity to illustrate the value of this niche and underserved market. Activities include market research, outreach & education and securing the infrastructure/supplies needed to successfully cultivate ethnic specialty crops, including allowing for season extension.	\$ 20,000