

Project Coordinator	Project Name & Description	Amount of Project
Doug Doohan, OSU 330.202.3593 Doohan.1@osu.edu	<i>Increase grower awareness & acceptance of GAPS through subsidized improved produce safety program</i> This program aims to prepare growers for produce safety regulations through affordable subsidized program fees and integrated message delivery.	\$ 80,935.00
Kenneth Anderson 614.247.1940 Anderson.1230@osu.edu	<i>Integrating microclover with turfgrass to produce pa more environmentally sustainable turfgrass ecosystem</i> Trifolium repens or microclover, has smaller leaves is more decumbents, and produces less flowers than traditional clover. It has a natural relationship with rhizobium bacteria which is able to modify atmospheric nitrogen into a form usable by plants. Fertilizer, pesticide and water use and the resultant reduced inputs/costs are projected at 50% or greater with our program. Will measure the economic impact of microclover for sod producers.	\$ 87,148.00
Daniel Struve, OSU 614.292.3851 Struve.1@osu.edu	<i>Increasing the sustainability and profitability of Ohio container production nurseries</i> Ohio's nursery producers must increase their profitability to remain nationally competitive. This proposal builds a team of nursery producers and suppliers to speed early adoption of a new container production system with the potential to significantly reduce production costs. The prototype system was developed at OSU during three years of testing. OSU will continue to research emerging technical issues while the prototype is nursery tested.	\$ 20,000.00
Dr. Gary Y. Gao, OSU 740.289.2071 Gao.2cfaes.osu.edu	<i>Revitalization, Expansion, and Season Extension of blueberry production in Ohio</i> OSU South Centers would like to conduct applied research to significantly increase the production capacity and competitiveness of Ohio's blueberry industry. There is a major shortage of Ohio grown blueberries. Evaluation of new cultivars, innovative production techniques, season extension methods, and nursery propagation techniques will be utilized to help fruit growers become more profitable and ultimately help create jobs in Ohio.	\$ 60,000.00
Steve Carver, OPGMA 614.487.1117 scarver@ofa.org	<i>Ohio Produce Marketing Agreement</i> This project builds on the project's previous vigorous efforts which validated the need for a standard to promote and protect Ohio Agriculture. The goal is to establish a food safety marketing agreement that will protect consumers and their confidence in Ohio grown produce – one that is based on sound science applicable to all levels of farming and the wide diversity of Ohio agriculture.	\$ 58,750.00
Steve Carver, OPGMA 614.487.1117 scarver@ofa.org	<i>OPGMA Food Safety Education Outreach</i> The OPGMA understands the critical nature of safe-food issues for the health and welfare of consumers and for the vitality of the Ohio produce industry. This proposal, "OPGMA Food Safety Education Outreach," supports OPGMA's direct food safety education efforts, including a full day of programming at the OPGMA Congress and outreach through printed and online communications.	\$ 33,300.00
Cara Lomas Ohio Wine Producers Assn. 800.227.6972 publicrelations@ohiowines.org	<i>Wine education & awareness for Ohio consumers and grape growing awareness for Ohio school children</i> Provide public education by: 1) using the book The Grape Grow Sweet, to teach children about the science and farm land preservation role of grape growing in our state; 2) to drive visitation to wineries in southern Ohio using a one of a kind Ohio wine trivia board game and regional passport; 3) to use QR code technology to	\$ 15,000.00

	attract smart phone users to wineries	
Gwen Forte, Growhio 216.403.6669 Gwen.forte@gmail.com	<i>What's growing in your neighborhood? Healthy Produce. Healthy People. Healthy Connections.</i> In partnership with 8 farmers' markets in the Cleveland Farmers' Market Guild, Growhio will improve Ohio's specialty crop industry by capitalizing on the economic purchasing power of urban communities through strategic marketing, outreach, programming and collaboration.	\$ 20,000.00
Valerie Graham Ohio Christmas Tree Assn. 740.828.3331 val@ohiochristmastree.com	<i>Recruitment and mentorship program for the Ohio Christmas Tree Association</i> Develop an internet video series, DVD and Christmas tree growers manual for this project. These resources and the mentorship program should result in increased tree production and in a increase in gross sales in Ohio.	\$ 15,000.00
Jennifer Gray, ONLA 614.899.1195 jennifergray@onla.org	<i>Online nursery stock locator search engine</i> A year round marketplace connecting Ohio producers of nursery crops with volume wholesale buyers. The marketplace, an online nursery stock locator search engine, will promote and encourage the continued production of Ohio nursery crops as well as the sale and use of Ohio nursery products in and out of state.	\$ 40,000.00
Hannah Mathers, ONLA 614.247.6195 Mathers.7@osu.edu	<i>Statewide weed control initiative for Ohio nurseries</i> Weed control is essential in nurseries and is the major pest control expense. A complex diversity of species is grown with some species having few, if any labeled herbicides. Chemical companies are struggling to perform the labeling research. New and difficult weeds are also emerging making the need for more effective and economical controls critical. This project could cut weeding costs up to 300%, increase profits and create 1,000 new jobs.	\$ 50,000.00
Tonya Woodruff OH Grocers Assn., Foundation 614.442.5511 ext. 7190 foundation@ohiogrocers.org	<i>Ohio Grocers Foundation Pathway to Food Safety</i> Develop a food safety training module specific to locally produced specialty crops and Farmers Markets and incorporate the module into our Pathway to Food Safety kit.	\$ 53,040.00
Rebecca Singer, CIFT 419.535.6000 ext. 104 rsinger@ciftinnovation.org	<i>Specialty Crop Processing Facility</i> Produce a plan for the establishment of a moderately sized plant to accumulate, minimally process, store, and distribute specialty vegetables in Western Ohio. It will evaluate the size and product mix that is necessary to economically sustain a viable operation, and identify product opportunities for specialty growers in the region.	\$ 34,500.00
Rebecca Singer, CIFT 419.535.6000 ext. 104 rsinger@ciftinnovation.org	<i>Building supply chains for Ohio specialty crops</i> Connect Ohio specialty crop growers to Ohio food processing establishments and distributors, thereby enhancing their economic performance. By capitalizing on CIFT's long history of dealing with many of our state's 1,100 food processing establishments, this project will identify, evaluate, quantify, and establish relationships among growers and processors through which Ohio grown specialty fruits and vegetables can be used.	\$ 35,500.00
Leslie Schaller, ACENET 740.592.3854 leslies@acenetworks.org	<i>Appalachian producers market training and branding project</i> Will assist specialty crop producers to increase wholesale market access and annual sales/profitability for fresh and processed specialty crops via targeted market channels; restaurants, grocery retailers and educational institutions. Three objectives will be employed: 1) Market Ready, GAP and HACCP training; 2) Regional brand promotions, and #) Improved processing and packaging.	\$ 30,000.00