

# 2016 Specialty Crop Block Grant Process



April 6, 2016

**Ohio**

**Department of  
Agriculture**



## AGENDA

- Ohio's Award
- Needs & Priorities
- Timeline
- Eligibility & Funding Restrictions
- Application Format & Review Process
- Reimbursements & Reports



## 2016 SCBGP

- Proposals shall be designed to address obstacles or opportunities that solely impact the competitive advantage of Ohio's specialty crop industry; develop a plan to address these obstacles or opportunities.
- Ohio's Award: \$527,624
- [www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp](http://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp)



**What are the needs and priorities of Ohio's specialty crop industry?**



## 2016 SCBG Timeline

- April 6 – Stakeholder Meeting
- April 8 – RFP Posted
  - [www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/specialty\\_crops.aspx](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/divs/specialty_crops.aspx)
- June 3 – Application Deadline @ 4 pm
- June 17 – Review Committee Meeting
- July 1 – State Plan to USDA



## Eligibility Requirements

- Non-Profit/501c3
- Private Individuals & Entities not eligible
- DUNS – Data Universal Numbering System
- Clear Profit & Employments opportunities



## Funding Restrictions

- Advertising and Public Relations
  - costs to promote a logo, brand or organization
  - Acceptable Example: Promoting tomatoes while including an organization's logo.
  - Not Acceptable: Generally promoting an organization's logo.



## Funding Restrictions

- Coupons/incentives
- Trade Shows/Meeting Rooms
- Rental Space
- Aquaponics
  - Not Acceptable: A project to grow specialty crops where both crops and fish are sold.
  - Acceptable: Determine whether carp, catfish or tilapia are best for growing lettuce.



## Application Requirements

- Meet USDA and RFP Guidelines
- Provide 25% match
- Meet two year grant period
  - September 2016 – September 2018
- Follow new application format
- Meet application deadline



## Application Changes

- Continuation of proposals
- Expected Measurable Outcomes & Indicators
  - Must choose one and one indicator
  - Marketing proposals must choose first Outcome
  - Misc. Outcomes must be USDA approved
- Budget
  - No Work Plan
  - Matching budget submitted separately



## Submitting Application

- On-line Application  
[agri.ohio.gov/divs/specialtycrops/specialtycrops.aspx](http://agri.ohio.gov/divs/specialtycrops/specialtycrops.aspx)
- Deadline: June 3 @ 4:00 pm
- Word document – if approved for State Plan



## ODA Review Process

- Review for eligibility requirements
- Invited to Review Committee meeting – June 17
- Recommendations to ODA Director
- Applicants notified of pre-approval
- Word document for State Plan



## USDA Review Process

- State Plan submitted July 1
- USDA has final approval
- USDA may have additional questions
- ODA will notify applicants of final decision



## Approved Proposals

- ODA contract for signature
- Projects begin once contract is signed by all parties
- W-9 and Vendor Information Form to ODA
  - <http://ohioshredservices.ohio.gov/vendorforms.aspx>



## Reimbursement Requests

- Quarterly reimbursements
- [www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaforms/odaforms.aspx](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaforms/odaforms.aspx)
- Back-up information required for grant funds
- State's Travel Rules
- Payment made directly to grantee



## Reporting Requirements

- Quarterly Reports submitted with reimbursements
  - [www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaforms/odaforms.aspx](http://www.agri.ohio.gov/apps/odaforms/odaforms.aspx)
- Annual Report -- December 2017
- Final Report – December 2018
- Final Report must be approved before final reimbursement is processed



**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?**



**What are the needs and priorities of Ohio's specialty crop industry?**

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