

NHFC Microgrant

What is the NHFC Microgrant Program?

We are proud to announce our fifth annual Local Farmer Microgrant! 100% of NHFC's October customer round-up donations will be used to directly support local farmers and wellness product producers. We are excited to strengthen our relationship with local producers to help increase the production of local food and overall access to local products for all our community members.

Grant Information at a Glance

- Grant Application Deadline April 8th, 2024.
- The awardee will be announced at the NHFC Annual meeting on April 25th, 2024.
- One \$2,600 grant will be awarded. Note: this grant will result in taxable income to be reported on a 1099.
- The Board of Directors will select recipients by using a scoring guide to evaluate the responses on the application.

Eligibility

- Local farmers who supply NHFC with produce, meats, eggs, or dairy.
- Local producers who supply NHFC with wellness products.
- Have supplied NHFC with products for at least one year or had \$1,000 in total farm sales through NHFC this past year.
- Must operate their business within 100 miles of NHFC.

Microgrant uses can include (but are not limited to):

- Implementation of sustainable farming practices and land management
- Cost associated with transitioning to organic certification
- Season extension projects
- Training, courses, and other forms of education specific to your business
- New product development such as value-added farm goods, diversifying crops or livestock, etc.
- Equipment or technology upgrades such as heaters, refrigerators, solar installations, business management software, etc.
- Marketing improvements such as labeling and packaging, web design, etc.

Funds must not be used to supplement general business operations or expenses.

Business Information

Name:

Farm/Business Name:

Farm/Business Address:

Phone Number: - -

Email:

Short description of your farm or business:

How many years have you been in business?

How many years have you supplied your products to NHFC?

Where do you sell your products?

Approximate Percentage of Sales

What percentage of your sales come from NHFC? %

From direct marketing (farmers market, CSA, etc.)? %

From wholesale or other outlets? %

=100%

What percentage of your gross household income from your most current tax return is from your farm or other business?

NHFC Farmer Microgrant Project Information

1. Short Description of your NHFC Farmer Microgrant project:

2. Budget

Total Budget Request (Max \$2,600): \$

Brief Budget Narrative (breakdown of how budget will be spent):

3. Project Goals: What do you hope to achieve with this project? Please list one or two specific goals.

- Goal One:
- Goal Two:

4. Project Impact: How does this project fit into the larger picture of your businesses? Why is it important to a healthy, local and sustainable economy?

5. Anticipated Completion Date of this project:

6. Evaluation: How will you determine if your project is successful?

7. Outreach: Would you be willing to share your project results so others can learn from your work? For example: Could we help you complete an article for our newsletter? If you have a website or social media, could you post project information on it?

Application Checklist

Meet Eligibility Requirements:

- Supply produce, meat, eggs, or dairy to NHFC
- Supply wellness products
- Supplied NHFC for more than a year or have over \$1,000 in farm sales at NHFC
- Live within 100 miles of NHFC

Completed Documents:

- Business Information
- Microgrant Project Information
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Application Deadline Submit a completed application by April 8th, 2024 to board@naturalharvest.coop