

**“Covid-19 Local Food Supply Chain Response Fund” Infrastructure Grant Program**  
***Application for NM Farmers & Ranchers***

**APPLICATIONS DUE: March 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm**

The New Mexico Farmers Marketing Association, in collaboration with the New Mexico Acequia Association, is pleased to introduce the 2021 Infrastructure Grant Program. This grant was developed using a participatory grant process with an Advisory Council of eight farmers from across the state.

Our intention is to provide NM farmers and ranchers with financial support for infrastructure needs to support goals including growing or improving the economic viability of agricultural operations, increasing soil and ecosystem health, increasing access to healthy and culturally important food in our families and communities, and supporting the next generation of young farmers and ranchers.

Farmers, ranchers, and producer collectives\* who are residents or whose farms are located in NM are invited to apply. Your farm does not need to be a registered business. \*Collectives do not need to be official/legal groups or coops. They can be informal groups of farmers/ranchers working together. If you apply as a collective, please fill out the top part of the form with the contact info/details for a primary contact. There is space at the end of the form to list all collective members.

We aim to fund a maximum of 10 projects with a budget of up to \$10,000 - 20 projects with budgets of up to \$2,500 - and 50 projects with budgets of up to \$1,000. An itemized list of project expenses is required with your application, but don't be afraid! If you need assistance with your budget/itemized list, please call us. We will be happy to help.

We understand infrastructure to be things that will contribute to the long term health, success and sustainability of your farm/ranch. This can include marketing, processing, etc. While we are not funding daily labor, your budget can include the labor needed to implement/install an infrastructure project. We are unable to fund: (1) Operations (routine labor for harvesting/weed, taxes) - (2) Consumables/expendables (seeds, soil amendments, etc.)

**Contact us for a SPANISH language application.**

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**CONTACT FOR ASSISTANCE: [sarahg@farmersmarketsnm.org](mailto:sarahg@farmersmarketsnm.org) or 505-983-4010 ext 2**

**To SUBMIT your paper application you may:**

**(a) Scan and email it to: [sarahg@farmersmarketsnm.org](mailto:sarahg@farmersmarketsnm.org)**

**(b) Or return by mail to:**

**NMFMA - 1219 Luisa St, Ste 1, Santa Fe, NM, 87505**

*\*mail must be postmarked on/before March 17 -*

*please also call NMFMA after mailing to let us know it is on the way\**

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone Number:**

**Farm or Ranch Name:**

**What county is your farm or ranch located in?:**

**Physical address of farm or ranch (if possible):**

**Mailing address:**

**What is your ethnicity/cultural heritage (please check all that apply)?**

- Black/African American/Afro-Caribbean/African
- Hispana/Hispano, Chicana/Chicano, Mexicana/Mexicano, Latinx
- Indigenous/First Nations
- Asian/Asian descent
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White/European descent
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you identify as a young or beginning farmer or rancher?**  Yes  No

**What are your project priorities (check all that apply):**

- Food security for my family or community
- Strengthening/reviving land based traditions
- Improving and/or expanding my farm business
- Regenerative practices/health of the land
- Launch new farm/starting work as a young farmer
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

| How/where do you usually sell your food during non-Covid times? (check all that apply)  | Where do you hope to sell in the future? (check all that apply)   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' market(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Farm stand<br><input type="checkbox"/> CSA<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local food hub/growers' cooperative<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local grocery stores<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local schools<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior centers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Friends/family/community<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' market(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Farm stand<br><input type="checkbox"/> CSA<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local food hub/growers' cooperative<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local grocery stores<br><input type="checkbox"/> Local schools<br><input type="checkbox"/> Senior centers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry<br><input type="checkbox"/> Friends/family/community<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

**How would you describe the size of your farming operation?**

- Less than 1 acre
- 1-3 acres
- 4-9 acres
- 10-20 acres
- 20+acres

**Funding \$ Amount Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please describe what you plan to do with the funding requested** (*short and sweet, ~1 paragraph is great*)

**Please provide an itemized budget of how you plan to spend these funds. Please account for the full amount you are requesting** (*ex \$500 for hoop house plastic, \$500 for labor support for hoop house construction=\$1,000 total*)

**How does this project directly impact your family or community?**

**Tell us about how you care for the land, water, Earth on your farm/ranch/operation?**

**If you are applying as a collective - please describe your collective/group/coop:**

**If you are applying as a collective/group/coop - how will you distribute funds between members:**

**If you are applying as a collective/group/coop - please list the name, farm name and farm location of each collective participant:**

**Is there anything else you'd like us to know?**