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Logan County Agriculture Impact Fund Fall Mini-Grant Application

About: The Logan County Agriculture Impact Fund was founded in 2018 to provide agriculture enrichment opportunities to the youth of Logan County. The grant was established by the Logan County Farm Bureau and is generated through the Logan County Farm Bureau Reverse Raffle event.

Purpose: These grants are available in amounts of up to \$500.00 for agriculture education and promotional projects involving youth in Logan County Ohio. The purpose of the fund is to support projects and events that will expand and grow agriculture's footprint in the county.

Eligibility: Grants are offered to any organization/school in Logan County, Ohio, that promotes the importance of agriculture and supports youth interested in learning more about the industry. The grant will be evaluated on a competitive basis. Projects submitted for the grant **MUST** be completed within the timeframe of the year, with no extensions.

Grant Timeline:

- Application period will be from October 1-November 15, 2024.
- Grants will undergo a two-tiered approval process upon submission. Recipients will be notified within 10 days of submission regarding their success in the application process.
- Completed project reports will be due to the committee by August 30, 2025.

Application Guidelines:

- Grants must be submitted electronically by deadline. No paper submissions will be reviewed. Please forward this to jsmith@ofbf.org or logan@ofbf.org.
- Applications for the Fall of 2024 must be received by **November 15, 2024**.
- Those projects selected for a grant will receive one-half of the grant dollars at the beginning of the project and the balance upon completion of the project and the submission of a final report to the Impact Fund committee regarding the success of the project.
- An organization may only submit one application in a cycle.
- Funding is not available for mileage, wages/benefits, and meals and preference will be given to those projects that create a long-term impact.
- Grant applicants working with multiple institutions or in partnerships must show written agreement of the proposed project with their submission.
- Grant payments can only be made to organizations that are 501c3. Payments CANNOT be made to individuals or other organizations.

Selection Criteria:

All applications MUST be for agriculture education programs. All applications will be screened for compliance with the grant proposal guidelines, and any grant that does not meet the guidelines will be eliminated from the judging process before review. The following areas are eligible for disqualification:

- Applicant failing to follow directions.
- Applications submitted past the deadline.
- The application does not meet the basic requirements of the grant principles.

All applications meeting the guidelines will be evaluated by a panel of judges. Each evaluator will be asked to score the applications according to the following criteria:

The project enhances learner engagement in the agricultural industry, in Ohio and Logan County Ohio	30 Points
The project will engage youth and encourage their involvement in and learn more about agriculture.	20 Points
The project application is complete and has defined: Plans, Goals, Timeline, and Budget.	20 Points
The project expands on current ag education efforts.	20 Points
The project provides a new and innovative way to showcase agriculture topics and themes.	10 Points

Applicant Information

Applicants Name/Organization: _____

Tax ID number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person with Organization: _____

Contact Person Phone: _____ Email: _____

How many people will this grant serve? _____

Are you applying w/ a partner? Y or N If yes, please name: _____

Grant Funding Request Amount: _____ (minimum of \$100.00)

Project Name: _____

Project Summary: *Please keep to 125 words/characters*

What are the goals and anticipated outcomes for your project?

Who is your target audience? How many will you reach with this project?

What is the timeline for your project?

What is your budget/how will be it used?

Explain how this project will engage, enlighten and grow agriculture awareness in our community.