



# Transportation and Marketing Micro-Grants for Food Security Program

## *Fiscal Year 2023* *Description of Funded Projects*

**Number of Grants Awarded:** 4

**Amount of Funds Awarded:** \$7,600,000.00

For more information, please visit the grant program's website: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/mgfsp>

**NOTE:** The below project descriptions were provided by the grant recipients.

### Alaska Division of Agriculture

**Recipient:** Alaska Division of Agriculture  
Juneau, AK

**Award Amount:** \$3,576,750.59

**Project Type:** Initiative

#### *Micro-Grants for Food Security Program*

The Alaska Division of Agriculture will conduct a grant proposal opening for the 2023 Micro-Grants for Food Security Program (MGFSP.) The MGFSP grants are available to all individuals, Indian Tribes or tribal organizations, qualifying nonprofits, and federally funded educational facilities. As in 2022, the Individual awards are arranged by project type and will be fixed amount awards, prioritized by the SNAP food assistance program ranked census areas with the greatest food insecurity. Organizations will apply with a project proposal as usual, and both types of applications will be scored by a Review panel of experts familiar with Alaskan Agriculture and regions, using the measures of census area food insecurity rank, and direct and indirect beneficiaries. Projects and qualifying activities in 2023 are grouped under the broader categories of Gardening/Greenhouse, Livestock/Poultry, Subsistence, and Slaughterhouse.

### CNMI Division of Agriculture

**Recipient:** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
(CNMI) Division of Agriculture  
Saipan, MP

**Award Amount:** \$223,529.41

**Project Type:** Initiative

#### *FY2023 Feed CNMI Project*

The CNMI DOA will announce the availability of funds for farmers, rangers and other interested individuals or organizations to apply and implement projects consistent with the requirements of the program. Project activities must be measurable, including the number of beneficiaries. Eligible applicants should be living on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The announcement for the availability of funds will be made in the local papers for three days within three consecutive weeks, including on the radio, discussing program requirements, deadlines and other important information. This will ensure the greatest number of eligible entities are reached, as the radio station usually interviews guest speakers during morning commute hours.

Furthermore, the staff will utilize virtual workshops via Zoom to benefit applicants and interested individuals who are residing on the neighboring islands of Tinian and Rota.

## Guam Department of Agriculture

**Recipient:** Guam Department of Agriculture  
Hagatna, GU

**Award Amount:** \$223,529.41

**Project Type:** Initiative

### ***Enhancing Local Food Production and Security: GDOAG's MGFSP Initiative in Guam***

The Guam Department of Agriculture (GDOAG) will advertise the MGFSP opportunity and RFA announcement through multiple channels, including their official website and social media outlets within their individual agency divisions. When reaching out via emails, fliers, and phone calls, they will also construct a list of NGO partners and refer to their existing bona fide farmer registration. They will also use word-of-mouth marketing to capitalize on Guam's close-knit farming community. The goal is to broaden the scope of the MGFSP opportunity and attract a broader range of participants, including NGOs, farmers, local media, and other stakeholders. Following the initial promotion, GDOAG will conduct a competitive request for applications (RFA) process. The project's goal is to increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food in Guam's geographically isolated villages who are experiencing food insecurity. Given Guam's reliance on imports for more than 90% of its food consumption, this program aims to boost the local agricultural sector and increase access to nutritious, locally produced food. Small-scale gardening, livestock activities, and projects aiming at increasing food availability and improving food knowledge in food-insecure areas will receive subawards.

## Hawaii Department of Agriculture

**Recipient:** Hawaii Department of Agriculture  
Honolulu, HI

**Award Amount:** \$3,576,750.59

**Project Type:** Initiative

### ***Micro-Grants for Food Security Program Fiscal Year 2023***

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) will identify the eligible entities, defined as those entities that are physically located in Hawaii and that will engage in activities that will increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food for food insecure individuals, families, neighborhoods and communities through outreach.

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) will administer the MGFSP by using a fixed amount award system for individuals and proposals for organizations.