



Fiscal Year 2022

Description of Funded Projects

Number of Grants Awarded: 5

Amount of Funds Awarded: \$5,000,000.00

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

Recipient: Alaska Division of Agriculture
Palmer, AK

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$2,285,714.29

Alaska 2022 Micro Grants for Food Security Program Award

The Alaska Division of Agriculture will conduct a grant proposal opening for the 2022 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 2021, the Individual awards are arranged by project type, and will be fixed amount awards, prioritized by Census Areas of greatest food insecurity, as ranked by the SNAP food assistance program. 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 2022 are grouped under the broader the categories Gardening, Greenhouse, Livestock/Poultry, and Subsistence.

American Samoa

Recipient: American Samoa Government Department of Agriculture
Tafuna, AS

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$142,857.14

American Samoa 2022 Micro Grants for Food Security Program Award

American Samoa Government Department of Agriculture (ASG DOA) proposes to utilize the Fixed Amount Award to administer the micro grant project to initiate poultry farming to better assist ASG DOA with monitoring the project and will also provide the local residents and farmers the opportunity to gain insight, collaborate, collect and provide data to ASG DOA of their small-scale poultry farming progress. In two years, the ASG DOA's project in poultry farming will have improved and increased. Currently, there is but one registered poultry farm in American Samoa. It is a locally family-owned and operated farm that provides eggs to the different local retail stores. The ASG DOA is encouraged to initiate poultry farming within the territory; this type of farming somewhat dissipated throughout the years due to the lack of supplies, feed, and chickens that could not be sustained. ASG DOA proposes the initiation of poultry farming within the territory to grow its small-scale farming for poultry to improve and increase the territory's position for food security. Poultry farming includes both chicken layers and broilers for meat production with anticipation to substitute imported chicken meat with the locally produced chicken meat after initiating, producing, improving, and increasing production for import substitution.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Recipient: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Agriculture
Saipan, MP
Project Type: Initiative
Award Amount: \$142,857.14

CNMI 2022 Micro Grants for Food Security Program Award

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Division of Agriculture (CNMI DOA) will use multiple methods to identify and reach eligible entities. The staff will develop a list of local entities that meet program requirements, including individual farmers, ranchers, food pantries, and federal funded educational institutions such as head start, public school systems, Northern Marianas College (NMC) Community Research and Extension Services (CREES). CNMI DOA will communicate to these entities to explain the program and encourage them to apply once the Request for Proposal is announced. The entities are all located in CNMI and are managing farm or agriculture businesses or programs on the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota. DOA staff will also utilize KKMP Radio to disseminate information about the program. They will request an hour of airtime to talk about the program, including its 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 conduct virtual workshops via Zoom to explain the application process and requirements, making it easier for eligible applicants to apply to the program who are residing on the neighboring islands of Tinian and Rota.

Guam

Recipient: Guam Department of Agriculture
Hagatna, GU
Project Type: Initiative
Award Amount: \$142,857.14

Guam 2022 Micro Grants for Food Security Program Award

Guam Department of Agriculture (DOAG) will administer a competitive Request for Proposals to award federal funds to increase the quality and quantity of locally grown foods. The goal is to support food-insecure communities that import a significant amount of food. The funds will provide grant funding to qualifying applicants over a one to three-year period. Micro-Grants for Food Security Program (MGFSP) provides opportunities for Guam-based individuals and organizations, commodity associations, agricultural cooperatives, producer groups, and other non-profit organizations related to agriculture to engage in activities that will increase local food sustainability for Guam. Activities funded under the MGFSP will assist eligible farmers with small-scale gardening, herding, and livestock operations by competitively distributing sub awards to eligible entities.

Hawaii

Recipient: Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Honolulu, HI
Project Type: Initiative
Award Amount: \$2,285,714.29

Hawaii 2022 Micro Grants for Food Security Program Award

The work to be performed under this project will increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food in Hawaii's geographically isolated, food insecure communities. Hawaii imports over 80 percent of the food that is consumed in the state and this project will provide funding for individuals, organizations, and federally funded educational facilities in Hawaii to grow more food. Based on the projects submitted in earlier grant cycles, for FY22, priority will be given to 1) protecting crops with fencing; 2) expanding an area under cultivation with high tunnels and non-permanent structures; and 3) purchasing or building vertical grow towers, hydroponic and/or aquaponic farming systems.