

**MICRO-GRANTS FOR FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM (MGFSP) THIRD ROUND!
MGFSP INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP 11/09/2023**

MGFSP Frequently asked questions:

Question: Can MGFSP funds be used to purchase land or buildings?

Answer: No. Funds cannot be used for the purchase of land or buildings.

Question: Can MGFSP sub-grant funds be used for construction costs?

Answer: Construction costs (such as the purchase of building materials such as wood, nails, bolts, screws, rebar, gravel, sand, etc.) may be allowable under MGFSP if used to complete activities that increase the quality and quantity of locally grown food. Such activities may include but are not limited to, erecting greenhouse structures, grow houses, high tunnels, chicken coops, apiaries or bee boxes, etc.

Question: Are production costs allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Farm, gardening, and production costs are allowable costs under MGFSP. These may include but are not limited to, compost, composting units, soil, soil amendments, seeds, plants, feed, wiring, shovels, farm or gardening tools, grow towers, hoop houses, high tunnels and high tunnel kits, and greenhouses.

Question: Is the purchase of animals allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. The purchase of animals is allowable under MGFSP. Animals may include but are not limited to, chickens, ducks, bees, fish, and livestock, such as cows, pigs, goats, sheep, etc.

Question: Is the purchase of processing equipment allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Processing equipment may be an allowable cost under specific conditions. Refer to the AMS General Terms and Conditions, Section 8, for special purpose equipment. (Will be attached to the RFA packet)

Question: Is hydroponic and/or aeroponic farming allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Hydroponic and/or aeroponic farming are allowable under MGFSP.

Question: Are tools and equipment used to store food allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Tools and equipment used for the purpose of storing food are allowable costs under MGFSP. These may include but are not limited to, canning equipment, refrigeration units, freezers, etc.

Question: Are subsistence activities, such as hunting and fishing, allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Subsistence hunting and fishing operations, including fish farming, are allowable activities under MGFSP.

Question: Are hunting and fishing tools and equipment allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Hunting and fishing supplies or equipment may be allowable costs under MGFSP. However, the purchase of any classification of firearm, gun or ammunition is unallowable.

Question: Is fencing allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Building, buying, erecting, or repairing fencing for livestock, poultry, or reindeer is allowable under MGFSP.

Question: Are slaughterhouse facilities allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Purchasing and/or equipping a slaughter and processing facility is allowable under MGFSP.

Question: Can MGFSP sub-grant funds be used to purchase vehicles?

Answer: No. Vehicles may be leased, but not purchased. Lease agreements to own (i.e., lease-to-own or rent-to-own) are unallowable. The lease or rental agreement must terminate at the end of the grant period of performance. A signed copy of the lease agreement will be required prior to the first payment approval.

Question: Can MGFSP sub-grant funds be used to repair and/or upgrade existing equipment?

Answer: Yes. Funds may be used to repair or upgrade existing equipment that is not available and readily usable in its current condition.

Question: Are shipping costs allowable for MGFSP sub-grants?

Answer: Yes. Shipping costs to pay for the shipping of purchased items relating to growing or raising food for local consumption or purchase are allowable under MGFSP.

Question: How is the grant paid?

Answer: Grant funds will be released in only two payments: 85% to start and the remaining 15% after a completed report is submitted with evidence of project completion.

It may take 90 days or more for the first payment to be received.

Final reimbursement may also take another 90 days or more after submission of the final project report and final payment request.

*** Not retaining receipts and submitting six-month and final reports could potentially disqualify you from accessing future grant opportunities.**

Question: After I've been notified that I've been selected, can I start on my projects?

Answer: All APPROVED projects will have a one-year contract period that begins the day that the funds are deposited into your accounts from Department of Administration. Expenses made outside the contract period are NOT eligible for reimbursement.

Email us if you have more questions: agriculture@doag.guam.gov

Please include 'MGFSP 3' in subject line.

Important Dates:

APPLICATION DATE OPENS 11/15/2023 9AM

APPLICATION DATE CLOSES 12/15/2023 4PM

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