

# Good Farm Fund Farm Grant Application

## 1. Contact Information

Applicant Name	
Name of Farm	
Physical Address of Farm	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
E-mail	
Website	

## 2. Farming Information

How long have you been farming as a profession?	
How long have you farmed in Mendocino and/or Lake County?	
How many acres is your farm?	
How many acres are in production?	
What food crops or livestock does your farm produce?	
Check any of the certifications and/or farming practices that you utilize:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Spray (do not utilize pesticide or herbicide spray other than insecticidal soaps and essential oils) <input type="checkbox"/> No Till <input type="checkbox"/> On Farm Compost <input type="checkbox"/> Off Farm Compost <input type="checkbox"/> Biodynamic Certified <input type="checkbox"/> Organic Certified (CCOF, USDA, Renegade) <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Check any markets that you sell to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Farmers Markets <input type="checkbox"/> Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery Stores <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurants <input type="checkbox"/> Direct to Customers <input type="checkbox"/> MendoLake Food Hub <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
How many people are employed at the farm? Include yourself and any family members.	_____ (List number) Full Time _____ (List number) Part Time

**3. Financial Information:** *If you have a current Profit and Loss Statement, please attach it. You may skip any questions that are covered in that document. **Please note:** the following questions are intended to give us an idea about the financial resources and support systems of farm businesses so that our organization can make educated decisions about the financial need of each business. All information is kept confidential.*

What is your estimated gross farm income for 2018?	
What is your estimated total farm/ranch expenses for 2018?	
What was your gross farm income in 2017?	
What was your total farm/ranch expenses in 2017?	
What was your total reported household income for 2017?	
Of the total current investment in your agricultural operation, if there were significant investments in your operation (land, equipment and stock) from outside sources (family, bank loans, income from off-farm jobs) please <b>estimate</b> how much of the investment in your current operation originated from each source.	Source: _____ Percentage: _____ Source: _____ Percentage: _____ Source: _____ Percentage: _____ Source: _____ Percentage: _____ Source: _____ Percentage: _____
Is your agricultural production your predominant source of income? If not, please briefly describe your overall income sources.	
Do you work off-farm? If so, please describe.	
Do you have any other assets or sources of income? Please describe:	
Have you applied for a loan from any source in the last 3 years? If so, please indicate the requested amount, where the request was made and if it was granted.	

**4. Land Access**

Do you own or lease the land that you farm?	_____ Own    _____ Lease
If you lease, how many years is your current lease:	
If you neither own nor lease the land where you farm, please describe the arrangement that you have:	
How long have you been farming at this location?	
<b><i>For Lessees Only</i></b>	
Landowner Name:	
Landowner Phone:	
<i>Please attach a brief letter of support from the landowner for this project.</i>	

***Please provide brief narrative responses (one or two complete paragraphs per question) for the following questions, attaching additional pages as needed.***

**5. Please describe the general purpose and scope of your agricultural operation.**

**6. If you are not currently, is your goal to become a full-time farmer? If so, briefly describe how you plan to grow your farm to achieve that goal, and the time frame you are aiming for. If not, please explain how your agricultural operation fits into your long-term professional plans.**

**6A. Do you expect that the project will result in the addition of any full or part time employment to your current agricultural operation? If so, please describe.**

**7. Describe the proposed project.** *Please summarize the project, equipment, budget, location, how the grant money will be allocated, and intended impacts of the project. If some items are essential for your success and others are not, please indicate the relative importance of your different requests. Lay out your project needs and budget projections point by point, using bullet points or numbers for clarity.*

**Grant amount requested:**

Tier 1, from \$500-\$3,000: \_\_\_\_\_ (list dollar amount)

Tier 2, from \$3,000-\$6,000: \_\_\_\_\_ (list dollar amount)

*Tier 2 applicants will be required to complete an in-person interview with the farm grant committee.*

**7a.** If the Good Farm Fund is not able to fund your grant or if your project requires more funding than the Good Farm Fund is able to provide, would you be interested in finding out if you would qualify for additional funding using an interest free loan (with a 3% annual administrative fee) from the Ukiah natural Foods Co-op?

**Yes / No**

If “yes,” do you authorize the Good Farm Fund to share your grant application package with the Ukiah Natural Foods Co-op loan review committee?

**Yes / No**

**8. What is the timeline for your project?** *Complete the following table, beginning with the date of the grant award and extending a minimum of one year following the award. Include all proposed activities associated with the project. Add additional lines as needed.*

<b>Grant awarded</b>	12/4/2018	12/5/2019
<b>Six Month Progress Report Due</b>	6/4/2019	
<b>Final Report Due</b>	10/10/2019	

**9. Please describe your financial objectives.** *Provide 1-2 paragraphs. Describe your farm's current financial situation and how obtaining this grant will specifically improve your stability and further your goals. What positive impacts to the viability of your agricultural operation do you expect to see as a result of the project?*

**10. How will you measure the success of this project? If awarded the grant, how would you demonstrate and quantify progress, completion, and success?**

**11. Specifically how will the local community benefit (e.g. divert of local food options, improved price point for local food choices, expanded retail selection or extended seasons for specific local foods, etc.) if your grant is approved?**

**12. What are the practices you use on your farm that are environmentally beneficial?**

**13. If any, describe other resources that you have or will be seeking to complete the project (i.e. volunteer labor, farm loans, other grants, equipment share, etc.)**

**14. Please list three professional references:**

*Family members are excluded as references.*

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Relationship</b>	

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<b>Email</b>	
<b>Relationship</b>	

**15. Please attach the following documentation:**

**If you are submitting the application electronically, these items should be postmarked by October 15 and mailed to:**

Attn: Joel Soinila  
North Coast Opportunities  
413 N. State St.  
Ukiah CA 95482

- Certified Producer Certificate
- For Lessees Only: Letter of Support from landowner
- 2017 Profit and Loss Statement (If Available)

**16. If my application receives funding from the Good Farm Fund, I agree to provide the Good Farm Fund with a Six-Month Progress Report no later than June 4, 2019 and a Final Report no later than October 10, 2019. Funding for consecutive year recipients will be dependent on the six-month progress and final report from previous year.**

Name:	Date:
Signature:	

**17. I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate.**

Name:	Date:
Signature:	