

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

STOCKBRIDGE- MUNSEE COMMUNITY

2024 NATIVE FARMER & PRODUCER MINI GRANT APPLICATION

This year, the Native American Agriculture Fund has once again provided the Stockbridge-Munsee Community with \$6,500 for grants to Tribal Member Farmers and Producers. In 2024, approximately 5 grants will be awarded, and an applicant may request \$500 to \$1500 for qualified expenses.

To be eligible, an applicant must be an enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Member operating a farm type business or be an agriculture producer that sold or distributed any agricultural products during 2023 and incurred expenses of over \$500. In the case of a beginning farmer or producer, a detailed business plan must be submitted with application including expenses.

Funds *may* be used for: equipment, soil amendments, supplies to add value to a farm business or that create efficiencies within the business.

Funds *may not* be used for: general utilities including animal feed and fuel and where tribal law prohibits the sale of communal resources.

Applications are due to the **Tribal Secretary**, by 4:00 pm Monday, April 15th, 2024. Applications may be submitted in person or by mail:

**Stockbridge-Munsee Community
“NAAF Native Farmer & Producer Mini Grant”
PO Box 70
N8476 MohHeConNuck Road
Bowler, WI 54416**

Applications will be reviewed by the NAAF Native Farmer & Producer Mini-Grant Committee and successful applicants will be notified by April 25th, 2024.

If awarded, each applicant will receive two distributions of their award: 50% at the time of award and 50% upon the submission of expense receipt(s) for the total grant awarded. All receipts must be submitted by May 30th, 2024 along with a photo and a short narrative describing your finished project.

Contact Maria Duits, Agriculture Manager, for the application at maria.duits@mohican-nsn.gov or 715-793-3031. Applications also available on the www.mohicanAG.com.

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Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Enrollment #: _____ **Email Address:** _____

Mailing Address: _____

Funds Requested (Between \$500-\$1,500): _____ **Date:** _____

Describe your farm business or ag production. 20 points

(Between 100-300 words: Include business goals, development and growth of how you produce your agriculture product. Include your distribution process or goals and describe your product's value.)

What will these funds be used for? 20 points

(Between 100-300 words: Describe specifically what purchases will be made with these funds and how they will help you produce your agriculture product.)

How will these funds add value or create efficiencies at your farm? 20 points

(Between 100-300 words: Describe how the items purchased with these funds will improve your business operations?)

How do you sell your product?

10 points

(Between 100-300 words: Describe how you will be selling your product and to whom: retail, wholesale, consignment, etc. Describe any storage and/or distribution plans and needs.)

How does your farm business or product better the Stockbridge-Munsee Community?

10 points

(Between 100-300 words)

Business Plans and/or Yearly Expenses and Revenue:

20 points

***EXISTING FARMER / PRODUCER:** Attach copy of breakdown of yearly expenses incurred in 2023. A breakdown of yearly revenue can be included here.

***NEW FARMER / PRODUCER:** Attach a copy of a business plan including projected yearly expenses and means of generating revenue.

If you have received a Native Farmer & Producer Mini Grant in 2021, 2022, or 2023 please share 100 words of how these funds have impacted your farm to be considered for funding in 2024. (Photos, videos, and any other media is encouraged and can be attached or emailed to maria.duits@mohican-nsn.gov. This information may be shared with the Native American Agriculture Fund, whom is responsible for the funding for this grant.)

How did you find out about the Native Farmer & Producer Mini Grant Funding?

By submitting this application, I am aware that the information provided on this application may be used for SMC's Ag Department's grant reporting for the Native American Agriculture Fund, whom is responsible for the funding for this grant.

Sign _____ Date _____