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## Specialty crop grants available to Alaska applicants

(Palmer, AK) – The Alaska Division of Agriculture is seeking applicants for the annual Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, a federal grant program administered by the division.

The Division intends to administer grants for multiple projects with funding up to \$60,000.

Grant applicants must provide a letter of intent to the division by 5 p.m. on February 9, 2018. Request for proposals with additional application and deadline information can be found at: [http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Grants/2018\\_SCBG\\_RFP.pdf](http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/Grants/2018_SCBG_RFP.pdf)

Two teleconferences are scheduled in January to answer program questions. The first teleconference will be 10-11 a.m. on Friday, January 19, and the second will be 2-3 p.m. on Monday, January 22. To join either of the teleconferences, call 1-800-315-6338 and use the access code: 7613870#.

The purpose of the grant program is to enhance the competitiveness of Alaska Grown specialty crops, sustain the livelihood of farmers, and strengthen local communities. Only projects related to specialty crops are allowed under this funding source. Specialty crops are defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits and horticulture and nursery crops. Many Alaska Grown products – including livestock, dairy, fuel/feed grains, hay, and aquaculture – are excluded from this grant program due to USDA restrictions. A list of USDA-eligible specialty crops can be found at:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgp/specialty-crop>

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