

**MICRO-GRANTS FOOD SECURITY
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**
Division of Agriculture

**THE FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON THE MICRO GRANTS FOR
FOOD SECURITY PROGRAM OVERSEEN BY THE ALASKA DIVISION
OF AGRICULTURE (DOAG).**



HOW CAN I APPLY:

All applications are submitted electronically through the State of Alaska Division of Agriculture SmartSimple Grant application website.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Anyone 18 year of age or older and a citizen of the state of Alaska.

Micro-Grants purpose and Project Descriptions

- THE PURPOSE OF THE MICRO-GRANTS PROGRAM IS TO SECURE FOOD FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. ACTIVITIES TO CREATE OR EXPAND AVENUES FOR THE SALE OF FOOD COMMODITIES, SPECIALTY CROPS, AND MEATS IS NOT A PROJECT TYPE CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED BY THE DIVISION. PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS THAT INCLUDE THE SELLING OF FOOD GROWN WITHIN THE PROJECT WILL BE CONSIDERED AN INELIGIBLE PROJECT ACTIVITY.
- SELECT ONLY ONE PROJECT AND ALIGN YOUR PROJECT DESCRIPTION WITHIN THE SELECTED PROJECT. PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS THAT OUTLINE MORE THAN ONE PROJECT WILL NOT BE SELECTED FOR AN AWARD.

Who can apply?

Both individuals and organizations may apply.



For ORGANIZATIONS: Only organizations/entities that directly address food insecurity as those outlined in the federal statutes may apply as a single organization.



For INDIVIDUALS: only ONE application per household will be accepted.

What types of projects are accepted?

GARDENING:



Under category: Purchasing gardening tools or equipment, soil, soil amendments, seeds, plants, animals, canning equipment, refrigeration, and other necessary items to grow and store food: \$2,500 shipping included.

- **Soil or Soil Amendments**
- **Vacuum packing**
- **Garden Box//tools/seeds**
- **Garden Fencing**
- **Grow towers/seeds**
- **Hydroponics**
- **Master Gardener's class**
- **High/Low tunnel or Hoop House**

LIVESTOCK, POULTRY FENCING, ANIMAL PURCHASES and APIARY

- ▶ Under category: Building, buying, erecting, or repairing fencing for livestock, poultry, or reindeer: \$5,000 shipping included
 - ▶ Livestock/Poultry/Fencing-may include shelters.
 - ▶ Apiary for bee keeping.



GREENHOUSE \$5,000

Shipping included. :

- Under category: **Building, buying, erecting, or repairing a Greenhouse to extend the growing season.**
- **Greenhouses built from scratch or Greenhouse kits.**

*The greenhouse must meet the definition of a climate-controlled structure enclosed and used to extend the growing season of cultivated plants and be weather resistant. Greenhouses that are not considered weather-resistant will be reclassified under a gardening project.



FOOD STORAGE and PROCESSING

- ▶ In Alaska, this includes harvesting wild plants, vegetables, fruits and animals: \$5,000 shipping included.
 - Smokehouses and hanging racks, vacuum packaging equipment and supplies.
 - Pressure cookers, jars/lids, and canning supplies.
 - Refrigerator/freezer-root cellars and other necessary items to store food.



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HOW ARE SELECTIONS MADE?

▶ The grant selection and scoring criteria remain focused on the most food-insecure areas of the state and are as follows:

- Priority to the highest food insecure areas, determined by the census area project is located in.
- The number of Direct Beneficiaries.
- The number of Indirect Beneficiaries.
- The project description provides an explanation, under the selected project, of how it will increase food security for direct and indirect beneficiaries.
- Provides a method to measure food produced, stored, or distributed (not sold).
- Has not previously received a subaward (grant) under this program.

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

For more information and to view our FAQs please go to our website:

http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/ag_grants.htm

You can also email the grants team at:

dnr.ag.grants@alaska.gov