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Community Gardens and Farms



Rooftop farms, vertical production, green walls



Hydroponic, aeroponic, and aquaponics



Indoor farms, greenhouses



Food waste reduction



Composting

OUAIP Mission



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OUAIP Responsibilities





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Provide access to food in areas where it is limited or unavailable.



Proposals must be designed to support multiple farmers or gardeners



No partner match required.



UAIP Applicant Eligibility

- Nonprofit organizations with or without 503(c)(3) status
- Unit of local governments
- Special districts
- Tribal governments
- Any school serving grades K-12



UAIP Project Activities

The UAIP provides support for planning and implementation activities. Below are some example of activities that can be funded:

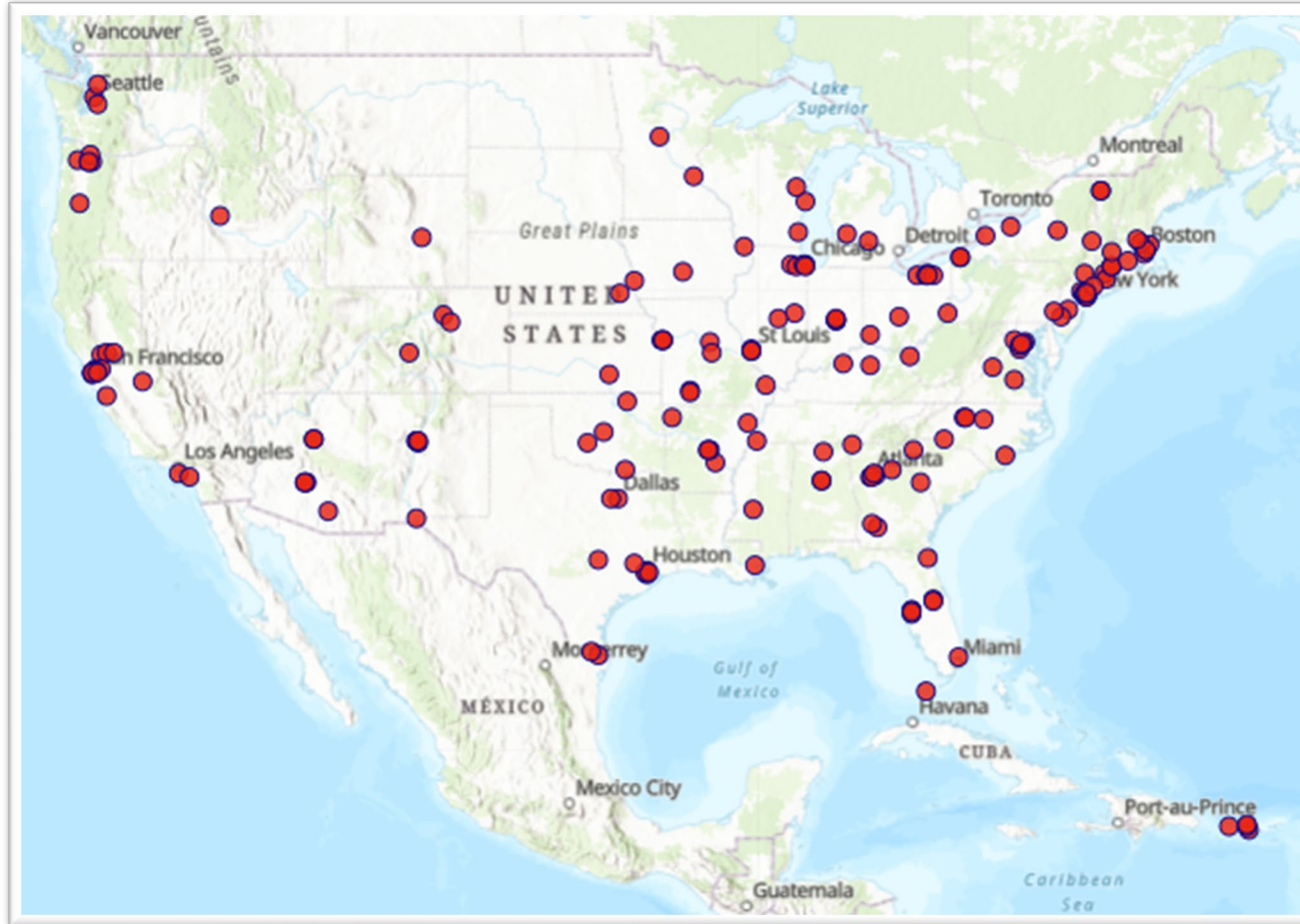
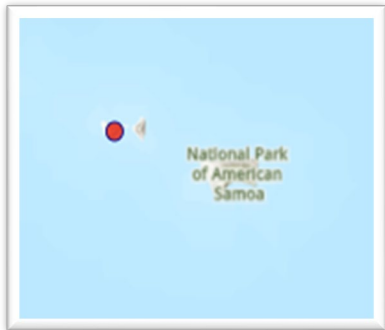
Planning Example Activities	Implementation Example Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surveys • Assessments • Technology development • Design and planning • Developing recommendations and strategies • Creating business plans • Feasibility studies • Municipal planning regarding policies and zoning • Producing educational material • Developing strategies to eliminate food waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job training • Mentoring • Business development assistance • Increasing food production • Training students for careers in agriculture • Expanding operations of community gardens or nonprofit farms • Production of compost

UAIP Priorities

Special emphasis will be given to projects that:

- Anticipate or demonstrate economic benefits for the targeted community;
- Experience in agriculture or innovative production for 3 years or more or in serving historically underserved communities or where access to fresh foods is limited or unavailable;
- Demonstrated ability to implement a project, provide fiscal accountability, collect data, and prepare reports and other necessary documentation
- Collaboration with one or more partner organizations working in the project target area to carry out the innovative or urban agricultural work described in your proposal; and
- Demonstrated willingness to share information with researchers, evaluators, practitioners, and other interested parties, including a plan for dissemination of results.





UAIP Across the Country

UAIP Fact Sheet

OUAIP has awarded over \$48.4 million to 188 projects through UAIP since the program was inaugurated in 2020.

- FY20 \$3,022,171,10 Projects
- FY21 \$23,262,611, 95 Projects
- FY22 \$14,416,764, 52 Projects
- FY23 \$9,159,576, 31 Projects

- Popular: Applications for FY23 more than doubled compared from the previous year alone

- Demographics:
 - 86% of recipients are non-profits



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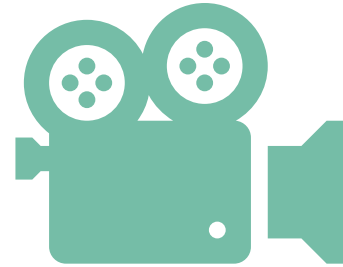
All applications must be received by grants.gov by 11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET) by the established due date of Tuesday April 9, 2024 in the Key Dates section of the Summary Information of this NFO.

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Tools Available for Applicants

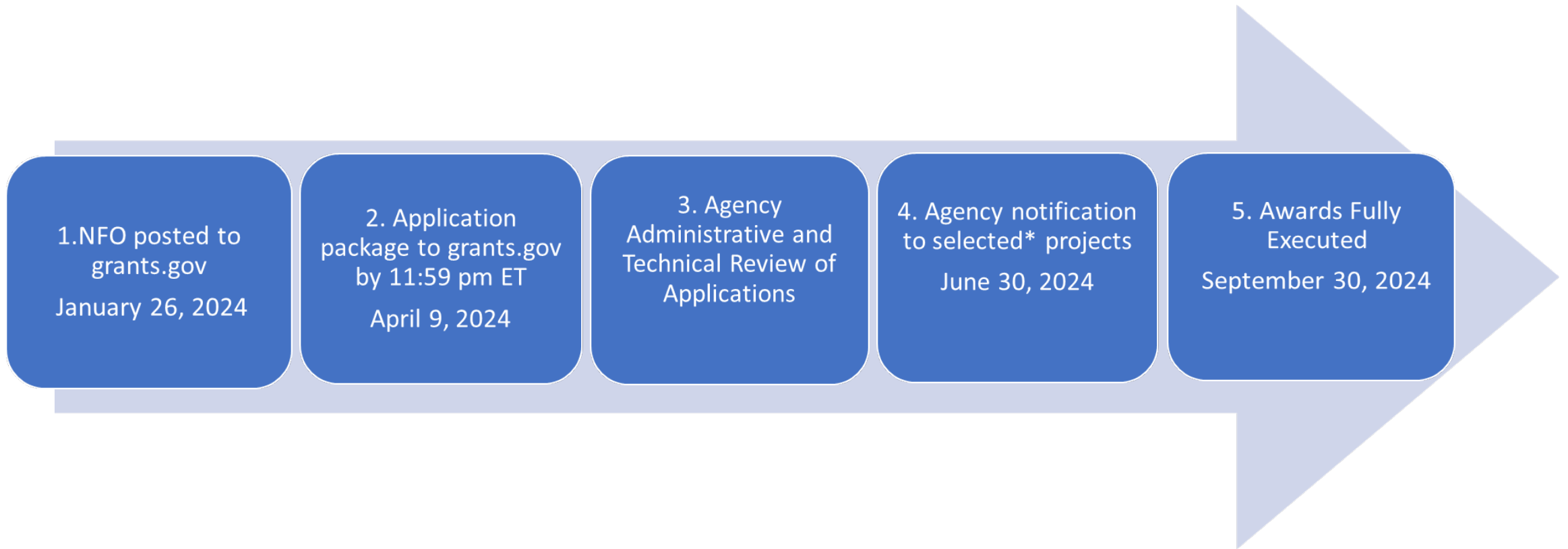


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Application Timeline



Successful and unsuccessful applicants are notified via email

**Dates above are tentative*

Helpful Tips!

- Don't wait until the last minute!
- Read the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NFO).
- USDA-NRCS-NHQ-UAIP-24-NOFO0001336
- Align your Project Proposal Narrative and Budget Narrative.
- Make sure your proposal complies with the required content and format including page limits.
- Get input from collaborators and partners.



Who to Contact with Questions?

For questions regarding this opportunity, contact the following individual with the opportunity number in the subject line:

Name: Jose Berna
Grants Management Specialist
FPAC Business Center

Email: Jose.Berna@usda.gov with a copy to NFO.FPAC@USDA.GOV

To protect the integrity of the competitive process, applicants must not contact agency program staff with questions.



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Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Agreements

Composting and Food Waste Reduction Agreements



CFWR provides funding to develop and test strategies for food waste reduction and composting



Projects can be in all community types including rural, urban and suburban.



25% Match Required (can be in-kind)



Cross-cutting partnerships

CFWR Applicant Eligibility

- Unit of local government
- School districts
- Tribal governments
- Special districts



Phoenix, AZ



Kenai Peninsula Borough, AK



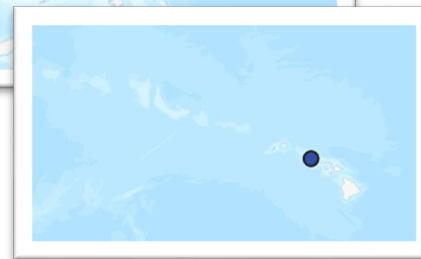
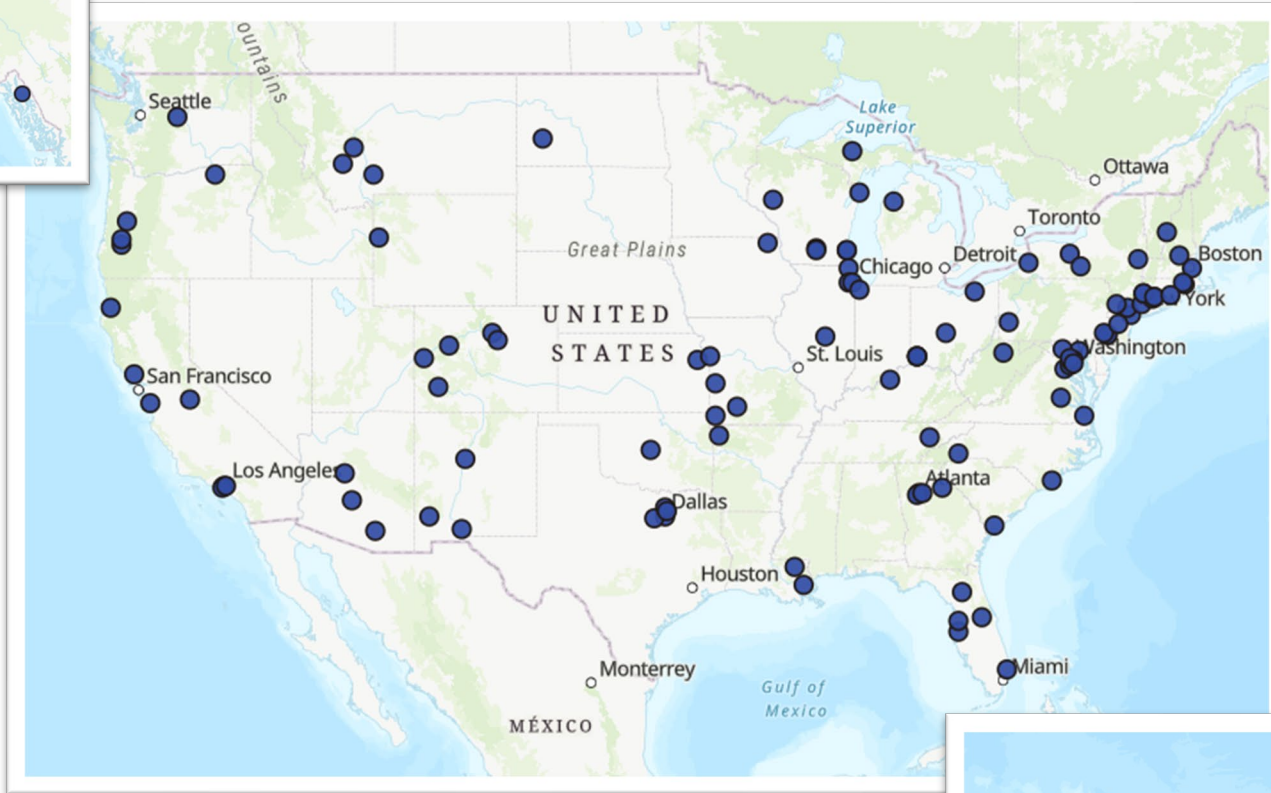
Knoxville, TN

CFWR Priorities

Priority will be given to pilot projects that:

- Show economic benefits in the community.
- Make compost more accessible to agricultural producers.
- Include food waste reduction strategies.
- Incorporate strategic partnerships.





CFWR Across the Country

CFWR Fact Sheet

- OUAIP has awarded over \$12.4 million to 81 projects through CFWR since the program was inaugurated in 2020.
 - FY20 \$1,094,862.48, 13 Projects
 - FY21 \$1,919,133.70, 24 Projects
 - FY22 \$9,178,695.25, 44 Projects
 - FY23 \$11,174,830.00, 38 Projects
- About 23% of projects directly incorporate food recovery efforts
- Popular: Applications for FY23 increased by 70% compared from the previous year alone
- Demographics:
 - 49% of our agreements are with localities that have less than 100,000 people
 - 35% are from localities with less than 50,000, often less than 10,000



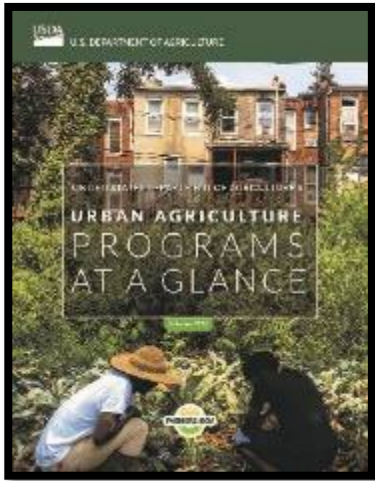
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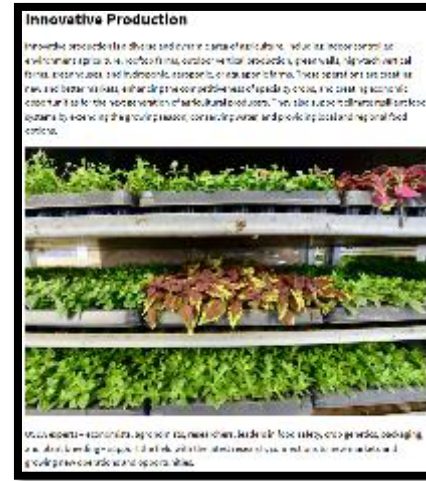
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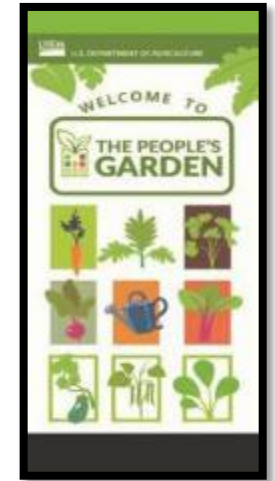
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