

## Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

October 23, 2024

Noon via Zoom

1. **Welcome & Introductions-** Jen Werlin, UI Extension Educator; Tammy Sachse, Extension Assistant; Andrea Gaudet, Master Gardener; Rob Dupre, Teton Valley Farmers Market Board and Chasing Paradise; Sheila Blackmon, Landowner and wanting more information; Katie Baker, Regional food Business Center Northwestern rocky Mountains coleader for Idaho

2. **Partner Updates:**

UI Extension-Seed Saving 101 at the Victor Library went well. Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> Hosting a Protecting Your Property: Forest Insects, Disease and Fire at the Extension office 1-3 pm. Is a Small Farm in Your Future class for beginning farmers Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. \$10 per household from 10am-1pm. Annie Project will be offered again next year in the spring. This is geared toward women farmers.

Mountain Roots- Installed 17 new raised garden beds between Driggs/Victor Schools.  
Food Pantry- Suppling free lunches on Friday between 8-9:30 am for the youth in our community. ABC is working with the food pantry for kids' lunches.  
Jackson Conservation District-Working with local farmers market on Saturday.

3. **Other updates.** Jen is working with 5 states on a USDA project for a NW/Rocky Mountain Food Business Center . This group of colleges, businesses, nonprofits, and Extension are working on regional and local food sectors.

- Food entrepreneur
- Meat processing and distribution
- Climate resiliency and artisan grains
- Local food distribution and infrastructure in the 5 state region

This group have a lot of money to be handing out starting in November. They will have Non-Competitive grants and Competitive grants ranging from 3000-15,000 for producers. She hopes that some of the nonprofits or small farms will look at some of these grants to help them. These grants are to also help the underserved and can cover 450 miles. Wyoming grant will come out next year. There is a map being created of Idaho Sun Valley Institute that is going to show shared kitchens, meat processing plants, food hubs and more. State office hours are open to help with the grant process. Jen said that she could also help people if interested.

(See slides)

4. **Next Meeting:** November 20, 2024, Noon via Zoom. Register at [www.tetonfoodfarmcoalition.org](http://www.tetonfoodfarmcoalition.org).



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## IDAHO BUSINESS BUILDER GRANTS

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## OVERVIEW - IDAHO

Business Builder grants are managed and distributed by Oregon State University through the RFBC. Each state and theme will facilitate their own Business Builder grant program.

Mix of competitive and non-competitive grants:

- 2 rounds of competitive RFA  
\$100K, \$175K = \$275K total
- Non-competitive designed with  
3 UI groups = \$225K total

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## COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Goal: To get more locally produced food into local markets in Idaho by strengthening local food supply chain

### Requirements:

- Must benefit at least two entities in the local food system (e.g., *A farm sells crops to a food maker who develops and markets a new product; food processing business increases purchasing of local/regionally produced ingredients increasing market opportunities for one or more farms/ranches*)
- Farms or ranches must be in Idaho. Non-farm food businesses must be (1) located in Idaho and (2) sourcing from local or regional producers, defined as within Idaho or 450 miles of their business.

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### Logistics:

- Size of grants: \$3,000-\$15,000
- Total funds available
  - Round 1: \$100,000
  - Round 2: \$175,000
- Timeline
  - Release RFA : November 1
  - Applications due: January 15
  - Notifications: March 1
  - 8-10 month project period

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Underinvested communities:

- RFA will encourage applications from communities historically underinvested by USDA (Tribal, Hispanic, veteran, other)
- Will do dedicated outreach to UI groups, including open office hours and training partner TA providers from those communities to support applicants from project development. We may provide paper forms and/or give TA providers access to the grants portal to submit a business's application.
- All information will be in English and Spanish.

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## NON-COMPETITIVE GRANTS

Awards for businesses who successfully complete a technical assistance program designed or sponsored by a state or theme RFBC team

Requirements:

- Programs must be pre-approved by the business builder team and AMS
- Indicators/milestones for successful completion must be defined

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## Logistics

- TA programs will be designed and delivered with three underinvested groups:
  - \$65,000 allocated to Hispanic
  - \$65,000 allocated to Tribal
  - \$65,000 allocated to Veterans
  - \$30,000 allocated to other UI Idaho groups (e.g. differently abled, refugee/black farmers/business owners, Asian/Pacific Island, etc.)
- Size of grants: \$3,000-\$5,000
- Total funds available = \$225,000
- First programs will likely start in early January 2025

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## Discussion Questions:

- Is this the correct allocation of non-competitive grant funds?
- How do we determine who can enroll for TA program “non-competitively”?
- Ideas for programming?

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