

Food Storage Capacity Grant Offering Application

Applicant: Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development Application Date: 1/21/2021
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Project Purpose: Increasing Cold Storage Capacity of Fresh Produce for Grow Johnson County
Project Service Area: Johnson County
Address of Cold Storage Unit(s) and/or Shelving: 4811 Melrose Ave Iowa City, IA 52246
Number of Years Distributing Donated Food: 5 years
Funding Amount Requested: \$8,000
Cost Share Amount: \$12,710 (not required but encouraged)
Total Project Cost: \$20,710

Evaluation Criteria

Proposal review and project merits will be based on the proposal's narrative addressing the following criteria. There is a limit of 3,000 characters per evaluation criteria response.

Project Need Description: Describe why additional storage/cold storage is needed by your organization.

Iowa Valley RC&D (IVRCD) requests \$8,000 from the Food Storage Capacity Grant fund to purchase and install additional cooler space to enable the Grow: Johnson County program to continue producing fresh produce for hunger relief agencies in the local community. As the GJC program continues to grow its food production the program's current cold storage capacity is inadequate. Each fall, August - October, the current 12'x18' walk-in cooler is not able to hold all the fall carrots, potatoes, squash, melons, onions, and broccoli that are harvested each week. Squash and melons sometimes have to be left out of the cooler or harvested just before distribution so as not to require storage. The program brings in large harvests prior to the first frost each fall in order to sustain food distribution until Thanksgiving. The addition of a new 12' x 16' walk-in cooler on the farm will allow the GJC program to expand production and distribution in future years.

Project Goals: Identify up to three main goal(s) for the proposed project and steps to achieve these goals.

1. Partner with Johnson County's Sustainability Coordinator and Architect to identify energy star walk-in cooler model.
2. Purchase and install with contractor 12'x16' energy star walk-in cooler in new building at Johnson County Historic Poor Farm.
3. Implement cooler into Grow Johnson County's 2021 operation to distribute fresh local produce.

Measuring Goals: Describe how meeting project goals will be measured.

IVRCD will work with Johnson County's architect, building contractors, and cooler installer to measure and ensure that the cooler is installed properly to meet energy star standards. IVRCD will also work with Johnson County's Sustainability Coordinator to ensure best energy saving practices are implemented.

To measure total production of food that is harvested, stored and distributed GJC will input all harvest and distribution records into their own custom software FarmTabs to track where food was distributed and harvested on the farm.

Impact on Number of People Served, Pounds of Food Distributed and Operations Efficiencies: Describe how and extent to which the project will impact the number of people served, food accepted and distributed and organization and operations.

Each season GJC farms 4.5 acres of land at the Historic Poor Farm and produces 25,000 plus pounds of food. IVRCD estimates that each season 15,000 individuals access the 13 agencies that GJC partners with to distribute food. In 2020 GJC produced and distributed 31,253 lbs of food and has the goal of producing 35,000 pounds in 2021. The wash and pack space that IVRCD is working with Johnson County to build at the Historic Poor Farm will allow GJC to wash, pack and store all their produce in the same building on the farm each season. Currently GJC washes and packs each harvest in an old open pole barn before hauling the produce to another shed on site where the current walk-in cooler is located.

Number of People Served	15,000
Pounds of Food Distributed	31,253
Goal of Additional Pounds of Food Accepted	8,000
Operational Efficiency Impact	25%

Milestones

List Project Tasks or Activities planned:

Task or Activity	Planned Begin Date	Planned End Date	Responsible Party
Research and Select Cooler Model	April 2021	April 2021	IVRCD and Johnson County
Procure Walk-In Cooler from Vendor	May 2021	May 2021	IVRCD and Johnson County
Install Walk-In Cooler	June 2021	July 2021	IVRCD & Cooler Vendor
Begin Using Walk-In Cooler	July 2021	July 2021	IVRCD

Estimated date project to be fully operational: August 2021

Budget

Budget Item & Quantity	Request Amount	Cost Share (not required)	Total Cost
16'x12'x8' Walk-In Cooler	\$8,000	\$12,710	\$20,710

Budget Narrative


Detail each budget item for which funding assistance is requested, why this item(s) was chosen and its role in the proposed project. Cold storage items **must be** Energy Star rated.

Iowa Valley RC&D will procure a new Energy Star walk-in cooler from a local service producer such as Ace Refrigeration. The estimated cost is \$20,710. The walk-in cooler is 16'x12'x8'. The cooler has galvanized cooler walls and 4'x7' horizontal sliding door.

Signature

I affirm the information provided on this Application is true, and that I will provide all other information requested for further substantiation. I agree that if awarded financial assistance for a project(s), I will execute the contract the DNR provides for conveying those funds, which will include but not be limited to conditions for expending those funds, and for making reasonable accounting of those expenditures.

In order to determine funding eligibility, the Department reserves the right to verify any information presented in the application and to determine the applicant's compliance status with applicable Local, State and Federal statutes and regulations. If an applicant is selected to receive financial assistance, an offer of financial assistance may be rescinded if the applicant is determined to be out of compliance with applicable Local, State and Federal regulations.

 Interim Director
Signature, Title

1-21-2021
Date

Note: Applications must be signed by a person authorized to commit applicant to proposed project.

Minority Impact Statement

Pursuant to 2008 Iowa Acts, HF 2393, Iowa Code Section 8.11, all grant applications submitted to the State of Iowa which are due beginning January 1, 2009 shall include a Minority Impact Statement. This is the state's mechanism to require grant applicants to consider the potential impact of the grant project's proposed programs or policies on minority groups. **Please choose the statement(s) that pertains to this grant application. Complete all the information requested for the chosen statement(s).**

- ☒ The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **positive** impact on minority persons.

Describe the positive impact expected from this project

Minority persons will receive fresh produce from the Grow Johnson County Program.

Indicate which group is impacted:

- ☒ Women
☒ Persons with a Disability
☒ Blacks
☒ Latinos
☒ Asians
☒ Pacific Islanders
☒ American Indians
☒ Alaskan Native Americans
☐ Other

- ☐ The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **negative** impact on minority persons.

Describe the negative impact expected from this project

Present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

Provide evidence of consultation of representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate which group is impacted:

- ☐ Women
☐ Persons with a Disability
☐ Blacks
☐ Latinos
☐ Asians
☐ Pacific Islanders
☐ American Indians
☐ Alaskan Native Americans
☐ Other

- ☐ The proposed grant project programs or policies are **not expected to have** a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

Present the rationale for determining no impact.

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge:

Name: Jason Grimm

Title: Interim Director

Definitions

"Minority Persons", as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, mean individuals who are women, persons with a disability, Blacks, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaskan Native Americans.

"Disability", as defined in Iowa Code Section 15.102, subsection 5, paragraph "b", subparagraph (1):

b. As used in this subsection:

- (1) "*Disability*" means, with respect to an individual, a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, a record of physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual, or being regarded as an individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual.

"*Disability*" does not include any of the following:

- (a) Homosexuality or bisexuality.
- (b) Transvestism, transsexualism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, voyeurism, gender identity disorders not resulting from physical impairments or other sexual behavior disorders.
- (c) Compulsive gambling, kleptomania, or pyromania.
- (d) Psychoactive substance abuse disorders resulting from current illegal use of drugs.

"State Agency", as defined in Iowa Code Section 8.11, means a department, board, bureau, commission, or other agency or authority of the State of Iowa.

Applicant Disclosure

The Applicant must provide the following information. This is a continuing disclosure requirement from application submittal through agreement end date (if funding is awarded).

1. During the last three (3) years, has the Applicant received written notification from a state agency that a debt is owed to a state agency or a debt is being enforced through the Income Offset Program (including the state child support recovery unit if the Applicant is an individual) that will in any way impact receipt of monies awarded through this program?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide the date by which the Applicant will or has satisfied debts owed to or being collected by the state.

2. During the last three (3) years, has the Applicant had a contract for goods and/or services terminated for any reason, or has the Applicant received a notice of breach, notice of default, or similar notice?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, provide full details related to the termination or notice.

3. During the last three (3) years, describe any damages or penalties or settlements pertaining to contract disputes under any of the Applicant's existing or past contracts as it relates to goods and/or services performed that are similar to the goods and/or services contemplated by this application. If so, indicate the reason for the penalty, damages or exchange of property, goods, or services and the estimated amount of the cost of that incident to the Applicant.

4. During the last three (3) years, list and summarize all litigation, threatened litigation, administrative or regulatory proceedings, or similar matters to which the Applicant or its officers have been a party. Any such matter commencing after submission of an application, and with respect to the successful Applicant after the execution of a contract, must be disclosed in a timely manner in a written statement to the Department's contract officer.

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge:

Name: Jason Grimm

Title Interim Director