

Transportation and Marketing Micro-Grants for Food Security Program

Fiscal Year 2025 Description of Funded Projects

Number of Grants Awarded: 5
Amount of Funds Awarded: \$4,742,000.00

For more information, please visit the grant program's website:

<https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/mgfsp>

* The project descriptions below were provided by grant recipients. Abstracts may be subject to some changes pending final revisions of projects.

AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Recipient: American Samoa Government Department of Agriculture

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$237,100.00

FY25 American Samoa MGFSP

The American Samoa Government Department of Agriculture (ASG DOA) will continue to strengthen food security and farmers' financial sustainability by supporting the expansion of key farming activities such as gardening, aquaculture, cattle, and piggery. ASG DOA will subaward funds to qualified farmers in need of assistance to improve their operations and will also provide hands-on technical guidance to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of these farming initiatives. These efforts will support American Samoa farmers overcome significant operational challenges and produce more food.

CNMI DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE

Recipient: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Division of Agriculture (DOA), Saipan, MP

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$237,100.00

FY2025 Feed CNMI Project

The CNMI DOA will subgrant the Micro-Grant for Food Security Program funds to eligible farmers, ranchers and other interested individuals to implement their projects consistent with the requirements of the program. These subawards focus on increasing the quantity and quality of their locally grown food through small-scale farming, herding, and livestock operations in communities that have significant levels of food insecurity and import a significant quantity of food.

GUAM DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Recipient: Guam Department of Agriculture (GDOAG), Hagatna, GU

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$237,100.00

Enhancing Local Food Production and Security: GDOAG's MGFSP Initiative in Guam

Guam's program intends to strengthen the local agricultural sector and improve access to safe, nutritious, locally produced food, in part given that Guam imports more than 90 percent of its food supply. Subawards will be used to support small-scale gardening, livestock projects, and other initiatives that increase food production and expand community knowledge of locally available food, particularly in areas affected by food insecurity.

HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Recipient: Hawaii Department of Agriculture, Honolulu, HI

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$3,793,600.00

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The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) will identify eligible entities for subawards, such as on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu and Kauai. Fixed amount subaward projects will engage in activities to increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food for areas that are food insecure to individuals, families, neighborhoods and communities through outreach.

USVI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Recipient: U.S. Virgin Island Department of Agriculture, Kingshill, VI

Project Type: Initiative

Award Amount: \$237,100.00

U.S. Virgin Islands 2025 Micro Grants for Food Security Program Award

The V.I. Department of Agriculture (VIDA) will seek to increase the quantity and quality of locally grown food through the collaborative efforts of crop and poultry production farmers implementing the cooperative model to produce and market their products. VIDA will utilize 50 percent of its allocation for the crop and livestock producing sectors and 50 percent to poultry-producing farmers. VIDA will train participants in the cooperative business model to expand their knowledge and support collaborative production marketing.