



Urban and Innovative Agriculture Community-Based Organization Fund



WEBINAR SESSION

**NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY TITLE:
URBAN AND INNOVATIVE AGRICULTURE
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION FUND**

**FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024 T.I.M.E. INC.
PROGRAM OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE COMPETITIVE SUB-AWARD
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY GUIDANCE**

Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

T.I.M.E. Inc has partnered with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) to support Urban Farmers in accessing FSA and other USDA programs and services. TIME Inc.'s Urban Farm Outreach Program (UFOP) will develop a National Urban Farmer Demonstration Program that can serve as a model for states to establish similar programs.

This initiative involves collaborating with stakeholders to educate and train FSA and Urban producers about local food systems. TIME Inc. will lead this effort across 10 pilot Urban County Committee (UCOC) and one tribal location throughout the country. T.I.M.E. Inc. will evaluate the effectiveness of FSA programs in urban agriculture and provide policy recommendations to enhance urban agriculture participation in FSA programs.



FUNDING OBJECTIVES

- **Increase** equity in urban food systems by expanding USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) outreach efforts to commercial urban producers through technical assistance, outreach, education, and research.
- **Increase** supply chain resiliency in urban food systems by improving the sustainability and long-term viability of urban farming operations.



**BOSTON, MA
COLUMBIA, SC
DENVER, CO
HOUSTON, TX
JACKSON, MS
KANSAS CITY, MO
LAS VEGAS, NV
LITTLE ROCK, AR
MEMPHIS, TN
PITTSBURGH, PA
TRIBAL LOCATION, TBD**

**FUNDING MUST BE UTILIZED IN
THESE CITIES**



IMPORTANT DATE

**COMPLETE APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA
EMAIL TO URBANAG@TOIMPROVEMS.ORG BY 11:59
P.M.
EASTERN TIME ON APRIL 10, 2024**

- T.I.M.E. Inc. will make awards on an ongoing basis from April 2024 through June 2024.
- The estimated funding floor for this opportunity is \$500,000
- Estimated funding ceiling is \$895,000.
- Floor is the minimum funding amount per agreement award.
- Ceiling is the maximum agreement funding amount per agreement awarded.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TRAINING/SAM REGISTRATION

- This funding is made possible through federal financial assistance to T.I.M.E. Inc. and will be sub-awarded by T.I.M.E. Inc to eligible recipient
- Projects may be between two (2) and three (3) years in duration. Applicants should plan their projects based on an estimated project start date of April 2024
- Due to the reporting requirements of this grant, Grants 101 Training is highly recommended.
- The training is free and available to the public via the Chief Financial Officers Council
- <https://www.cfo.gov/resources/federal-financialassistance-training/>.
- Register in SAM and Obtain a UEI Number. SAM registrations may take several weeks. Therefore, organizations should begin the process early to ensure they have sufficient time to complete registration and meet required application submission deadlines

WHO IS ELIGIBLE ?



Applicants and applications must meet eligibility criteria by the application deadline to be considered for award. Eligible applicant type is determined by the implementing program statute.

- City or township governments
- County governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education)
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education)
- Public and State-controlled institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- State governments

APPLICANT REVIEW

- Applications will be screened for completeness and compliance with the provisions of this notice.
- Applications will undergo an administrative review to ensure that the proposed activities fulfill the purpose and goals outlined in this announcement.

The non-federal entity intends to make a selection after allowing applicants to correct deficiencies or omissions in their applications. Regardless, applicants must ensure their applications are complete and accurate.

Technical reviews will be conducted by a technical review board. The approving official for this opportunity is T.I.M.E. Inc.

Reviews will be conducted in a multi-phase review process in which a staff panel from T.I.M.E. Inc. will make recommendations to the deciding official.

SELECTION PROCESS

AN APPLICANT MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR AWARD:

- **Financial Stability**-The applicant maintains an adequate financial resources or cash flow to meet its financial obligations on a routine basis.
- b. Quality of Management Systems and Ability to meet Management Standard. The applicant has a financial management system adequate to segregate and track funds.
- **History of Performance**-If the applicant has previously obtained a Federal financial assistance award, it has never failed to materially comply with the Federal award terms and conditions and further that it has never had an award terminated on that basis.
- Submission of an application constitutes certification that an applicant meets these standards (items listed in RFP). T.I.M.E. Inc. may request documentation to substantiate the certification.

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS
&
ANSWERS

