



## 2018 Wood County Farm Technology Days Grant Guidelines

2018 Wood County Wisconsin Farm Technology grants are intended to increase agriculture related education opportunities and enhance the local food system and agriculture industry in Wood County.

**Who can apply?** Non-profit, public, and community groups based in Wood County or benefitting Wood County residents. Applicant groups need not be formally structured or have tax exempt status; however the nature of the project must be community-based. **Grants range from \$500 to \$50,000. Two grant areas are available for application.**

**Area 1: Education Grant:** Education grants are short-term grants intended to generate and/or enhance education opportunities that increase knowledge and understanding of agriculture and food systems for Wood County residents.

Application: [Click Here Education Grant Application](#) (open file and download the fillable form)  
*Applications may be filled out and submitted electronically or by mail. Typed applications are preferred.*

**Area 2: Community Grant:** Community grants are intended to create, implement or enhance an agriculture related community project. This grant is intended to contribute to an existing or new program or project that includes multiple collaborators, is sustainable and creates long-term benefit to the community.

Application: [Click Here Community Grant Application](#) (open file and download the fillable form)  
*Applications may be filled out and submitted electronically or by mail. Typed applications are preferred.*

### Preference will be given to:

- Innovative projects that positively impact and create community awareness and importance of Wood County's agriculture sector and local food system
- Projects that develop innovative educational agriculture experience and leadership skill building opportunities for youth, families, and adults in Wood County.
- Projects planned and lead by three or more collaborators from cross-sector organizations and community groups
- Sustainable projects that will continue to have outcomes beyond the life of the grant.
- Projects that benefit a large population of Wood County residents

**Requests that may be ineligible include:** salary/wages, operating costs (rent, repair and maintenance, utilities) , debts, fundraising, equipment that could be borrowed, items that could be donated by other sources, activities designed to elect candidates to public office, projects that have already taken place or costs already incurred.

**Deadline:** Requests for funding will be reviewed by the 2018 Wood County Farm Tech Day Grant Committee. Deadline for application is April 1, 2019 with awardees announced May 1, 2019.

*Requests may be submitted by email to: [matthew.lippert@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:matthew.lippert@ces.uwex.edu) or by mail to: Wood County UW-Extension, PO Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495. All documents should be sent at one time.*

## Terms of Grant:

1. Grants will not be made to individuals or for-profit entities.
2. Only one request from a group in a 12-month period. Groups may be listed as collaborators in other grant applications, but may not be listed as primary or secondary requester.
3. Grant recipients are required to keep and submit receipts for all purchases and/or expenditures relating to the purpose of the grant. Recipients will submit receipts and a complete report summarizing the use of these funds on time at the completion of the grant period.
4. Wood County Farm Technology Days requires that grant applications be for community building purposes and that no individual will derive personal gain from this grant. Should the group cease to exist, equipment purchased with grant funds shall be donated to a not for profit entity.
5. Funds provided by Wood County Farm Technology Days may not be used to participate or intervene in political campaigns or to support an attempt to influence legislation.
6. You will be notified of Wood County Farm Technology Days Grant Review Committee's intent to monitor and evaluate the activities funded by this grant. This may include a visit by a representative to review and discuss the program with you.
7. Requests for funding greater than \$10,000 will be required to complete a presentation. It is of the Wood County Farm Technology Days Grant Committee discretion to request presentations or additional information for any grant requests.
8. The grant is to be used exclusively for the project applied for. Any part of the funds not used must be returned promptly to the Fund.
9. Multi-year projects are considered, funds must begin to be utilized within year of acceptance. Any funds not used by the end of the agreed upon grant period must be returned.
10. Wood County Farm Technology Days will include information about this grant in its periodic reports and publicity. Any media releases or publications recognizing financial support for this grant should include the following wording:
  - a. (This program) supported by the 2018 Wood County Farm Technology Days grant program.

Applications will be reviewed by the 2018 Wood County Farm Technology Days Grant Review Team.

Questions regarding applications may be directed to the following:

- Dennis Bangart, *AgCountry Farm Credit Services*: [Dennis.Bangart@AgCountry.com](mailto:Dennis.Bangart@AgCountry.com)
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